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Natalie Johnson Sentenced to 25 Years to Life in Prison

Rochester, NY- Today, Supreme Court Justice Francis Affronti sentenced Natalie Johnson to 25 Years to Life in Prison for her role in the February 3rd slaying of RIT Professor Edline Chun. On that date, Johnson and an accomplice, Jerrell Henry, entered Chun's home on Hazelwood Terrace in the City of Rochester where they robbed her. Henry would later shoot Chun twice in the head, disposing of her body in a ravine in Tryon Park. Chun's body was later discovered by Monroe County Water Authority employees. Police arrested Johnson and Henry the following day, when Henry was discovered with Chun's car. Johnson, who faced trial on two counts of Murder in the Second Degree, was found Guilty on October 28th.

The case was prosecuted for the People by Perry Duckles, Chief of the Monroe County District Attorney's Office Major Felony Bureau, and Assistant District Attorney James Egan.

"Though I know this sentence can't return Ms. Chun to those who loved her, I hope it provides her grieving family and friends some measure of comfort," said Duckles.

The trial of Johnson's accomplice, Jerrell Henry, concluded yesterday with a Guilty verdict on charges of Murder in the First Degree. State law mandates that he face Life in Prison Without the Possibility of Parole when he is sentenced on January 14th.

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