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**Jordan Evans Sentenced to 23 Years to Life for Assassination Style Murder of
19 Year Old Keith Brown**

Rochester, NY- On Tuesday, February 28, 2017, Justice Joanne Winslow of the New York State Supreme Court sentenced 19 year old Jordan Evans to 23 years to life in the New York State Department of Corrections for his January 13, 2017 jury trial conviction of Murder in the Second Degree. At 4:07 pm, on June 30, 2015, the victim, 19 year old Keith Brown was walking with a friend from a convenience store on the corner of St. Paul and Norton Streets in the City of Rochester. The evidence presented during the five day jury trial showed that shots were fired from across the street, with one bullet striking Keith Brown in the back of the head. The rifle and eight bullet casings were found by the Rochester Police Department. Video footage coupled with eyewitness testimony identified Jordan Evans as the assassin.

On December 6, 2016, Jordan Evans was convicted after a bench trial of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the Second Degree and Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the Third Degree which occurred on April 2, 2015. On February 28, 2017 he was also sentenced to 8 years in the New York State Department of Corrections with 5 years of Post Release Supervision for Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the Second Degree as well as 2 to 6 years in the New York State Department of Corrections for Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the Third Degree to be served concurrently. This sentence will be served consecutively to the Murder in the Second Degree charge.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney William Gargan, Chief of the Domestic Violence Bureau.

“On June 30, 2015 Jordan Evans made the senseless, yet deliberate decision to take somebody’s life. Today’s sentence will hopefully bring a sense of justice and closure to Keith Brown’s suffering family while Jordan Evans thinks about his crimes in the New York State Department of Corrections,” said Assistant District Attorney William Gargan. “This appropriate sentence would not have been possible without the remarkable investigative work of the Rochester Police Department and the witnesses who were courageous enough to come forward to share the events of that tragic day.”

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