

**News Release from**  
**The Honorable Sandra Doorley**  
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**Parolee Damien Spears Convicted of two counts of Criminal Possession of a  
Weapon in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree**

Rochester, NY- On Thursday, July 13, 2023, 38-year-old Damien Spears was convicted by a Monroe County jury of two counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree.

On June 25, 2022, Webster Police Officers were called to Lake Road for shots fired at two individuals. After a diligent and thorough investigation by the Webster Police Department and the New York State Division of Parole, Damien Spears, who was on parole at the time of the shooting, was identified as the shooter. It was determined that Damien Spears, who was wearing a GPS ankle monitor, shot an illegal firearm at two individuals following an altercation at a stoplight. The victims were innocent and unknown to the defendant.

This case was prosecuted by Senior Assistant District Attorney Timothy Boucher of the Special Investigations Bureau.

“I want to start by thanking the Webster Police Department and New York State Division of Parole for their detailed investigation which led to the identification and apprehension of Damien Spears,” said Assistant District Attorney Timothy Boucher. “This conviction was also possible due to the members of the public, who witnessed this brazen act, especially the United States Army combat veteran who witnessed this violent action. I would like to personally extend my gratitude to him for his service to our country, and his continued service to our community. All of Monroe County is safer with Damien Spears in the New York State Department of Corrections”

“Damien Spears had an opportunity to re-enter society and turn his life around,” said Monroe County District Attorney Sandra Doorley. “Instead, he illegally possessed a firearm and used that weapon to incite violence. Damien Spears could have killed someone with his reckless actions last year and he has proved that he has no interest in being a law-abiding citizen. He now has a life sentence to consider the violence and destruction he has brought to our community.”

Damien Spears will be sentenced on September 25, 2023, in front of New York State Supreme Court Justice Schiano. As a mandatory persistent violent offender, Damien Spears faces 16 years to Life – 25 years to Life in the New York State Department of Corrections.

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