

**News Release from
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Trevor Smith III Convicted of Murder in the 2nd Degree

Rochester, NY- Monday, July 3, 2023, a Monroe County Jury convicted 24-year-old Trevor Smith III of Murder in the 2nd Degree and two counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree for the murder of Jeremy Hamilton, Jr.

On April 9, 2022, Jeremy Hamilton, Jr. was driven to the corner of St. Paul Street and Clifford Avenue, where Rochester Police Officers found him with a gunshot wound. The victim was immediately transported to Strong Memorial Hospital, where he died from his injuries.

After a swift and thorough investigation, it was determined that Jeremy Hamilton, Jr. was shot on Avenue A in the middle of the day. The Rochester Police Department identified Trevor Smith III as responsible for Jeremy Hamilton's homicide. Following the murder, Trevor Smith fled to the State of Texas. On June 21, 2022, members of the Rochester Police Department and the United States Marshals Violent Felony Fugitive Task Force traveled to Harris County, Texas, where they located Trevor Smith and arrested him.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Christopher Bokelman, Chief of the Public Integrity & Economic Crimes Bureau.

"With a prior felony conviction, Trevor Smith III was on probation and was prohibited from carrying any type of firearm at the time of the homicide," said Assistant District Attorney Christopher Bokelman. "Instead of taking his history as an opportunity to learn and correct his behavior, Trevor Smith put himself in a position to shoot and kill Jeremy Hamilton. I want to thank the Rochester Police Department and the United States Marshals for their detailed investigation, resulting in the identification and apprehension of Trevor Smith III."

"Trevor Smith killed Jeremy Hamilton, before immediately fleeing to Texas," said District Attorney Sandra Doorley. "I sincerely hope that Trevor Smith recognizes the value of human life during his time in the New York State Department of Corrections. Today's conviction is another example that my office and the Rochester Police Department do not tolerate these violent murders in our community."

Trevor Smith III will be sentenced on August 15, 2023, in front of Monroe County Court Judge Vacca.

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