

**News Release from
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Marlon Williams Sentenced to 40 Years to Life for the Murder of Shaquan Parker

Rochester, NY- Monday, March 17, 2025, New York State Supreme Court Justice Moran sentenced 35-year-old Marlon Williams to 40 years to Life in the New York State Department of Corrections. He was previously convicted by a jury of Murder in the 2nd Degree and three counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree for the murder of Shaquan Parker.

On July 15, 2022, just before 10:00AM, Rochester Police Officers responded to Wellington Avenue to investigate shots fired near Frost Avenue. Upon arrival, officers located 24-year-old Shaquan Parker shot in the torso in a backyard on Wellington Avenue. He was pronounced dead at the scene. After a thorough investigation, the Rochester Police Department identified Marlon Williams as the shooter. It was determined that the defendant was driving a vehicle, saw Shaquan Parker on Wellington Avenue, and shot multiple rounds at him from the car, hitting him twice.

Marlon Williams was apprehended by the United States Marshals Violent Felony Fugitive Task Force on September 5, 2023, with an illegal firearm in his possession. The Monroe County Crime Laboratory was able to determine that the firearm found on September 5, 2023, was the same gun used to shoot and kill Shaquan Parker on July 15, 2022.

The case was prosecuted by Senior Assistant District Attorney Kristina Hinkley, of the Special Victims Unit, and Assistant District Attorney Patrick Gallagher, Chief of the Domestic Violence Bureau.

“Marlon Williams was out searching for Shaquan Parker with the intention to kill him,” said Assistant District Attorney Patrick Gallagher. “The defendant shot at the victim from a motor vehicle, risking the lives of others in the area as well. As a repeat felony offender, Marlon Williams should have never possessed a firearm, let alone using it to commit murder. I want to thank the Rochester Police Department for their detailed investigation and the cooperation of many people in our community who were willing to come forward with information, resulting in today’s life sentence. The New York State Department of Corrections is the only place where the defendant should reside for the public safety of the community.”

“Marlon Williams has proven that he does not value public safety, human life, or the law,” said District Attorney Sandra Doorley. “Today’s life sentence is appropriate given the violence and the severity of this murder. The defendant violently chased down and took the life of Shaquan Parker without any consideration for the consequences of his actions, despite his familiarity with the criminal justice system. Even though they will never get their loved one back, it is our hope that the family of Shaquan Parker feel a sense of justice in today’s sentence.”

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