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**Johnny Blackshell Sentenced to Life in Prison without Parole for the August 19, 2015
Boys and Girls Club Shooting That Left Three People Dead, Two Seriously Injured and
One Who Suffered Physical Injury**

Rochester, NY- Today, Monroe County Court Judge Douglas A. Randall sentenced Johnny Blackshell for the August 19, 2015 shooting that left 3 people dead and 3 others injured at the Boys and Girls Club of Rochester. Blackshell was sentenced to life in prison without parole for three counts of Murder in the First Degree, 25 years plus 5 years post release supervision for 2 counts of Assault in the First Degree (to be served consecutive to the life sentence for the 3 counts of Murder in the First Degree), 7 years plus 3 years post release supervision for the Assault in the Second Degree conviction (to be served consecutive to the life in prison sentence and the two additional 25 year sentences) and 15 years plus 5 years post release supervision for each of the Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the Second Degree convictions (to be served concurrent with all other sentence terms). On that day, Blackshell traveled in a vehicle on Genesee Street towards the Boys and Girls Club where a crowd had just spilled out into the parking lot after a community championship basketball game. Blackshell fired over 20 shots from the window of a moving vehicle, striking 6 individuals. Three of the victims died at the scene, and three more were struck and seriously injured. Additionally, Judge Randall issued 99 year orders of protection for several of the witnesses involved with the case and imposed a restitution order in the amount of \$11,000 to assist with paying funeral expenses for the victims.

The case was prosecuted by First Assistant District Attorney Perry Duckles and Assistant District Attorney Michelle Crowley, Director of Attorney Training and Grand Jury.

“Today’s sentencing sends a strong message to those in our community who continue to resort to gun violence, we will not tolerate this type of behavior,” said Assistant District Attorney Michelle Crowley. “The successful prosecution of cases like this requires cooperative efforts between the citizens of our community and our area law enforcement partners. Together we can take cold blooded killers like Johnny Blackshell off our streets.”

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