

**News Release from
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Martha Jones Sentenced to 18 Years for Manslaughter in the 1st Degree

Rochester, NY- Thursday, September 24, 2020, Monroe County Court Judge Michael Dollinger sentenced 29-year-old Martha Jones to 18 years in the New York State Department of Corrections plus 5 years of Post Release Supervision. On February 19, 2020, Martha Jones was convicted by a jury of Manslaughter in the 1st Degree for the death of Micah Welch.

On July 10, 2019, Rochester Police Officers found Micah Welch shot in the leg at a residence on Brookdale Avenue in the City of Rochester. Micah Welch suffered significant blood loss and was pronounced dead at the scene.

After a swift and detailed investigation by the Major Crimes Unit at the Rochester Police Department, Martha Jones was arrested for Micah Welch's murder.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Christopher Bokelman, Deputy Chief of the Local Courts Bureau.

"I want to sincerely thank the Major Crimes Unit at the Rochester Police Department who were responsible for the identification and apprehension of Martha Jones," said Assistant District Attorney Christopher Bokelman. "Ms. Jones' actions on July 10, 2019, were violent, aggressive, and took the life of Micah Welch. We hope that today's sentence brings some sense of justice to the victim's family and that the community knows it is safer with the defendant being incarcerated."

"On July 10, 2019, Martha Jones had no respect for Micah Welch's life and the way his death would affect his loved ones," said District Attorney Sandra Doorley. "This was an unwarranted death, and now Martha Jones will be facing the consequences of her actions in the New York State Department of Corrections."

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