

**News Release from
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Ammenra Felton Convicted of Murder in the 2nd Degree

Rochester, NY- Wednesday, August 23, 2023, a Monroe County Jury convicted 32-year-old Ammenra Felton of Murder in the 2nd Degree and two counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree for the murder of Charlotte Thomas.

On January 23, 2022, at approximately 5:00PM, Rochester Police Officers responded to Lyell Avenue and Child Street, where they located Charlotte Thomas, who was found with a gunshot wound lying in the road. Charlotte Thomas was immediately rushed to Strong Memorial Hospital but died from her injuries around 10:00PM.

After a swift and thorough investigation, the Rochester Police Department identified Ammenra Felton as the shooter. The defendant shot Charlotte Thomas during an altercation, although she was not known to the defendant. Following the murder, Ammenra Felton fled to Sugarland, Texas. He was located and arrested by Rochester Police Officers and members of the United States Marshals Task Force with the assistance of local Texas law enforcement.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Jennifer Hyatt, Deputy Chief of the Special Investigations Bureau.

“Ammenra Felton approached Charlotte Thomas with a loaded weapon, shooting and killing her,” said Assistant District Attorney Jennifer Hyatt. “Ammenra Felton had no regard for human life, the safety of his fellow community members, or the law when he brazenly shot an illegally possessed gun, killing Charlotte Thomas. I want to thank the Rochester Police Department for their detailed investigation, resulting in the successful prosecution of Ammenra Felton. I hope that today’s verdict brings a sense of justice to Charlotte’s family, who were present every day of this devastating trial.”

“Charlotte Thomas was a 32-year-old woman who was loved by her friends and family,” said District Attorney Sandra Doorley. “Ammenra Felton’s reckless actions with an illegal firearm ended Charlotte’s life far too soon. Charlotte’s murder was an utter tragedy because of one man’s violent and intentional actions. It is our hope that Charlotte Thomas’ loved ones can find peace in today’s verdict, and they can continue to heal knowing that her murderer will finally be incarcerated.”

Ammenra Felton will be sentenced on October 2, 2023, in front of New York State Supreme Court Justice Walsh.

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