

**News Release from
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Anthony Edwards Convicted of Murder in the Second Degree

Rochester, NY- Today, a Monroe County Jury found 62 year old Anthony Edwards guilty of Murder in the Second Degree for the death of Gail Neals. On May 6, 2015, Anthony Edwards met up with Gail Neals and went to a secluded area near Hudson Avenue and Skuse Street in the City of Rochester. At that location, Edwards beat and strangled Neals to death. The next day, a stranger from the neighborhood discovered Neal's naked body. An autopsy determined Ms. Neals died as a result of being strangled and sustaining blunt force injuries to her face and head.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Julie Hahn, Chief of the Major Felony Bureau.

"Today's verdict can be attributed to the great police work of Rochester Police Investigators, Gary Galetta and John Brennan and members of the Monroe County Crime Lab. Without their tireless investigative work on this case, it would have been challenging to prosecute," said Assistant District Attorney Julie Hahn. "Based upon the extensive fatal injuries sustained by Ms. Neal, she had no chance as she struggled to survive the last minutes of her life."

Anthony Edwards will be sentenced on November 10, 2016 by Monroe County Court Judge Victoria Argento. He faces 25 years to life in the Department of Corrections.

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