

**News Release from**  
**The Honorable Sandra Doorley**  
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**Marcus Burke Sentenced to 15 Years After Conviction for Two Counts of  
Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree**

Rochester, NY- On Monday, April 5, 27-year-old Marcus Burke was sentenced to 15 years as a violent predicate offender in the New York State Department of Corrections by New York State Supreme Court Justice Charles Schiano. Marcus Burke was convicted by a Monroe County Jury of two counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree on November 2, 2020.

On September 7, 2019, at approximately 9:40AM, Marcus Burke shot an illegal firearm on Lyell Avenue in the City of Rochester. After a swift and thorough investigation by the Rochester Police Department and the Monroe County Department Probation, Marcus Burke was arrested the following day. Mr. Burke was on felony probation at the time of this offense.

This case was prosecuted by Special Assistant District Attorney Jennifer Kennedy of the Special Investigations Bureau.

“With the increase of reckless gun violence in the City of Rochester, we are thankful that Marcus Burke did not kill anyone on September 7, 2019, when he chose to shoot an illegal firearm in broad daylight,” said Assistant District Attorney Jennifer Kennedy. “I want to thank the Rochester Police Department and the Monroe County Department of Probation for diligently working to identify and arrest Marcus Burke, who will now spend the maximum sentence of 15 years in the New York State Department of Corrections, instead of further promoting violence in our community.”

“Removing illegal firearms from our streets and holding violent offenders accountable are some of our top priorities,” said Monroe County District Attorney Sandra Doorley. “The Monroe County District Attorney’s Office is taking weapons charges extremely seriously and it is now more important than ever to remove these dangerous guns out of the hands of criminals. We are seeing arrests for Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree almost every day and we look forward to prosecuting these cases in a court of law.”

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