

**News Release from
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**Terry Williams Sentenced to 26 and 1/3 to Life for the Murder of Cheryl
Robinson**

Rochester, NY- On Thursday, July 19, County Court Judge Vincent Dinolfo sentenced 51-year-old Terry Williams to 25 years to Life in the New York State Department of Corrections after being convicted of Murder in the 2nd Degree by a Monroe County Jury on June 13, 2018 for the death of Cheryl Robinson. He was also sentenced to a consecutive 1 and 1/3 to 4 years for his Criminal Possession of Stolen Property in the 4th Degree conviction, a total sentence of 26 and 1/3 years to life in prison.

On or about July 14, 2017, Terry Williams intentionally caused the death of his girlfriend, Cheryl Robinson, by shoving a towel in her mouth, binding her hands and ankles, and wrapping a gag around her mouth, head and feet. Williams left her in that position for weeks, causing the victim's death by asphyxiation. Her body was discovered by the Rochester Police Department on July 28, 2017. After a thorough investigation, the Rochester Police Department's Major Crimes Unit arrested Terry Williams for the murder of Cheryl Robinson.

The case was prosecuted by Senior Assistant District Attorney Michael Bezer of the Major Felony Bureau and Senior Assistant District Attorney Eleanor Biggers of the Domestic Violence Bureau.

"Terry Williams intentionally and heinously took the life of someone he claimed to love," said Assistant District Attorney Michael Bezer. "We hope this sentence will bring a sense of justice and closure to Cheryl Robinson's suffering family. Thanks to the diligent investigation conducted by the Rochester Police Department, Terry Williams may be spending the rest of his life behind bars."

"The District Attorney's Office does not tolerate domestic violence," said District Attorney Sandra Doorley. "Terry Williams is no longer a threat to our community thanks to the hard work of Assistant District Attorneys Michael Bezer and Eleanor Biggers along with the Rochester Police Department."

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