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The Honorable Sandra Doorley  
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**Marique Simkin Sentenced to 25 Years to Life for the Murder of Lonnie Keys**

Rochester, NY- Tuesday, January 23, 2024, New York State Supreme Court Justice Schiano sentenced 25-year-old Marique Simkin to 25 years to Life in the New York State Department of Corrections. Marique Simkin was previously convicted by a jury of Murder in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree and two counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree for the murder of Lonnie Keys. Co-defendant 33-year-old Henry Phelps III was sentenced to 40 years to Life in the New York State Department of Corrections. Henry Phelps was previously convicted by a jury of Murder in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree and four counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree for the murder of Charles Robinson.

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.

“Marique Simkin acted brazenly when he shot and killed Lonnie Keys without hesitation,” said Assistant District Attorney Megan Hausner. “Only a life sentence was appropriate for the horrible events of March 13, 2022, and I am pleased that both Henry Phelps III and Marique Simkin may serve the rest of their lives contemplating their violent actions. I want to thank the Rochester Police Department for their detailed investigation, resulting in the successful prosecution and subsequent life sentences of both defendants.”

“Today finally brings closure to the victims of the State Street shooting from March 13, 2022,” said District Attorney Sandra Doorley. “The families of Lonnie Keys and Charles Robinson can finally continue to mourn their loved ones with the knowledge that the shooters are being held accountable. A life sentence is appropriate for Marique Simkin, who jeopardized many lives during those violent shootings that impacted an entire community. It is the hope of the Monroe County District Attorney’s Office that the friends and family of Lonnie Keys remember him for who he was before that horrendous day.”

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