

**News Release from
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Rasaan Taylor Convicted of First Degree Manslaughter

Rochester, NY- Yesterday, May 20, 2015 a Monroe County Jury found 17 year old Rasaan Taylor guilty of First Degree Manslaughter. On January 31, 2014 Rasaan Taylor entered the S&S Minimart at 199 Lyell Avenue with a sawed off shotgun. While in S&S Minimart, Rasaan Taylor, unprovoked, shot and killed 21 year old Samuel Gibson.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Julie Hahn Chief of Non-Violent Felony Bureau and Assistant District Attorney Laura Vanderbrook.

"Anytime we experience the loss of a young life, our community grieves. In this case, our grief is coupled with anger and confusion as the loss of this young life was at the hands of a 15 year old boy carrying a sawed off shotgun," said Assistant District Attorney Julie Hahn. "It is our hope, that while Rasaan Taylor is incarcerated for this crime, he comes to understand the enormity of his actions and the pain he caused Samuel Gibson's family."

On June 19, 2015, Rasaan Taylor will be sentenced by Monroe County Court Judge Vincent Dinolfo. Rasaan Taylor was prosecuted as a Juvenile Offender due to his age at the time of the crime and as a result faces a maximum of 3 1/3 to 10 years in prison.

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