

**News Release from  
The Honorable Sandra Doorley  
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**Syjesman Brown Convicted of two counts of Murder in the Second Degree**

Rochester, NY- Friday, May 17, 2019, a Monroe County Jury convicted 33-year-old Syjesman Brown of two counts of Murder in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree, Attempted Murder in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree, Assault in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree, Attempted Robbery in the 1<sup>st</sup> Degree, two counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree, Attempted Robbery in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree and Attempted Grand Larceny in the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree.

On May 14, 2017, the body of Alexander Powell was found with dozens of stab wounds in a vacant lot on Miller Street.

On May 27, 2017, the burned body of David Jones Jr. was found by a bicyclist on a pedestrian bridge in Genesee Valley Park.

On July 26, 2017, an individual was shot in while in his car on Hoeltzer Street and managed to flee the scene and survive his injuries. After a thorough investigation by the Rochester Police Department, Syjeman Brown and Imani Williams were arrested for all three incidents.

On May 8, 2019, Imani Williams was convicted of Attempted Robbery in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree and Attempted Grand Larceny in the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree for the events surrounding the shooting on Hoeltzer Street.

The case was prosecuted by Special Assistant District Attorney Patrick Gallagher, of the Major Felony Bureau and Senior Assistant District Attorney Derek Harnsberger, of the Special Investigations Bureau.

“I want to sincerely thank the friends and family of the victims who have been through countless hours of court appearances to find justice for their loved ones,” said Assistant District Attorney Patrick Gallagher. “I also want to thank the Rochester Police Department who pieced together a detailed and exhaustive investigation that ultimately led to the successful prosecution of Syjesman Brown.”

“It is the hope of the Monroe County District Attorney’s Office that the families of Alexander Powell and David Jones Jr. can finally find closure two years after the deaths of their loved ones,” said District Attorney Sandra Doorley. “After months of trial, the guilty verdict of Syjesman Brown is so important in bringing justice for his victims. These deaths were violent and gruesome and now Syjesman Brown will be facing the consequences of his dreadful actions in the New York State Department of Corrections.”

Syjesman Brown will be sentenced on July 3, 2019, and Imani Williams will be sentenced on June 5, 2019, both in front of State Supreme Court Justice Alex Renzi.

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