

**News Release from  
The Honorable Sandra Doorley  
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**Parolee Willie Gibson, Jr. Pled Guilty to two Counts of Criminal Possession of  
a Weapon in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree and Assault in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree**

Rochester, NY- On Tuesday, January 31, 2023, before jury selection, Willie Gibson, Jr. pled guilty to two counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree and one count of Assault in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree for shooting multiple bullets into a residence on Lime Street in the City of Rochester and striking an innocent 51-year-old grandmother located inside the home.

On April 3, 2022, after engaging in a verbal dispute with one of the occupants of the Lime Street residence, Willie Gibson, Jr. fired multiple bullets into his intended target's home. One of those bullets struck a 51-year-old grandmother located inside the home and penetrated her chest. To date, the bullet fragment remains lodged in the victim's chest. The victim's 3-year-old grandson was also present inside the home during the shooting. Willie Gibson Jr., who was under Parole supervision on the date of this incident due to prior burglary and gun possession convictions, was located and arrested by the Rochester Police Department within hours of the shooting.

This case was investigated by the Rochester Police Department, with assistance from the Monroe County Crime Lab.

The case was prosecuted by Senior Assistant District Attorney Anthony Freeman, of the Major Felony Bureau.

“On a quiet Sunday morning, Willie Gibson, Jr. brazenly fired multiple shots into a residence on Lime Street,” said Assistant District Attorney Anthony Freeman. “This senseless shooting left the victim with a permanent gunshot injury. It is the hope of the Monroe County District Attorney's Office that the victim and her family can continue to heal from this traumatic incident. I want to thank the Rochester Police Department, the Monroe County Crime Lab, Victim Witness Advocate Denise Cosme, Investigator Doug Boccardo, and Investigator Neil O'Brien for their tireless efforts that led to this admission of guilt.”

“Willie Gibson, Jr. had a chance to leave the New York State Department of Corrections and lead a productive life, instead he intentionally shot at a home where people resided,” said District Attorney Sandra Doorley. “The Monroe County District Attorney's Office is grateful that the victim survived her wounds and that the 3-year-old child was left without physical injury. Thank you to the Rochester Police Department and everyone involved in this case who helped secure justice today.”

Willie Gibson, Jr. will be sentenced on May 8, 2023, in front of New York State Supreme Court Justice Charles A. Schiano, Jr.

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