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Parolee Lequan Hill Sentenced to 25 years to Life for the Murder of Antoine Parris

Rochester, NY- On Wednesday, February 14, 2024, New York State Supreme Court Justice Alex Renzi sentenced 31-year-old Lequan Hill to 25 years to Life for the murder of Antoine Parris. He was previously convicted by a jury of Murder in the Second Degree.

On November 3, 2022, at approximately 6:45PM, Rochester Police Officers were called to Frost Avenue in the City of Rochester for reports of a man who was stabbed. It was discovered that 42-year-old Antoine Parris was stabbed and he was immediately transported to Strong Memorial Hospital, where he died from his injuries.

After a thorough investigation by the Rochester Police Department and the New York State Division of Parole, Lequan Hill, a parolee who was released from custody early on a parole violation, was identified as the suspect. Lequan Hill was in an argument with his father while walking past the house of Antoine Parris on Frost Avenue. Antoine Parris attempted to intervene when Lequan Hill stabbed him.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Michael Harrigan, Chief of the Major Felony Bureau, and Special Assistant District Attorney Adam VanHeyst, of the Special Investigations Bureau.

“What began as an aggressive argument between Lequan Hill and his father, turned into the murder of Antoine Parris,” said Assistant District Attorney Michael Harrigan. “Antoine Parris was attempting to be a Good Samaritan and calm an escalating situation when Lequan Hill violently stabbed him in a fit of anger. I want to thank the Rochester Police Department and the New York State Division of Parole Officers for their thorough investigation that resulted in the swift identification and apprehension of the defendant. Lequan Hill is a dangerous man who has no place in our community.”

“Lequan Hill has shown us over and over again that he is a danger to everyone in his vicinity,” said District Attorney Sandra Doorley. “A week before Antoine Parris’ murder, Lequan Hill was released from custody for a parole violation, in which he cut off his ankle monitor. The brazen murder of Antoine Parris further proved that Lequan Hill must spend the rest of his life in the New York State Department of Corrections for everyone’s safety. Today’s maximum sentence is the only appropriate resolution for this defendant’s capacity for violence.”

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