

**News Release from
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**Jury Finds Henry Phelps III and Marique Simkin Guilty of Murder in the 2nd
Degree**

Rochester, NY- Thursday, November 30, 2023, a Monroe County Jury convicted 33-year-old Henry Phelps III of Murder in the 2nd Degree and four counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree for the murder of Charles Robinson. 25-year-old Marique Simkin was also convicted of Murder in the 2nd Degree and two counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree for the murder of Lonnie Keys.

On March 13, 2022, Rochester Police Officers responded to a report of multiple gunshots on State Street in the City of Rochester. Upon arrival, Charles Robinson and Lonnie Keys were found shot to death. After a thorough investigation, Henry Phelps III and Marique Simkin were arrested for the murders. Marique Simkin was in custody at the time of the arrest for unrelated weapons charges.

The case was prosecuted by Special Assistant District Attorney Megan Hausner, of the Major Felony Bureau, and Special Assistant District Attorney Matthew Hogestyn, also of the Major Felony Bureau.

“These murders were the end result of a violent shootout on State Street last year,” said Assistant District Attorney Megan Hausner. “This brazen shooting resulted in gunshot wounds, the death of two men, and Henry Phelps III and Marique Simkin both facing life sentences. I want to thank the Rochester Police Department for their detailed investigation, resulting in the successful prosecution of both defendants.”

“Four lives and four families are ruined by this senseless murder,” said District Attorney Sandra Doorley. “Henry Phelps III and Marique Simkin each violently killed someone and destroyed their own lives in the process. Even though they will never get their loved one back, it is our hope that the families of Charles Robinson and Lonnie Keys feel a sense of justice in today’s verdict.”

Henry Phelps III and Marique Simkin will be sentenced on January 22, 2024, in front of New York State Supreme Court Justice Schiano.

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