

**News Release from  
The Honorable Sandra Doorley  
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**Shannon Rienholtz Convicted of Murder in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree**

Rochester, NY- Wednesday, May 3, 2023, a Monroe County Jury convicted 41-year-old Shannon Rienholtz of Murder in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree for the murder of James Wooden.

On September 29, 2021, after 12:30AM, Rochester Police Officers arrived at Minder Street, where they located Shannon Rienholtz and Kristin Krueger. Shortly after, additional Officers with the Rochester Police Department were called to Durand Eastman Park, where they found 67-year-old James Wooden deceased, with over forty stab wounds. The Rochester Police Department quickly identified the defendants as the two women responsible for the stabbing death of James Wooden.

On March 30, 2023, Kristen Krueger pled guilty to Manslaughter in the 1<sup>st</sup> Degree for her role in James' death.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Monica O'Brien, Deputy Chief of the Local Courts Bureau, and Senior Assistant District Attorney Camille Ingino, of the Major Felony Bureau.

"Shannon Rienholtz violently stabbed James Wooden to death," said Assistant District Attorney Monica O'Brien. "Nobody deserves to be left for dead in the middle of the night. I want to thank the Rochester Police Department for their detailed investigation and the cooperation of the public who were willing to testify in court, resulting in the successful prosecution of Shannon Rienholtz."

"Based on their violent actions, Shannon Rienholtz and Kristin Krueger will be best served in the New York State Department of Corrections," said District Attorney Sandra Doorley. "It is the hope of the Monroe County District Attorney's Office that both women will contemplate their destructive behavior that took the life of a 67-year-old man. Although they will never get their loved one back, it is our hope that the family of James Wooden all feel a sense of justice in today's verdict."

Shannon Rienholtz will be sentenced on June 13, 2023, in front of New York State Supreme Court Justice Sinclair. She will be sentenced as a second violent felony offender. Kristin Krueger's next court date is May 16, 2023, also in front of New York State Justice Sinclair.

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