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Jury Convicts Dante Rankin of Murder in the Second Degree

Rochester, NY- On Friday, a Monroe County Jury found 19 year old Dante Rankin guilty of Murder in the Second Degree 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. Dante fired two shots at Hodrick, striking him once in the chest and killing him.

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

"This is a senseless case of a violent teen taking the life of another teen over a street group rivalry," said Buckley. "This murder happened right in broad daylight across from a City school during dismissal. We need to put an end to such pointless acts of violence, especially among our youth."

Rankin will be sentenced on January 23, 2015 before Monroe County Court Judge John DeMarco, where he faces a maximum sentence of 25 years to life in prison. Following the verdict, Rankin was remanded to custody without bail, and will remain in the Monroe County Jail until sentencing.

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