

**News Release from  
The Honorable Sandra Doorley  
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**Akeem Harris Convicted of Murder in the Second Degree**

Rochester, NY- Tuesday, May 30, 2017 a Monroe County Jury convicted 27 year old Akeem Harris of Murder in the 2<sup>nd</sup> degree, Attempted Murder in the 2<sup>nd</sup> degree, and two counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2<sup>nd</sup> degree. On November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016 Harris brought a firearm and confronted Derick Reed at the corner of Frost Avenue and Jefferson Avenue in the City of Rochester. He ultimately gave the gun to his brother, Kadeem Harris, who then shot it seven times resulting in injury to Derick Reed and the death of Darryle Conner.

The case was prosecuted by Senior Assistant District Attorney Christine K. Callanan of the Major Felony Bureau.

“Darryle Conner was an innocent bystander that day. This case is a reminder of the danger guns pose to our community and to everyone’s life” said Assistant District Attorney Christine K. Callanan. “We credit this verdict to the outstanding police work done by the Rochester Police Department”. Harris will be sentenced July 14<sup>th</sup> before Judge Douglas A. Randall.

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