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Kesean McKenzie-Smith and Williams Wilkins
Sentenced to 130 Years to Life in Prison

Rochester, NY- Today, Supreme Court Justice Francis A. Affronti sentenced Kesean McKenzie-Smith and Williams Wilkins to 130 years in prison for the August 31, 2012 shooting death of 19 year old Montre Bradley outside of a shoe store in the Town of Gates. On that date in the early morning hours, Bradley and a group of individuals were waiting for the opening of a shoe store on Chili Avenue when they were approached by the defendants and robbed at gunpoint. At some point during the robbery, the defendants became involved in an altercation with the victim which ended with the victim being shot once in the lower abdomen. Bradley was transported to Strong Memorial Hospital where he was pronounced dead. A subsequent investigation by the Gates Police Department resulted in the apprehension of both defendants days later. Since the men acted as accomplices, the defendants were tried with separate counsel before the same jury, who convicted both men of Murder in the 2nd Degree, 3 counts of Robbery in the 1st Degree, and 2 counts of Attempted Robbery in the 1st Degree on October 7th of this year.

Tim Prosperi, the Second Assistant District Attorney, and Sara VanStrydonck, Chief of the Child Abuse Bureau, prosecuted the case for the People.

“While the sentence imposed upon these two men is significant, it’s appropriate given the callousness of their actions on August 31, 2012.” said Prosperi. “Kesean McKenzie-Smith and Williams Wilkins showed an incredible lack of respect for life that morning, and there’s little doubt that this community will forever be a safer place with these men in custody for the remainder of their lives.”

The sentence of 130 Years to Life in prison was the maximum allowable sentence which the judge could impose. Both men will begin serving their sentences immediately.

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