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Michael Lee Bell Guilty of Second Degree Murder

Rochester, NY- Today, a Monroe County Jury found 37 year old Michael Lee Bell guilty of Murder in the Second Degree for a homicide that occurred on April 24, 2008. On that date, Bell shot D'Wayne Simmons once in the head on Walter Park in the City of Rochester. The two men were acquaintances who were in a dispute over money.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Christine Callanan of the Major Felony Bureau.

"It is a relief for the Simmons family to finally see Michael Bell brought to justice after almost seven years," said Callanan. "We were able to bring this case to trial because of the diligence of the Investigators in the Rochester Police Department Major Crimes Unit and the U.S. Marshals Service. Their hard work and dedication continue to make successful prosecution of cold cases possible."

Bell, who faces up to 25 years to life in State prison, will be sentenced before Judge John DeMarco on April 2, 2015.

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