

**News Release from
The Honorable Sandra Doorley
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Parolee Tyrone Jiggetts, Jr. Convicted of Murder in the 2nd Degree

Rochester, NY- Friday, September 22, 2023, a Monroe County Jury convicted 28-year-old Tyrone Jiggetts, Jr. of Murder in the 2nd Degree and six counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree for murder of Juan Pena Mendez. The jury did not reach a verdict for the murder of Luis Morales. This case will be retried at a later date.

On February 26, 2022, at approximately 11:15AM, Rochester Police Officers were called to Rialto Street for a shooting. Upon arrival, they located Juan Pena Mendez, who was found deceased from gunshot wounds, sitting inside his motor vehicle in a driveway.

After a thorough investigation, the Rochester Police Department identified parolee Tyrone Jiggetts, Jr. as the shooter. Tyrone Jiggetts was on parole for a previous Attempted Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree conviction at the time of both murders.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Michael Robertson, Deputy Chief of the Special Victims Unit.

“The murder of Juan Pena Mendez was committed by Tyrone Jiggetts in broad daylight,” said Assistant District Attorney Michael Robertson. “Tyrone Jiggetts ambushed the victim, who was sitting in his car on a Saturday morning. I want to thank the Rochester Police Department for their detailed investigation, resulting in today’s conviction”

“Tyrone Jiggetts was given the opportunity to re-enter society and become a productive citizen,” said District Attorney Sandra Doorley. “Instead of staying away from illegal weapons and abiding by the law, he violently killed Juan Pena Mendez and had no qualms regarding the possession of multiple illegal firearms. Tyrone Jiggetts has shown us that he is a dangerous individual who needs to take accountability for his actions. I want to thank the Rochester Police Department for this investigation, our community is safer with this defendant in the New York State Department of Corrections.”

Tyrone Jiggetts, Jr. will be sentenced on November 8, 2023, in front of New York State Supreme Court Justice Schiano.

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