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Parolee Christopher Williams, Jr. Sentenced for the Homicide of Marcus Bennett

Rochester, NY- On Wednesday, July 26, 2023, 32-year-old Christopher Williams was sentenced by New York State Supreme Court Justice Alex Renzi to 23 years in the New York State Department of Corrections plus 5 years of post-release supervision for the death of Marcus Bennett.

On the night of June 16, 2022, Christopher Williams accosted Marcus Bennett and an argument ensued during a party in the backyard at a residence on Sixth Street in the city of Rochester. Christopher Williams pulled out an illegal firearm and shot Marcus Bennett multiple times, killing him.

After a thorough investigation by the Rochester Police Department, Christopher Williams was arrested in an Irondequoit residence. He was on parole at the time of the homicide and had previously removed his monitoring device.

The case was prosecuted by First Assistant District Attorney Perry Duckles and Assistant District Attorney Michelle Crowley, Chief of the Grand Jury/Attorney Training Bureau.

“There was no reason, besides a bruised ego, for Christopher Williams to kill Marcus Bennet last year,” said First Assistant District Attorney Perry Duckles. “I want to thank the Rochester Police Department’s Major Crime Unit for this investigation, which resulted in a dangerous offender being removed from our community. It is the hope of the Monroe County District Attorney’s Office that Christopher Williams contemplates his violent actions that took a life during his time in the New York State Department of Corrections.”

“Marcus Bennett was another victim of senseless gun violence that we have seen in our community,” said Monroe County District Attorney Sandra Doorley. “What began as an argument, led to a homicide. Christopher Williams’s actions showed no regard for human life and he continues to violently break the law. He has proved that he is best served in the New York State Department of Corrections, away from causing any more harm.”

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