

**News Release from
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**Jury Finds Parolee Whitney Morris Guilty of Murder in the 2nd Degree for
the Murder of Christopher Porchea**

Rochester, NY- On Monday, December 11, 2023, a Monroe County Jury convicted 33-year-old Whitney Morris of Murder in the Second Degree for the murder of Christopher Porchea on November 26, 2021.

On November 26, 2021, at approximately 6:45PM, Rochester Police Officers located 51-year-old Christopher Porchea with a gunshot wound to his upper body in a parking lot at Norton Street and North Clinton Avenue. He was taken to the hospital via ambulance, where he died from his injuries three days later.

After a thorough investigation by the Rochester Police Department, the Monroe County Crime Analysis Center, and the New York State Division of Parole, Whitney Morris, a parolee and registered sex offender, was developed as a suspect. A jury found him responsible for Christopher Porchea's murder.

The case was prosecuted by First Assistant District Attorney Perry Duckles and Assistant District Attorney Michael Harrigan, Chief of the Homicide Bureau.

"Christopher Porchea was walking our city streets, unaware that the defendant had been stalking him," said First Assistant District Attorney Perry Duckles. "Their meeting was not a chance encounter, rather it was a calculated attack that left Mr. Porchea fighting for his life. I want to thank the Rochester Police Department, the Monroe County Crime Analysis Center, and the New York State Division of Parole Officers for their thorough investigation that resulted in the identification and apprehension of Whitney Morris. Today, our community is safer knowing that Whitney Morris will be spending time in the New York State Department of Corrections, away from Monroe County."

"As a sex offender and a murderer, Whitney Morris is a danger to our entire community," said District Attorney Sandra Doorley. "Instead of re-entering society and trying to lead a lawful life, Whitney Morris followed Christopher Porchea, ambushed, and killed him. He had no regard for the life of the victim and risked the lives of everyone around him. Today's conviction is a much-needed and long awaited resolution for the loved ones of Christopher Porchea."

Whitney Morris will be sentenced on February 16, 2024, in front of Monroe County Court Judge Douglas Randall.

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