

**News Release from  
The Honorable Sandra Doorley  
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**Parolee Shavar Brooks Sentenced to 23 Years to Life for the Attempted  
Murder of a Man**

Rochester, NY- On Wednesday, March 12, 2025, Monroe County Court Judge Dollinger sentenced 28-year-old Shavar Brooks to multiple concurrent life sentences, totaling 23 years to Life in the New York State Department of Corrections. He was previously convicted by a jury of Attempted Murder in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree, Assault in the 1<sup>st</sup> Degree and two counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree for shooting a man with the intent to kill him on December 26, 2023. Shavar Brooks was sentenced as a persistent violent felony offender with two prior violent felony convictions.

On December 26, 2023, Rochester Police Officers responded to a report of a person shot on North Goodman Street in the City of Rochester. Upon arrival, a 46-year old man was found shot inside of his vehicle. He was immediately transported to Strong Memorial Hospital, where he eventually recovered from his injuries.

After a thorough investigation by the Non-Fatal Shooting Taskforce, which includes Rochester Police Investigators, Monroe County District Attorney Investigators, and Assistant District Attorneys, Shavar Brooks and Miguel Clemons were arrested for the shootings. Both were on parole at the time of the shooting with Electronic Monitor Devices on their ankles.

On December 26, 2023, around 3:30PM in the afternoon, both defendants were at a house in the City of Rochester when the victim drove by the house. As the victim was driving away from the property, Shavar Brooks and Miguel Clemons jumped into their car, boxed the victim against the side of the road, and shot at least ten rounds at him until he was struck twice in the upper torso and once in the arm.

Miguel Clemons was also convicted by a jury for Attempted Murder in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree, Assault in the 1<sup>st</sup> Degree, and two counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree. He will be in court on May 2, 2025, for a persistent violent felony offender hearing before sentencing.

The case was prosecuted by Special Assistant District Attorney Adam VanHeyst, of Non-Fatal Shooting Taskforce, and Senior Assistant District Attorney Jonathan Jirik, of the Vehicular Crimes Bureau.

“On the day after Christmas, Shavar Brooks was involved in a violent shooting that nearly killed a man,” said Assistant District Attorney Adam VanHeyst. “This brazen gunfire during broad daylight risked the lives of everyone around them and nearly ended in a murder. Mr. Brooks made it clear time and time again that he does not care about following the law. He does not care about his prior offenses, he does not care about being on parole, and he does not care about the victims in this violent shooting. This cooperation is the direct result of the Non-Fatal Shooting Taskforce, which led to today’s appropriate life sentence.”

“Multiple lives were ruined by this senseless shooting,” said District Attorney Sandra Doorley. “Shavar Brooks participated in a violent shooting and destroyed his own life in the process. Thank you to the victim for facing his assailants in court and the members of the community who were willing to testify. This case is a prime example of the importance of the Non-Fatal Shooting Initiative. This taskforce helps to foster relationships with victims and witnesses, which is necessary to hold these violent offenders accountable. It is my hope that we continue to see victim and witness cooperation to make our community a safer place.”

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