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Treveon Gates Pleads Guilty to Manslaughter in the 1st Degree and Criminal Sale of a Controlled Substance in the 3rd Degree

Rochester, NY- On Thursday, May 4, 2023, 20-year-old Treveon Gates pled guilty to Manslaughter in the 1st Degree for the beating death of Gerald Wayne Irvin. He also pled guilty to Criminal Sale of a Controlled Substance in the 3rd Degree in relation to a Monroe County Heroin Task Force Investigation from May 5, 2021.

During the early morning hours of April 18, 2022, Rochester Police Officers were called to North Clinton Avenue, where they located Gerald Wayne Irvin with life-threatening injuries. The victim later died from his injuries at Strong Memorial Hospital. After a detailed investigation by the Rochester Police Department, it was determined that Treveon Gates was responsible for this violent beating that led to Mr. Irvin's death.

Throughout the course of the investigation, Rochester Police realized that Treveon Gates was searching for someone to violently attack; the victim was the second man Treveon Gates attacked that morning. Police later discovered that the defendant recorded part of the attack on his cell phone.

Treveon Gates will be sentenced to 30 years in the New York State Department of Corrections plus 5 years of post-release supervision.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Jennifer Hyatt, Deputy Chief of the Special Investigations Bureau, and Assistant District Attorney Matthew Hogestyn, also of the Special Investigations Bureau.

"The brutal attack that led to the death of Gerald Wayne Irvin is among the most violent assaults I have witnessed," said Assistant District Attorney Jennifer Hyatt. "It was without reason or provocation. Treveon Gates had multiple opportunities to walk away from the victim but continued to beat him even after Mr. Irvin was unresponsive. I want to thank the Rochester Police Department for their investigation that led to the identification of Treveon Gates for this homicide. It was their incredible work with the video evidence that led to today's outcome. With this guilty plea, it is our hope that there is justice for Gerald Wayne Irvin and his family."

“Treveon Gates’ violent behavior was appalling and frankly, disturbing,” said Monroe County District Attorney Sandra Doorley. “Nobody deserves to die in such a horrific manner. The Monroe County District Attorney’s Office will not tolerate the senseless violence in our community. We hope that Mr. Gates will use his time in the Department of Corrections to reflect on the terrible death he caused Gerald Wayne Irvin.”

Treveon Gates will be sentenced on July 18, 2023, in front of New York State Supreme Court Justice Sinclair.

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