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Jerome Phillips and Sherri McDonald
Convicted of Murder in the Second Degree

Rochester, NY- Today, a Monroe County Jury found 28 year old Jerome Phillips and 26 year old Sherri McDonald guilty of Murder in the Second Degree. In the early morning hours of January 9, 2015, Bradie Davis and his girlfriend, Gigi Pena (who was expecting his child) were enjoying an evening in LJ's Bar on Thurston Road in the City of Rochester. At the same time, Sherri McDonald was driving her boyfriend Jerome Phillips to LJ's bar. Shortly before Davis and Pena left LJ's Bar, Phillips exited McDonald's vehicle and waited at nearby. As Davis and Pena walked hand-in-hand to their car, Jerome Phillips approached them from behind and fired 7-9 gunshots into Bradie Davis's back. After being shot, Davis managed to open his car door, allowing Gigi to retreat to safety and call for help. After the shooting, Sherri McDonald met Jerome Phillips at Wellington Avenue and Elmdorf Avenue and drove him back to his home on Maple Street in the City of Rochester, where the two are were later arrested. Bradie Davis died of the gunshot wounds inflicted by Jerome Phillips.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Michael Bezer of the Major Felony Bureau and Bianca D'Angelo of the DWI Bureau.

"The victim, Bradie Davis was shot 7-9 times in the back in front of Gigi Pena, the mother of his unborn child. We credit Gigi Pena's brave testimony as well as the hard work of the Rochester Police Department's Major Crimes Unit as being instrumental in the conviction of Jerome Phillips and Sherri McDonald," said Assistant District Attorney Michael Bezer. "Today justice was served and as a result, our community is a safer place to live."

Jerome Phillips and Sherri McDonald will be sentenced on May 11, 2016 by County Court Judge Christopher Ciaccio.