

**News Release from
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**Terry Williams Convicted of Murder in the Second Degree for the Death of
Cheryl Robinson**

Rochester, NY- On Wednesday, June 13, 2018, a Monroe County Jury convicted 51-year-old Terry Williams of Murder in the 2nd Degree for the death of Cheryl Robinson. He was also convicted for Criminal Possession of Stolen Property in the 4th Degree.

On or about July 14, 2017, Terry Williams intentionally caused the death of his girlfriend, Cheryl Robinson, by shoving a towel in her mouth, binding her hands and ankles, and wrapping a gag around her mouth, head and feet. Williams left her in that position for weeks, causing the victim's death by asphyxiation. Her body was discovered by the Rochester Police Department on July 28, 2017.

After a thorough investigation, the Rochester Police Department's Major Crimes Unit arrested Terry Williams for the murder of Cheryl Robinson. He is facing up to 25 years to life in the New York State Department of Corrections for the Murder in the 2nd Degree conviction and up to 4 years for the Criminal Possession of Stolen Property in the 4th Degree conviction.

The case was prosecuted by Senior Assistant District Attorney Michael Bezer of the Major Felony Bureau and Senior Assistant District Attorney Eleanor Biggers of the Domestic Violence Bureau.

"Terry Williams intentionally and heinously took the life of someone he claimed to love," said Assistant District Attorney Michael Bezer. "We hope this conviction will bring a sense of justice and closure to Cheryl Robinson's suffering family. This conviction would not have been possible without the remarkable investigative work of the Rochester Police Department."

"This is a heartbreaking example of the worst type of domestic violence," said District Attorney Sandra Doorley. "The District Attorney's Office does not tolerate domestic violence. Thanks to all the hard work of Assistant District Attorneys Michael Bezer and Eleanor Biggers along with the Rochester Police Department, Williams has been brought to justice for the horrific murder of Cheryl Robinson."

Terry Williams will be sentenced on July 19, 2018, in front of County Court Justice Vincent Dinolfo.

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