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Zayvion Perry and Adriel Riley Jr. Charged with Murder in the 2nd Degree

On March 13, 2021, at approximately 12:30AM, 16-year-old Zayvion Perry was charged with Assault in the 1st Degree and Attempted Arson in the 2nd Degree. On March 15, 2021, 14-year-old Adriel Riley Jr. was also charged with these crimes. These charges relate to an incident that occurred on March 12, 2021, at 500 ½ Lyell Avenue where 53-year-old Steven Amenhauser was allegedly set on fire. Both defendants were thereafter arraigned before the Honorable Stacey Romeo and the Honorable Joseph Nesser. Zayvion Perry is being held on \$50,000 cash bail, \$100,000 secured bond and \$150,000 partially secured bond and Adriel Riley Jr. is being held No Bail, No Release. Both are being held at the Monroe County Children's Center, a secured facility.

Today, following the death of Mr. Amenhauser early this morning, both defendants have now been charged with Murder in the 2nd Degree. A warrant application is pending before Judge Romeo.

Under New York State law, as the result of the Raise the Age legislation, 16-year-old Zayvion Perry will be prosecuted as an Adolescent Offender. Due to the nature of the allegations, he will likely remain in the Youth Part of Superior Court. 14-year-old Adriel Riley Jr. will be prosecuted as a Juvenile Offender. His matter will remain in Youth Part. Youth Part is a criminal court where Adolescent Offenders and Juvenile Offenders remain subject to criminal liability as adults. Neither defendant will be transferred to Family Court at this time.

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