

**News Release from
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**Jury Finds Parolee Charles Holley Guilty of Murder in the 2nd Degree for the
Murder of Devon Wilburn**

Rochester, NY- On Friday, February 16, 2024, a Monroe County Jury convicted 33-year-old Charles Holley of Murder in the Second Degree and two counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree for the murder of Devon Wilburn on March 24, 2021.

On March 24, 2021, Rochester Police Officers were called to Dewey Avenue and Magee Avenue around 7:00PM for a shooting. The officers quickly discovered that Devon Wilburn was transported to Rochester General Hospital in a private vehicle with a gunshot wound from the incident. He passed away due to his injuries later that night.

After a thorough investigation by the Rochester Police Department and the New York State Division of Parole, Charles Holley was developed as a suspect. The defendant was on parole for a previous robbery conviction and absconded from parole following the murder. Devon Wilburn and Charles Holley were known to each other.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Rachel Clark, Deputy Chief of the Non-Fatal Shooting Taskforce, and Senior Assistant District Attorney Tony DiPerna, of the Special Investigations Bureau.

“The night that Charles Holley killed Devon Wilburn, he had no regard for his life and the grieving family he left behind,” said Assistant District Attorney Rachel Clark. “This murder was violent and deliberate. I want to thank the Rochester Police Department and Parole for their thorough investigation that resulted in the identification and apprehension of Charles Holley. I would also like to thank the family of Devon Wilburn, especially his confident and courageous sister who assisted with the investigation. Today, our community is safer knowing that Charles Holley will be spending time in the New York State Department of Corrections, away from Monroe County.”

“As a violent offender and convicted murderer, Charles Holley is a danger to our entire community,” said District Attorney Sandra Doorley. “Instead of re-entering society and trying to lead a lawful life, Charles Holley targeted Devon Wilburn with the intention to kill him. Today’s conviction is a much-needed and long-awaited resolution for the loved ones of Devon Wilburn.”

Charles Holley was also indicted federally for the possession of an illegal firearm upon his arrest. He was convicted for the federal charge and sentenced to federal prison.

Charles Holley will be sentenced on March 26, 2024, in front of New York State Supreme Court Justice Sinclair.

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