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**Victor Crawford Guilty of Murder
Third Murder Conviction in Monroe County This Week**

Rochester, NY- Yesterday, for the third time this week, a Monroe County jury found a Rochester man guilty of Murder. Thirty-five year old Victor Crawford was found guilty of Murder in the Second Degree for the September 1, 2013 murder of 25 year old Aston Spalding for an execution-style murder on Genesee Street in the City of Rochester that occurred in broad daylight. Earlier this week, separate Monroe County juries found Michael Lee Bell guilty of the 2008 murder of D'Wayne Simmons and James Edward Quick Jr., guilty of the 2014 murder of Johnny Summers.

Crawford was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorneys Brian Green and Laura Vanderbrook. "The gun violence in our community continues to terrorize our streets each day," said Green. "Cold-blooded killers like Victor Crawford are using illegal guns whenever and wherever they choose." Crawford, who will be sentenced before Judge Vincent Dinolfo on February 20, 2015, faces up to 25 years to life in State prison.

Like Crawford, Bell and Quick shot and killed their victims while numerous citizens stood nearby, horrified. Prosecution of these cases is difficult because members of our community, who are terrorized by this violence, are reluctant to come forward and testify. These are three examples of law enforcement working as a team to bring justice to the families of murder victims.

"This week's homicide convictions represent the results we can achieve when working together," said District Attorney Sandra Doorley. "I want to extend my thanks to the Rochester Police Department and the U.S. Marshal's Service, who work tirelessly with my office to not only solve these crimes but to ensure successful prosecutions. As District Attorney, I promise this community that my office and our partners in law enforcement will continue to do everything we can to make sure that dangerous individuals like Victor Crawford, Michael Lee Bell, and James Edward Quick, Jr. no longer walk our streets."

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