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**The Honorable Sandra Doorley**  
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**Derrick Bovee Pleads Guilty During Trial for Murder of Jerry Mawson**

Rochester, NY- On Friday, April 21, after a weeklong jury trial, forty-four-year-old Derrick Bovee pled guilty to Murder in the Second Degree for the death of Jerry Mawson. On October 6, 2016, sixty-four-year-old Jerry Mawson was found deceased with multiple chop wounds to his head and neck in his home on Mt. Hope Avenue. The Rochester Police Department later arrested Derrick Bovee for the murder. Bovee admitted to using a sword as the weapon that led to Jerry Mawson's death. He faces 15 years to life in the New York State Department of Corrections.

The case was prosecuted by Senior Assistant District Attorney Matt McGrath of the Major Felony Bureau.

"Today's admission is the result of the hard work and dedication of the Rochester Police Department as well as the help received from the community," said Assistant District Attorney Matt McGrath. "Derrick Bovee violently and senselessly took the life of Mr. Mawson in his own home and with his admission of guilt, he will be going to prison for a very long time. It is the hope of the Monroe County District Attorney's Office that this will help to bring justice and closure to the victim's friends and family."

Derrick Bovee will be sentenced on May 22, 2017, in front of State Supreme Court Justice Thomas E. Moran.

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