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Marlando Allen Pleads Guilty to Murder 2nd

Rochester, NY- On Wednesday, September 23, 2020, 40-year-old Marlando Allen pled guilty to three counts Murder in the 2nd Degree for the February 22, 2014 murder of Michael Nelson, Jaqueline Simmons and Jermeliah Simmons on Chili Avenue.

In February 2014, the three victims were found dead in an apartment on Chili Avenue in the City of Rochester. After a thorough investigation by the Rochester Police Department, Andre McFarlane, Marlando Allen and a third defendant were arrested two months later. On March 4, 2020, Marlando Allen was declared competent to stand trial by the Office of Mental Health. Marlando Allen admitted his role in all three murders and will be sentenced for 15 years to life in the New York State Department of Corrections. The plea entered here today also makes him eligible for deportation.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Robin Catalano, Deputy Chief of the Special Investigations Bureau and Senior Assistant District Attorney Kevin Sunderland, also of the Special Investigations Bureau.

“I want to thank the Rochester Police Department and the prosecutors before me who have worked on this case since 2014,” said Assistant District Attorney Robin Catalano. “This community will always remember the Chili Avenue triple homicide. Mr. Allen’s admission of guilt can finally give the family and friends of Michael Nelson, Jaqueline Simmons and Jermeliah Simmons peace.”

“Today’s plea finally puts this case to rest six years later,” said Monroe County District Attorney Sandra Doorley. “Thanks to the Rochester Police Department and the Assistant District Attorneys who have worked on this case, Marlando Allen will never cause violence in the community again. It is the sincerest hope of the Monroe County District Attorney’s Office that the entire community, especially the friends and family of the victims, will finally have closure from this horrendous incident that took the lives of three young people back in 2014.”

Marlando Allen is scheduled for sentencing on November 19, 2020, in front of County Court Judge Dinolfo.

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