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Willie McCullough Sentenced to 25 years to Life for Murder in the First Degree

Rochester, NY- Today, Monroe County Court Judge Christopher Ciaccio sentenced 33 year old, Willie "Boss" McCullough to 25 years to Life for the February 1, 2014 shooting death of Demetric Tatum. On October 16, 2015, a Monroe County Jury found Willie McCullough guilty of Murder in the First Degree. On February 1, 2014, Demetric Tatum who had been previously shot by McCullough in November of 2012, was executed in front of his two young children. Just before court proceedings were scheduled to begin on McCullough's 2012 Assault charges, Willie McCullough arranged for another individual to kill Tatum, preventing him from cooperating with law enforcement and testifying. That matter went to Trial in January of 2015, and McCullough was convicted of Assault in First Degree. On April 6, 2015, he was sentenced to 20 years in State Prison. Today's sentence will run consecutive to the sentence imposed in April.

The case was prosecuted by Special Assistant District Attorney Perry Duckles, Chief of the Major Felony Bureau.

"Today's sentence will hopefully bring a measure of closure for Mr. Tatum's family. Willie McCullough's actions on February 1, 2014 struck at the heart of our Criminal Justice System. The sentence imposed today was a direct response to that. Willie McCullough will spend the remainder of his life in prison and as a result, our community is a safer place," said Assistant District Attorney Perry Duckles.

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