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Markus Barber Pleads Guilty to Manslaughter in the First Degree

Rochester, NY – Yesterday, 25 year old Markus Barber pled guilty to Manslaughter in the First Degree for the 2008 shooting death of Tamar Jackson. On October 5, 2009, Barber pled guilty to one count of Murder in the Second Degree and two counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the Second Degree for the same crime. The conviction was overturned due to an appeal for ineffective representation by defense counsel. On March 31, 2008, the victim, Tamar Jackson, had been seated in a vehicle with two others and was shot in the back by Barber. Before his re-trial was to begin, the defendant entered a plea of guilty to Manslaughter in the First Degree, with a sentence promise of 20 years in State prison with 5 years post release supervision, along with a stipulation that he waive his right to further appeal.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Ann Chase, Chief of the Local Courts Bureau.

“In March of 2008, Markus Barber shot a defenseless Tamar Jackson in the back while he was seat belted in the front seat of a vehicle. His guilty plea begins the healing process for Tamar Jackson’s family,” said Special Assistant District Attorney Ann Chase.

Markus Barber will be sentenced on November 12, 2015 by Judge James Piampiano.

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