

**News Release from  
The Honorable Sandra Doorley  
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**Henry Phelps III Sentenced to 40 Years to Life for the Murder of Charles  
Robinson**

Rochester, NY- Monday, January 22, 2024, New York State Supreme Court Justice Schiano sentenced 33-year-old Henry Phelps III to 40 years to Life in the New York State Department of Corrections. Henry Phelps was previously convicted by a jury of Murder in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree and four counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree for the murder of Charles Robinson. Co-defendant 25-year-old Marique Simkin was also convicted by a jury of Murder in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree and two counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree for the murder of Lonnie Keys during the same incident.

On March 13, 2022, Rochester Police Officers responded to a report of multiple gunshots on State Street in the City of Rochester. Upon arrival, Charles Robinson and Lonnie Keys were found shot to death. After a thorough investigation, Henry Phelps III and Marique Simkin were arrested for the murders. Marique Simkin was in custody at the time of the arrest for unrelated weapons charges.

The case was prosecuted by Special Assistant District Attorney Megan Hausner, of the Major Felony Bureau, and Special Assistant District Attorney Matthew Hogestyn, also of the Major Felony Bureau.

“Henry Phelps III was involved in a violent shooting on State Street, in which he intended to kill Charles Robinson,” said Assistant District Attorney Megan Hausner. “This brazen shooting resulted in wounds, the death of two men, and today, Henry Phelps III was sentenced to an appropriate 40 years to Life. I want to thank the Rochester Police Department for their detailed investigation, resulting in the successful prosecution of both defendants.”

“Many lives and families were ruined by this senseless murder,” said District Attorney Sandra Doorley. “Henry Phelps III violently executed someone and destroyed his own life in the process. He may now spend the rest of his years incarcerated due to his terrible choices. Even though they will never get their loved one back, it is our hope that the family and friends of Charles Robinson feel a sense of justice in today’s life sentence.”

Marique Simkin will be sentenced tomorrow, January 23, 2024, in front of New York State Supreme Court Justice Schiano.

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