

**News Release from
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**Jeremiah Barley Sentenced to 35 Years to Life for the Murder of Dakota
Podlaski**

Rochester, NY- Wednesday, February 9, 2022, New York State Supreme Court Justice Renzi sentenced 27-year-old Jeremiah Barley to 25-years to Life in the New York State Department of Corrections for Murder in the 2nd Degree, 15 years in the New York State Department of Corrections for one count of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree to run concurrently, and 10 years in the New York State Department of Corrections plus 5 years of Post Release Supervision for a separate count of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree to run consecutively. Jeremiah Barley was convicted by a Monroe County jury for the charges on December 16, 2021, for the death of Dakota Podlaski.

On May 27, 2020, Rochester Police Officers were called to the corner of Magee Avenue and Dewey Avenue for reports of a drive-by shooting. They found Dakota Podlaski shot on site. He was quickly transported to Strong Memorial Hospital where he died shortly after arrival.

After a detailed and impressive investigation from the Rochester Police Department, Jeremiah Barley was identified as the assailant and later arrested on June 12, 2020.

The case was prosecuted by Special Assistant District Attorney Bianca D'Angelo, of the Major Felony Bureau.

“The conviction and today’s sentence were made possible with support from the community and the thorough investigation by the Rochester Police Department,” said Assistant District Attorney Bianca D’Angelo “This case is an example of why we need witnesses to come forward in our community. Jeremiah Barley’s actions were violent, aggressive, and put many residents of our community at risk. Dakota Podlaski was an innocent bystander who fell victim to this random act of violence.”

“Dakota Podlaski was a 20-year-old unintended victim who was caught in the crossfire of Jeremiah Barley’s violent actions,” said District Attorney Sandra Doorley. “Jeremiah Barley had no regard for human life when he chose to fire shots out of a moving vehicle. During these violent times in our community, we must do everything in our power to secure justice. It is our hope that Mr. Podlaski’s friends and family feel justice in today’s sentence.”

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