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Jailyn Johnson Pleads Guilty to Manslaughter in the 1st Degree and Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree

Rochester, NY- On Tuesday, July 25, 2023, 20-year-old Jailyn Johnson pled guilty to Manslaughter in the 1st Degree and Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree for the shooting death of 15-year-old Ja'Mere Wade.

On the night of November 2, 2021, in front of 24 Peckham Street in the City of Rochester, 15-year-old Ja'Mere Wade was shot and killed with a .40 caliber semi-automatic pistol. After an extensive investigation, the Rochester Police Department's Major Crimes Unit identified Jailyn Johnson as the perpetrator of the fatal shooting. Upon his arrest, Jailyn Johnson was located with a separate illegal weapon in his residence.

Jailyn Johnson will be sentenced to 25 years in the New York State Department of Corrections plus 5 years of post-release supervision.

The case was prosecuted by Senior Assistant District Attorney Anthony Freeman, of the Major Felony Bureau.

"The shooting death of Ja'Mere Wade was nothing but a senseless crime," said Assistant District Attorney Anthony Freeman. "While I am pleased that Jailyn Johnson admitted to killing Ja'Mere Wade, nothing can bring back the young life he stole. I want to thank the Rochester Police Department and the Monroe County Crime Lab for their investigation that led to the identification and arrest of Jailyn Johnson. It is our hope that today's admission brings comfort to the family of Ja'Mere Wade."

"Jailyn Johnson knew what he was doing when he shot and killed a 15-year-old," said Monroe County District Attorney Sandra Doorley. "Ja'Mere Wade had his entire life ahead of him before it was ripped away in a senseless act of violence. There was no reason for this young teenager to die on that November night. We hope that Jailyn Johnson will use the next 25 years in the Department of Corrections to reflect on his actions that took the life of a 15-year-old."

Jailyn Johnson will be sentenced on August 23, 2023, in front of Monroe County Court Judge Dollinger.

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