

**News Release from
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Parolee Olajuwon Holt Sentenced to 25 Years to Life for the Murder of Paris Washington

Rochester, NY- Tuesday, September 13, 2022, Monroe County Court Judge Vacca sentenced 28-year-old Olajuwon Holt to 25 years to life in the New York State Department of Corrections after he was convicted of Murder in the Second Degree for the murder of Paris Washington.

On the afternoon of Friday, June 19, 2020, Rochester Police Officers responded to 31 Bardin Street for the report of a victim shot. Officers responded and identified the victim deceased in his garage, as 29-year-old Paris Washington.

After an investigation by the Rochester Police Department, the Monroe County Crime Analysis Center and the New York State Division of Parole, Olajuwon Holt was identified as being in the area at the time of the murder through his GPS ankle monitoring device. Olajuwon Holt and Randall Scott were indicted by the Monroe County Grand Jury for the murder. Holt was on parole for a prior conviction of Assault in the Second Degree at the time of the murder.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Rachel Clark, Deputy Chief of the Domestic Violence Bureau.

“Today’s sentence holds Olajuwon Holt accountable for his brazen actions on June 19, 2020, that left Paris Washington dead,” said Assistant District Attorney Rachel Clark. “I want to thank the Rochester Police Department Major Crimes Unit, the Monroe County Crime Analysis Center and the New York State Division of Parole for their thorough investigation. I look forward to the upcoming trial of Randall Scott and hope to bring justice to Paris Washington’s family.”

“Olajuwon Holt was on parole for a violent assault when he took Paris Washington’s life. Mr. Holt had an opportunity to become a productive member of society and no longer be a part of the criminal justice system, but instead participated in a murder,” said District Attorney Sandra Doorley. “The collaborative work of the Rochester Police Department, the Monroe County Crime Analysis Center, the New York State Division of Parole and Assistant District Attorney Rachel Clark ensured a successful conviction and appropriate sentence.”

Co-defendant Randall Scott is scheduled for trial on October 3, 2022, with Judge Vacca.

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