

**News Release from  
The Honorable Sandra Doorley  
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**Travis Lewis Pleads Guilty to Manslaughter in the 1<sup>st</sup> Degree, Assault in the 1<sup>st</sup> Degree, and Other Felonies**

Rochester, NY- Wednesday, September 27, 2023, 35-year-old Travis Lewis pled guilty to multiple incidents. Travis Lewis pled guilty to the entire indictment, including two counts of Assault in the 1<sup>st</sup> Degree, two counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree, and Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the 7<sup>th</sup> Degree. The co-defendant, 17-year-old Justin Rhynes, also pled guilty to the indictment, including two counts of Assault in the 1<sup>st</sup> Degree, two counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree, and Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the 7<sup>th</sup> Degree. This indictment was related to a shooting on September 28, 2022, which resulted in a 3-year-old being shot in the crossfire.

On September 28, 2022, Rochester Police Officers arrived in the area of N. Clinton Avenue and Clifford Avenue around 6:00PM. The toddler was sitting in a car seat in a parked vehicle when he was caught in the crossfire and shot. After a swift and thorough investigation, Travis Lewis and Justin Rhynes were identified as the shooters. Travis Lewis will be sentenced to 20 years in the New York State Department of Corrections plus 5 years of post-release supervision. Justin Rhynes, who was 16 years old at the time of the shooting, will be sentenced to 5 years in the New York State Department of Corrections plus 5 years of post-release supervision.

Travis Lewis also pled guilty to Manslaughter in the 1<sup>st</sup> Degree for causing the death of Isaiah Fleming. On September 5, 2022, at approximately 12:15AM, Rochester Police Officers responded to a convenience store at Joseph Avenue for the report of a male shot. Upon arrival, they located 24-year-old Isaiah Fleming shot in the upper body. He died at the scene following lifesaving measures. After a detailed investigation, Travis Lewis was later indicted by a grand jury for the homicide, which was unsealed on December 7, 2022. Travis Lewis will be sentenced to 20 years in the New York State Department of Corrections plus 5 years of post-release supervision for the homicide.

Travis Lewis also pled guilty to Attempted Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree on May 31, 2021, which was pending sentencing at the time of his most recent crimes. He will be sentenced to 7 years in the New York State Department of Corrections for this 2021 gun offense.

The September 28, 2022 indictment and the September 5, 2022 Manslaughter in the 1<sup>st</sup> Degree charge will run concurrently. These will run consecutively to the Attempted Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree plea. **Travis Lewis is expected to serve 27 years in the New York State Department of Corrections plus 5 years of post-release supervision.**

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Michael Robertson, Deputy Chief of the Special Victims Unit and Assistant District Attorney Matthew Schiano, of the Major Felony Bureau.

“Travis Lewis was one of the most violent offenders plaguing our community,” said Assistant District Attorney Michael Robertson. “This man not only took the life of Isaiah Fleming, he nearly killed a three-year-old with his dangerous and reckless shooting. I want to thank the Rochester Police Department for their detailed investigation, resulting in today’s admission of guilt.”

“Travis Lewis had no concerns about risking the lives of many by shooting illegally possessed firearms,” said District Attorney Sandra Doorley. “As a predicate felon, Travis Lewis knew what the consequences of his actions would be when he took the shot and killed Isaiah Fleming, and almost killed a toddler. This defendant does not value human life or the safety of our community. Our community is safer with this defendant in the New York State Department of Corrections.”

Travis Lewis and Justin Rhynes will be sentenced on October 27, 2023, for the September 28, 2022, shooting in front of Acting Family Court Judge Healy. Travis Lewis will be sentenced on October 30, 2023, for the homicide of Isaiah Fleming in front of New York State Supreme Court Justice Moran.

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