

**News Release from  
The Honorable Sandra Doorley  
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**Ammenra Felton Sentenced to 25 Years to Life for the Murder of Charlotte Thomas**

Rochester, NY- Monday, October 2, 2023, New York State Supreme Court Justice Walsh sentenced 32-year-old Ammenra Felton to 25 years to Life in the New York State Department of Corrections following his jury conviction of Murder in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree and two counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree for the murder of Charlotte Thomas.

On January 23, 2022, at approximately 5:00PM, Rochester Police Officers responded to Lyell Avenue and Child Street, where they located Charlotte Thomas, who was found with a gunshot wound lying in the road. Charlotte Thomas was immediately rushed to Strong Memorial Hospital but died from her injuries around 10:00PM.

After a swift and thorough investigation, the Rochester Police Department identified Ammenra Felton as the shooter. The defendant shot Charlotte Thomas during an altercation, although she was not known to the defendant. Following the murder, Ammenra Felton fled to Sugarland, Texas. He was located and arrested by Rochester Police Officers and members of the United States Marshals Task Force with the assistance of local Texas law enforcement.

The case was prosecuted by former Assistant District Attorney Jennifer Hyatt.

“I want to thank the Rochester Police Department for their detailed investigation and former ADA Jennifer Hyatt for her diligent work, resulting in Ammenra Felton’s life sentence,” said Assistant District Attorney Robin Catalano, Chief of the Special Investigations Bureau. “I hope that today’s resolution brings a sense of justice to Charlotte’s family, who attended every day of this devastating trial.”

“Ammenra Felton had no regard for human life, the safety of his fellow community members, or the law when he brazenly shot an illegally possessed gun, killing Charlotte Thomas,” said District Attorney Sandra Doorley. “Ammenra Felton’s reckless actions with an illegal firearm ended Charlotte’s life far too soon. Charlotte’s murder was an utter tragedy because of one man’s violent and intentional actions. It is our hope that Charlotte Thomas’ loved ones can find peace in today’s sentence, and they can continue to heal knowing that her murderer will finally be incarcerated. Our community is safer now that Ammenra Felton will be serving a life sentence for this murder.”

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