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**Roderick Johnson Pleads Guilty To First Degree Manslaughter
In Fifteen Year Old Murder.**

Rochester, NY- Today, 42 year old Roderick Johnson entered a plea of guilty to First Degree Manslaughter. Roderick Johnson admitted that on August 6, 2000 he shot 24 year old John Williams III. On that date, Johnson fired several shots into a vehicle driven by Williams, striking him and causing injuries that led to his death. The homicide occurred on Bernard Street in the City of Rochester.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Patrick Farrell the Deputy Chief of Major Felony Bureau.

“Currently Roderick Johnson is serving a twenty eight and a half years to life sentence for an unrelated 2002 murder conviction.”, said District Attorney Farrell. “The community is certainly a safer place with this conviction. The victim’s family can find some comfort knowing Roderick Johnson will finally be held accountable for his actions on the night of August 6, 2000.”

Roderick Johnson, who faces 16 to 20 years in prison will be sentenced before Judge Moran on June 8, 2015.

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