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**Blackshell Convicted of 3 Counts of Murder in the First Degree
for Genesee Street Shooting at the Boys and Girls Club**

Rochester, NY- Today, a Monroe County Jury convicted 20 year old Johnny Blackshell of 3 counts of Murder in the First Degree, 2 counts of Assault in the First Degree, 1 count of Assault in the Second Degree and 2 counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the Second Degree. Blackshell faces a possible sentence of life imprisonment for each of the 3 counts of Murder in the First Degree. On the evening of August 19, 2015, Johnny Blackshell traveled in a vehicle on Genesee Street towards the Boys and Girls Club where a crowd had just spilled out into the parking lot after a community championship basketball game. Blackshell fired over 20 shots from the window of the vehicle, striking 6 individuals. Three of the victims died at the scene and three more were struck and seriously injured.

The case was prosecuted by Perry Duckles, Chief of the Homicide Bureau and Assistant District Attorney Michelle Crowley Director of Attorney Training and Grand Jury.

“I would like to thank the Rochester Police Department for their hard work and diligence with respect to this case. We came together as a community to ensure justice was served, now we hope to begin the healing process,” said District Attorney Sandra Doorley.

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