

**News Release from
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Parolee Jarrelle Williams Sentenced to 65 Years to Life

Rochester, NY- On Thursday, October 19, 2023, New York State Supreme Court Justice Argento sentenced 39-year-old Jarrelle Williams to 65 years to Life in the New York State Department of Corrections. Jarrell Williams was previously convicted by a jury of all charges, including two counts of Murder in the 2nd Degree, Attempted Murder in the 2nd Degree, two counts of Robbery in the 1st Degree, and two counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree for the murder of Sharell Brown and attempted murder of another victim.

On April 15, 2022, during the course of a robbery in a house on Phelps Avenue, Jarrelle Williams shot and killed Sharell Brown and shot and severely injured another victim. The living victim was able to stagger to a nearby store where the Rochester Police Department responded for a report of a man who had been shot. Upon arrival, the victim pointed the Officers to the house across where Sharell Brown was murdered.

The Rochester Police Department and the New York State Division of Parole identified Jarrelle Williams as the offender, who was on parole at the time of his offense. Following the murder, Jarrelle Williams cut off his electronic ankle monitor and fled to Alabama. The New York State Division of Parole located him in Alabama on May 9, 2022, where he was arrested as a parole absconder. Once extradited back to New York, Jarrelle Williams was charged for the murder of Sharell Brown. This case was investigated by the Rochester Police Department, with assistance from the New York State Division of Parole, the United States Marshals Violent Felony Fugitive Task Force, and the Monroe County District Attorney's Office.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Robin Catalano, Chief of the Special Investigations Bureau.

“Jarrelle Williams intentionally murdered Sharell Brown and intended to kill a second victim by repeatedly shooting them during the course of a robbery on Phelps Avenue,” said Assistant District Attorney Robin Catalano. “Jarrelle Williams had no regard for human life and gave little thought to the consequences of his violence. I want to acknowledge the surviving victim for his resilience and strength; and the Rochester Police Department for conducting an excellent investigation that led to this appropriate sentence. I have no doubt in my mind that Jarrelle Williams will spend the rest of his life in the New York State Department of Corrections.”

“Jarrelle Williams was a parolee who had an opportunity to become a productive citizen in Monroe County, instead he violently murdered Sharell Brown, nearly killed another individual, and fled the state,” said District Attorney Sandra Doorley. “It is our hope that the remaining victim and Sharell’s family can find justice knowing that Jarrelle Williams will spend the rest of his life in the New York State Department of Corrections for these brutal and heartless crimes. While nothing can bring back the life he stole and the trauma he caused, Jarrelle Williams will never again be able to physically hurt anyone in our community.”

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