

**News Release from
The Honorable Sandra Doorley
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**Trevor Smith III Sentenced to 23 Years to Life for the Murder of Jeremy
Hamilton, Jr.**

Rochester, NY- Tuesday, August 29, 2023, Monroe County Court Judge Vacca sentenced 24-year-old Trevor Smith III to 23 years to Life in the New York State Department of Corrections. He was previously convicted by a jury of Murder in the 2nd Degree and two counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree for the murder of Jeremy Hamilton, Jr.

On April 9, 2022, Jeremy Hamilton, Jr. was driven to the corner of St. Paul Street and Clifford Avenue, where Rochester Police Officers found him with multiple gunshot wounds. The victim was immediately transported to Strong Memorial Hospital, where he died from his injuries.

After a swift and thorough investigation, it was determined that Jeremy Hamilton, Jr. was shot on Avenue A in the middle of the day. The Rochester Police Department identified Trevor Smith III as responsible for Jeremy Hamilton's homicide. Following the murder, Trevor Smith fled to the State of Texas. On June 21, 2022, members of the Rochester Police Department and the United States Marshals Violent Felony Fugitive Task Force traveled to Harris County, Texas, where they located Trevor Smith and arrested him.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Christopher Bokelman, Chief of the Public Integrity & Economic Crimes Bureau.

"Trevor Smith III is no stranger to the criminal justice system and knew the consequences of his actions when he shot and killed Jeremy Hamilton, Jr. before fleeing the state," said Assistant District Attorney Christopher Bokelman. "Instead of taking his history as an opportunity to learn and correct his behavior, Trevor Smith put himself in a position to shoot and kill Jeremy Hamilton. I want to thank the Rochester Police Department and the United States Marshals for their detailed investigation, resulting in the identification and apprehension of Trevor Smith III."

"Trevor Smith killed Jeremy Hamilton in broad daylight, before immediately fleeing to Texas," said District Attorney Sandra Doorley. "I sincerely hope that Trevor Smith learns to recognize the value of human life during his time in the New York State Department of Corrections. Our community is fed up with this unnecessary violence fueled by guns and drugs. We will continue to prosecute these homicides to the fullest extent of the law."

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