

**News Release from
The Honorable Sandra Doorley
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**Jury Finds Parolees Shavar Brooks and Miguel Clemons Guilty of Attempted
Murder in the 2nd Degree, Assault in the 1st Degree, and two counts of
Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree**

Rochester, NY- Thursday, January 16, 2025, a Monroe County Jury convicted 38-year-old Shavar Brooks and 26-year-old Miguel Clemons of Attempted Murder in the 2nd Degree, Assault in the 1st Degree and two counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree for shooting a man with the intent to kill him on December 26, 2023.

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.

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 and Miguel Clemons were 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. I want to thank the victim for facing his assailants in court and the members of the community who were willing to testify. This cooperation is the direct result of the Non-Fatal Shooting Taskforce. The detailed and thorough investigation led to today’s successful prosecution of both defendants.”

“Multiple lives were ruined by this senseless shooting,” said District Attorney Sandra Doorley. “Shavar Brooks and Miguel Clemons violently shot at someone and destroyed their own lives in the process. Today’s conviction is evidence of the significance of the Non-Fatal Shooting Initiative. This taskforce helps to foster relationships with victims and witnesses, which is necessary to prosecute these important cases and 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.”

Shavar Brooks will be sentenced on February 26, 2025, and Miguel Clemons will be sentenced on March 5, 2025, both in front of Monroe County Court Judge Dollinger.

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