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**The Honorable Sandra Doorley**  
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**Jamol Jackson and Eli Rosa, Jr. Convicted of Murder in the Second Degree  
for the Death of Melvin White**

Rochester, NY- On Friday, March 23, a Monroe County Jury convicted 24-year-old Jamol Jackson of Murder in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree, Manslaughter in the 1<sup>st</sup> Degree, Robbery in the 1<sup>st</sup> degree, Robbery in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree and two counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree and convicted 23-year-old Elis Rosa, Jr. of Murder in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree, Robbery in the 1<sup>st</sup> Degree and Robbery in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree for the death of Melvin White.

On April 17, 2017, Melvin White and his friend were attacked as they got into the friend's vehicle outside of 283 Central Avenue in the City of Rochester. Melvin White was shot two times while the second victim was thrown to the ground and robbed. The Rochester Police Department quickly responded to the gun shots and Melvin White was transported to Strong Memorial Hospital where he was pronounced dead.

After an exhaustive investigation, the Rochester Police Department's Major Crimes Unit arrested Jamol Jackson, Eli Rosa, Jr. and Michael Mighty for the murder and robbery. Michael Mighty pled guilty on January 2, 2018, to Murder in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree. He will be sentenced on March 27, 2018, and will serve 20 years to life in the New York State Department of Corrections.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Matthew Schwartz, Bureau Chief of the Special Investigations Bureau.

"Jamol Jackson, Eli Rosa Jr. and Michael Mighty made the choice to take a life last spring," said Assistant District Attorney Matthew Schwartz. "These defendants had no regard for our community, human life or Melvin White's friends and family when they shot and killed the victim. I want to thank the Rochester Police Department for their excellent and thorough investigation that led to the arrest of all three defendants responsible for Melvin's death."

Jamol Jackson and Eli Rosa, Jr. will be sentenced on May 11, 2018, in front of State Supreme Court Justice Sinclair.

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