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**Three Indicted for Chili Avenue Murders**  
**Grand Jury Charges Murder in the 1<sup>st</sup> Degree in Triple Slaying**

Rochester, NY- A Monroe County Grand Jury voted yesterday to charge Marlando A. Allen, Steve Fulcott, and Andre C. McFarlane with Murder in the First Degree for their involvement in the February 22<sup>nd</sup> slaying of three individuals in a Chili Avenue home. On that date, the three defendants are alleged to have shot and killed twenty-four year old Jacqueline Simmons and her cousins, twenty-four year old Michael Nelson and twenty-one year old Jermeliah Simmons, with a handgun. The bodies of the victims were discovered two days later by family members, who came to the home after the occupants had failed to answer phone calls. While police made no immediate arrests in the case, the three defendants were among several people arrested on February 28th in the course of a separate investigation into a drug ring operating out of a Clifford Avenue apartment building. That bust, which netted more than 80 pounds of marijuana, resulted in the confiscation of several illegal guns, one of which proved to be linked to the triple homicide. Police were able to pair that discovery with other evidence to determine the identities of the alleged killers, resulting in additional charges of murder on April 29<sup>th</sup>.

First Assistant District Attorney Kelly Wolford of the Monroe County District Attorney's Office will prosecute the case for the People.

"Yesterday's indictment was the culmination several weeks of excellent police work and information sharing across multiple agencies, and I want to thank our partners in federal, state, and local law enforcement for their efforts" said Wolford. "Murders, sadly, are not an uncommon occurrence in any urban area, but the calculated execution of three individuals in a single incident would shock the residents of even the largest city. The men who are alleged to have committed these murders are among the most dangerous of any in our society, and I look forward to prosecuting this case and delivering justice to the families of the victims."

All three defendants have remained held without bail in Monroe County jail since their arrests in April. If convicted, each face Life in Prison without the Possibility of Parole.

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