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**Jerrell Henry Convicted of Murder in the First Degree**

Rochester, NY- Today, a Monroe County jury found Jerrell Henry Guilty of Murder in the First Degree for his role in the February 3<sup>rd</sup> slaying of RIT Professor Edline Chun. On that date, Henry and an accomplice, Natalie Johnson, entered Chun's home on Hazelwood Terrace in the City of Rochester where they robbed her and Henry later shot her twice in the head. Her body was discovered in a ravine in Tryon Park three days later by Monroe County Water Authority employees. Police arrested Henry and Johnson the following day, when Henry was discovered with Chun's car. Remarkably, Henry, who was out on parole on the day of the crime, murdered Chun while wearing an electronic monitoring device, allowing prosecutors to place Henry at the scene of both the robbery and the location that Chun's body was discovered.

The case was prosecuted for the People by Perry Duckles, Chief of the Monroe County District Attorney's Office Major Felony Bureau, and Assistant District Attorney James Egan.

"All murders are savage, but the defendant's actions in this case were particularly insidious and cold blooded," said Duckles. "On February 3, 2013, Jerrell Henry set a plan into motion that involved the premeditated murder of a respected member of this community— an educator who made a difference in many people's lives. His conviction, like Natalie Johnson's a month ago, was both just and necessary to protect the community."

Henry will be sentenced on January 14<sup>th</sup> before Supreme Court Justice Francis Affronti, where he faces up to Life in Prison Without the Possibility of Parole. The trial of his alleged accomplice, Natalie Johnson, who was charged with Second Degree Murder, concluded with a Guilty verdict in November. Johnson, who will be sentenced tomorrow, faces up to 25 Year to Life in prison. Henry has remained in custody since his arrest and will be held in Monroe County Jail until his sentencing.

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