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Jimmie Wright Sentenced to 20 Years for the Death of Jean Mejias-Vargas

Rochester, NY- Monday, May 13, 2019, Monroe County State Supreme Court Justice Schiano sentenced 23-year-old Jimmie Wright to 20 years in the New York State Department of Corrections plus 5 years of Post Release Supervision after being convicted by a Monroe County Jury of Manslaughter in the 1st Degree and for the death of 22-year-old Jean Mejias-Vargas.

On June 28, 2018, Jimmie Wright struck Jean Mejias-Vargas with a baseball bat in the back of the head at a residence on Joseph Avenue in the City of Rochester. The victim was transported to Rochester General Hospital with multiple head injuries, where he died from his injuries a month later.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Kyle Steinebach, Deputy Bureau Chief of the Local Courts Bureau.

“Jimmie Wright acted in a violent matter that resulted in the tragic death of a young man,” said Assistant District Attorney Kyle Steinebach. “Not only did Jimmie Wright steal a life from this community, he also ruined his own for the next twenty years. I want to thank the Rochester Police Department’s Major Crimes Unit who conducted this investigation that led to the arrest and successful prosecution of Jimmie Wright.”

“Today’s sentence is reflective of the tireless work by the Rochester Police Department,” said District Attorney Sandra Doorley. “Jimmie Wright has twenty years to accept responsibility for his despicable actions that resulted in Jean Mejias-Vargas’ death. It is our hope that today’s sentence brings justice and conclusion to the loved ones of the victim.”

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