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**Keyvin Miller and Kirsean Chatfield Plead Guilty to Manslaughter in the 1<sup>st</sup>  
Degree for the Homicide of Eric Martin, Jr.**

Rochester, NY- On Thursday, May 16, 2024, 19-year-old Keyvin Miller and 27-year-old Kirsean Chatfield pled guilty to Manslaughter in the 1<sup>st</sup> Degree for the fatal drive-by shooting of Eric Martin, Jr. Kirsean Chatfield also pled guilty to one count of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree.

On May 31, 2023, Rochester Police Officers responded to multiple 911 calls for a shooting near Dewey Avenue in the City of Rochester. Upon their arrival to the scene, Rochester Police Officers located 21-year-old Eric Martin, Jr. sitting in the front seat of his vehicle with a gunshot wound to his head. He was immediately transported to Strong Memorial Hospital, where he died from his injury.

After a thorough investigation by the Rochester Police Department, it was determined that Keyvin Miller shot Eric Martin, Jr. from a vehicle and Kirsean Chatfield was identified as the driver of the vehicle, which was stolen. Eric Martin, Jr. was not the intended target of the shooting. Immediately following the homicide, the two ditched the stolen vehicle, immediately stole a second vehicle, and then fired shots into a storefront on Parsells Avenue in the City of Rochester.

On June 25, 2023, during an unrelated traffic stop, Kirsean Chatfield was located in the vehicle in possession of the weapon used to kill Eric Martin, Jr. Following an unsealed indictment, Keyvin Miller and Kirsean Chatfield were charged with the homicide.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Camille Ingino, of the Major Felony Bureau.

“The violent and reckless actions from May 31, stole the life of Eric Martin, Jr., and risked the lives of many others who were in the area, living their lives,” said Assistant District Attorney Camille Ingino. “While I am pleased that both Keyvin Miller and Kirsean Chatfield admitted to their roles in the death of Eric Martin, Jr., nothing can bring back the life they stole. I want to thank the Rochester Police Department for their detailed investigation that led to the

identification and arrest of both defendants Based on their actions last year, our community is safer with them in the New York State Department of Corrections.”

“Eric Martin, Jr. was sitting in his car, minding his own business, when two strangers killed him in a drive-by shooting,” said Monroe County District Attorney Sandra Doorley. “He did not deserve to be killed by the defendants’ gunfire. Both Keyvin Miller and Kirsean Chatfield promoted chaos and violence that resulted in the death of an innocent man. It is our hope that the loved ones of Eric Martin, Jr. can find justice in today’s admission of guilt.”

Keyvin Miller will be sentenced to 25 years in the New York State Department of Corrections on June 26, 2024, and Kirsean Chatfield will be sentenced to 15 years in the New York State Department of Corrections on June 13, 2024, both in front of Monroe County Court Judge Dollinger.

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