

**News Release from
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William James Pled Guilty to Manslaughter in the First Degree

Rochester, NY- Today, 30 year old William James pled guilty to Manslaughter in the First Degree for the shooting death of 36 year old John Rudolph. On September 12, 2015, James attended a party on Woodward Street in the City of Rochester, also attended by John Rudolph and Herbert Thomas. During the party, James and Rudolph exchanged gunfire. Rudolph and Thomas were both killed in that exchange, and four others suffered gunshot wounds, including James. This morning, James admitted that he shot and killed John Rudolph

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Brian Green, Deputy Chief of the Major Felony Bureau.

“Today in court, William James took responsibility for the death of John Rudolph as he admitted to opening fire in a crowded party on Woodward Street during the early morning hours of September 12, 2015, and as a result, he will face significant time in NY State Prison,” said Assistant District Attorney Brian Green. “It is our hope that the surviving victims and the family of the deceased will feel justice has been served and begin to heal from this horrific event.”

James will be sentenced to 18 years in New York State Prison by Supreme Court Justice Alex Renzi on October 19, 2016.

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