

**News Release from  
The Honorable Sandra Doorley  
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**Randall Scott Sentenced to 21 Years to Life**

Rochester, NY- Tuesday, May 9, 2022, Monroe County Court Judge Vacca sentenced 32-year-old Randall Scott to 21 years to Life in the New York State Department of Corrections. Randall Scott was previously convicted by a jury of Murder in the Second Degree for the murder of Paris Washington on June 19, 2020.

On the afternoon of Friday, June 19, 2020, Rochester Police Department Officers responded to 31 Bardin Street for the report of a victim shot. Officers responded and identified the victim deceased in his garage, as 29-year-old Paris Washington. It was determined that he died from a gunshot wound.

After an investigation by the Rochester Police Department, the Monroe County Crime Analysis Center, and the New York State Division of Parole, Olajuwon Holt was identified as being in the area at the time of the murder through his GPS ankle monitoring device. Olajuwon Holt and Randall Scott were found to be responsible for Paris Washington's murder and were indicted by the Monroe County Grand Jury for Murder in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree. At the time of the murder, Holt was on parole for a prior conviction of Assault in the Second Degree. Olajuwon Holt was convicted of Murder in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree on July 19, 2022. Holt was sentenced to 25 years to Life in the New York State Department of Corrections on September 13, 2022.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Rachel Clark, Deputy Chief of the Domestic Violence Bureau.

"Today's sentence concludes the long process of seeking justice for Paris Washington," said Assistant District Attorney Rachel Clark. "I want to thank the Rochester Police Department Major Crimes Unit, the Monroe County Crime Analysis Center, and the New York State Division of Parole for their thorough investigation that led to the successful prosecutions of Olajuwon Holt and Randall Scott. Almost three years later, the joint effort of these agencies ensured life sentences for those responsible for Paris Washington's murder."

"Our entire community is safer with Randall Scott and Olajuwon Holt serving life sentences," said District Attorney Sandra Doorley. "Olajuwon Holt had an opportunity to become a productive citizen, but instead he and Randall Scott took the life of Paris Washington, who was loved by his friends and family. Today's sentence is a much-needed resolution for this violent murder. It is the hope of the Monroe County District Attorney's Office that Paris Washington's friends and family can finally grieve outside of the criminal justice system."

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