News Release from The Honorable Sandra Doorley Monroe County District Attorney

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Al Oliver II Sentenced to 21 Years to Life for the Murder of Divine Calloway

Rochester, NY- Friday, May 17, 2024, Monroe County Judge Julie Hahn sentenced 17-year-old Al Oliver II to 21 years to Life in the New York State Department of Corrections for the murder of Divine Calloway. He was also sentenced concurrently to 20 years in the New York State Department of Corrections plus 2 and ¹/₂ years of post-release supervision for shooting an individual in the City of Rochester on July 13, 2023. Al Oliver previously pled guilty to Murder in the Second Degree and Assault in the 1st Degree.

On July 13, 2023, Rochester Police Officers arrived to Greenley Street in the City of Rochester for reports of gunshots. There was one victim who was shot, and later recovered from his injuries.

On August 10, 2023, Rochester Police Officers were called for gunshots at the corner of Central Park and Second Street. Rochester Police Officers located 18-year-old Divine Calloway, who had been shot multiple times. Divine Calloway was immediately transported to Strong Memorial Hospital, where he died shortly after his arrival.

After a thorough investigation conducted by the Rochester Police Department, Al Oliver II was identified as the person who shot the victim on July 13, 2023, and also killed Divine Calloway the following month. Following the murder, the defendant fled to Florida. With assistance from the Florida Sheriff's Department, Al Oliver II was arrested and extradited to Monroe County.

The case was prosecuted by Special Assistant District Attorney Adam VanHeyst, of the Non-Fatal Shooting Taskforce, and Assistant District Attorney Michael Harrigan, Chief of the Major Felony Bureau.

"At only 16 years old, Al Oliver II brutally and senselessly murdered 18-year-old Divine Calloway and shot another victim," said Assistant District Attorney Adam VanHeyst. "Divine Callaway attempted to run from the shooting, but was chased and gunned down by Al Oliver II. I want to thank the Rochester Police Department for their response and investigation, in addition to the cooperation from Florida law enforcement that resulted in the identification and apprehension of Al Oliver II. At this young age, the defendant is a danger to the community and is deservingly going to spend the next 21 years to life in the New York State Department of Corrections." "Al Oliver II violently killed Divine Calloway without any regard to human life," said District Attorney Sandra Doorley. "Now, the life of one young man in our community is gone forever and another young man may spend the rest of his life in custody. This murder is a complete tragedy that creates a ripple effect for every family member involved. It is my hope that the family of Divine Calloway can continue to mourn their loved one outside of court proceedings."

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