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**Roger Wiggins Sentenced to 20 years to life for the Murder of Tracy Henton-Williams**

Rochester, NY- On Monday, April 1, 55-year-old Roger Wiggins was sentenced by State Supreme Court Justice Schiano to 20 years to life for the murder of his ex-girlfriend Tracy Henton-Williams. On February 25, 2019, Wiggins pled guilty to the top count of Murder in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree.

On June 11, 2018, Tracy Henton-Williams was stabbed in the neck and stabbed in the chest while riding in a vehicle. She then tumbled from the moving vehicle, which was traveling approximately 40 miles per hour, to the side of Buffalo Road. Several samaritans stopped to provide assistance until she was transported by the Gates Ambulance to Strong Memorial Hospital, where she died from her injuries.

Roger Wiggins was located hours later at the Canadian border by Canadian Border Services who contacted the Gates Police Department. Gates Police Investigator Josh Bowman and Lt. David Sapienza traveled to pick-up Wiggins and transported him to the Town of Gates where he was charged with Murder in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree.

On June 12, 2018, Investigator Bowman was contacted by the North Tonawanda Police Department stating that items belonging to the Tracy Henton-Williams were discovered by employees at the Buffalo Recycling Facility. Among these items were a black shirt and two knives with the victim's and the defendant's DNA. Police were able to locate video from the plaza where these items were dumped and found the defendant discarding the items and purchasing new clothes.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Julie Hahn, Bureau Chief of the Major Felony Bureau and Senior Assistant District Attorney Ana Coughlin of the Major Felony Bureau.

“The Monroe County District Attorney's Office is happy with the Roger Wiggins sentence, especially since it means that Tracy's family does not have to go through a heart wrenching trial,” said Assistant District Attorney Julie Hahn. “We would like to extend our gratitude to the members of several law enforcement agencies, concerned citizens and the skilled employees of the Monroe County Crime Lab who helped throughout the investigation. Most importantly, we hope that Tracy's loved ones are able to gain some peace of mind as a result of today's sentencing.”

“We are pleased that Roger Wiggins not only admitted to his actions but was sentenced in a manner that reflects the severity of his crime,” said Monroe County District Attorney Sandra Doorley. “It is our hope that this sentence will bring comfort to the family and friends of Tracy Henton-Williams. Roger Wiggins will have a long time in the New York State Department of Corrections to think about the pain and suffering his actions caused. The Monroe County District Attorney’s Office urges anyone involved in a domestic situation to reach out to law enforcement or the Willow Domestic Violence Center.”

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