

**News Release from  
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## **Taiquan Elmore and Pedro Diaz Plead Guilty to Manslaughter**

Rochester, NY- Today, in separate court appearances, 23 year old Taiquan Elmore and 19 year old Pedro Diaz each pled guilty to Manslaughter in the First Degree after admitting their roles in the death of 15 year old Tysean Williams on November 6, 2013. On that date, Williams was shot and killed in his home on Adams Street in the City of Rochester after he confronted Elmore and Diaz as they forced their way into the house.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Perry Duckles, Chief of the Major Felony Bureau.

"The thoughtless actions of these two individuals resulted in the tragic death of a young and productive member of our community," said District Attorney Sandra Doorley. "It was only after careful consideration of what the expected proof would be at trial, as well as multiple conversations with the Williams family, that we ultimately arrived at this disposition. While no result could ever bring Tysean back to them, this conviction ensures a measure of justice for the family."

Elmore and Diaz will be sentenced before Justice Francis Affronti on April 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>, respectively. Each of them is expected to receive a sentence of 20 years in State prison.

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