

**News Release from
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Gregory Jesmer Convicted of Murder in the Second Degree

Rochester, NY- Tuesday, January 15, 2019, a Monroe County Jury convicted 55 year-old Gregory Jesmer of Murder in the 2nd Degree for the death of his 101 year-old neighbor, Marcia Morrison. He was also convicted of one count of Endangering the Welfare of a Child.

Between July 23 and July 24, 2018, the defendant intentionally caused the death of Marcia Morrison in her apartment home on Green Knolls Drive in the City of Rochester. The defendant strangled and stabbed the victim over 40 times. Rochester Police Department apprehended Jesmer on July 24, 2018 after reports that he endangered the welfare of a 13 year old female. After his arrest, an investigation revealed that the defendant possessed some of Ms. Morrison's property in his apartment as well as discarded her purse and other belongings at an alternate location.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Monica O'Brien, Chief of the Elder Abuse Bureau and Senior Assistant District Attorney Michael Robertson of the Major Felony Bureau.

"The ruthless and brutal murder of Marcia Morrison shows this defendant's complete disregard for human life," said Assistant District Attorney Monica O'Brien. "He targeted the old and the young; our community's most vulnerable populations. This conviction is the result of the skilled and thorough investigation of the Rochester Police Department."

"The Monroe County District Attorney's Office will not tolerate crimes against our community's most vulnerable," said District Attorney Sandra Doorley. "The conviction of this heinous crime is the result of the remarkable work of the Rochester Police Department and Assistant District Attorneys Monica O'Brien and Michael Robertson. We will continue to bring justice to the victims of violence in our community and hold those who commit these violent crimes responsible."

Gregory Jesmer will be sentenced on March 8, 2019 in front of County Court Judge Douglas A. Randall. He faces up to 25 years to life in New York State Department of Corrections.

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