

**News Release from
The Honorable Sandra Doorley
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Dante Rankin Sentenced to 23 Years to Life

Rochester, NY- Today, Monroe County Court Judge John DeMarco sentenced 19 year old Dante Rankin to 23 years to life in prison for the December 2, 2013 shooting death of 18 year old Kemari Hodrick. On that date, Rankin was the passenger in a vehicle that drove past Hodrick as he stood at the corner of 480 Genesee Street, across from Wilson Magnet High School, in the City of Rochester. Rankin fired two shots at Hodrick, striking him once in the chest and killing him. A jury convicted Rankin of Murder in the Second Degree on November 21, 2014.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorneys Elizabeth Buckley and Mary Randall, Chief of the Special Victims Trial Division.

"This murder demonstrates the dangers that gangs pose to our community," said Buckley. "There must be an end to this senseless violence before more young lives are lost."

Rankin will begin serving his sentence immediately.

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