

**News Release from
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**Zayvion Perry Sentenced to 25 Years for His Role in the Death of Steven
Amenhauser**

Rochester, NY- Monday, March 27, 2023, Criminal Youth Part and Family Court Judge Stacey Romeo sentenced 18-year-old Zayvion Perry to 25 years in the New York State Department of Corrections plus 5 years of post-release supervision for his role in the death of Steven Amehauser. Judge Romeo also denied the defendant's request for Youthful Offender status. On January 27, 2023, 18-year-old Zayvion pled guilty to Manslaughter in the 1st Degree for his role in Steven Amehauser's death.

On March 12, 2021, Rochester Police Officers, Rochester Firefighters, and Emergency Medical Responders were called to Lyell Avenue where 53-year-old Steven Amehauser, who was sitting on a chair inside his apartment, had been doused in flammable liquid and was lit on fire. The victim then ran outside, when bystanders put out that fire. He was then transported to Strong Memorial Hospital by the first responders. Steven Amehauser died three days later, with burns over 70% of his body, including 3rd Degree burns.

Zayvion Perry, who was 16 years old at the time, and Adriel Riley, who was 14 years old at the time, were arrested for Steven Amehauser's death. Adriel Riley was convicted by Judge Romeo of Murder in the 2nd Degree and Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree for Steven Amehauser's death.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Rachel Clark, Deputy Chief of the Domestic Violence Bureau, and Assistant District Attorney Matthew Schiano, of the Youth Part/Major Felony Bureau.

"A man lost his life and a community was traumatized because of Zayvion Perry and Adriel Riley," said Assistant District Attorney Rachel Clark. "Thankfully, Zayvion Perry is taking responsibility for his terrible actions that attributed to Steven Amehauser's death and will spend decades in the New York State Department of Corrections. I want to thank the Rochester Fire Department, the Rochester Fire Investigators, and the Rochester Police Department for their thorough investigation that resulted in the identification and apprehension of both Adriel Riley and Zayvion Perry. The Monroe County District Attorney's Office will always remember Steven Amehauser and the horrific death he faced."

“Zayvion Perry had every opportunity to stop Mr. Amenhauser’s murder, but instead he played a role in his death,” said District Attorney Sandra Doorley. “While we are pleased that Zayvion Perry took responsibility for his actions, this was among the most horrendous deaths we have seen. It is the hope of the Monroe County District Attorney’s Office that Zayvion Perry will spend the next 25 years contemplating his actions that helped result in the death of an innocent man.”

Adriel Riley will be sentenced on March 28, 2023, both in front of Criminal Youth Part and Family Court Judge Stacey Romeo.

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