

**News Release from
The Honorable Sandra Doorley
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**Nashiem Burton Sentenced on Charges Relating to the Death of Anthony
Lawson**

Rochester, NY- Tuesday, September 17, 2019, Monroe County Court Judge Douglas Randall sentenced 17-year-old Nashiem Burton to 20 years in the New York State Department of Corrections plus 5 years of Post Release Supervision, for his role in the robbery which led to the death of Anthony Lawson on September 24, 2018. Burton pled guilty to Robbery in the First Degree on July 30, 2019. Burton's co-defendant, 18-year-old David Johnson was sentenced to 30 years in State Prison earlier this year on May 31, 2019.

On September 24, 2018 around 6:30 pm, in the area of Lyell and Child, David Johnson and Nashiem Burton approached Anthony Lawson as he was on the sidewalk with friends. David Johnson shot Mr. Lawson three times, while Nashiem Burton forced another individual out of a car at gunpoint, stealing the vehicle in the process. Johnson then took two gold chains from Anthony Lawson as he lay in the street. Anthony Lawson later died from his injuries.

The case was prosecuted by First Assistant District Attorney Perry Duckles.

"The sentence handed down today reflects Mr. Burton's willing participation in the Robbery that ultimately led to the Death of Anthony Lawson." said Assistant District Attorney Perry Duckles. "I would like to thank the hard-working officers of the Rochester Police Department for their swift and diligent investigation. We hope this result will bring some level of comfort to the friends and family of Anthony Lawson."

"Today's sentence is reflective of the tireless work by the Rochester Police Department," said District Attorney Sandra Doorley. "Nashiem Burton has twenty years to contemplate the severity of his actions. The District Attorney's Office is committed to holding all persons involved in a crime accountable for their actions and the end result."