

**News Release from
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Jackie Ray Robinson Convicted of Murder in the 2nd Degree

Rochester, NY- Thursday, March 2, 2023, a Monroe County Jury convicted 44-year-old Jackie Ray Robinson of Murder in the 2nd Degree, two counts of Assault in the 1st Degree, Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree, and Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 3rd Degree for the murder of Chad Wilson.

On March 12, 2022, after 12:00AM Rochester Police Officers responded to Jackie Ray's Tavern on Bay Street in the City of Rochester, where they found Chad Wilson shot several times in the upper body. He was immediately transported to Strong Memorial Hospital, where he died from his injuries days later. A second victim was shot the same night. He was taken to Strong Memorial Hospital in a private vehicle. He later recovered from his injuries.

After a thorough investigation, the Rochester Police Department identified Jackie Ray Robinson, manager of Jackie Ray's Tavern, as the shooter of both victims. Jackie Ray Robinson was charged with Chad Wilson's murder and the assault of the second victim, Jerome Mason.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Christopher Bokelman, Chief of the Public Integrity/Economic Crimes Bureau.

"Jackie Ray Robinson's deadly actions violently took the life of Chad Wilson, and nearly killed Jerome Mason," said Assistant District Attorney Christopher Bokelman. "As a repeat felony offender, Jackie Ray Robinson should have never possessed a firearm, or been working at, especially not managing, a Tavern. Jackie Ray Robinson had no regard for human life, the safety of his own patrons, or the law, when he fired multiple shots inside the tavern. I want to thank the Rochester Police Department for their detailed investigation, and the cooperation of many people in our community who were willing to come forward with information, resulting in the successful prosecution of all Mr. Robinson."

"This murder was brutal, violent, and completely senseless," said District Attorney Sandra Doorley. "Jackie Ray Robinson's history proves that he has no intention of being a productive citizen of our community and he is best served in the New York State Department of Corrections. Instead of promoting his business and following the law, he used it as a place to commit a terrible murder and assault. Even though they will never get their loved one back, it is our hope that the family of Chad Wilson and Jerome Mason all feel a sense of justice in today's verdict."

Jackie Ray Robinson will be sentenced on March 30th, in front of New York State Supreme Court Justice Argento.

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