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Monroe County Jury Convicts Preston Carter of Murder

Rochester, NY- Today, a Monroe County jury found Preston Carter, 28, guilty of the November 2008 murder of Joel B. Greenberg at the Extended Stay America hotel in Henrietta. Greenberg, who was 40 years old at the time of his death, was discovered by an employee of the hotel in a guest room, where he had suffered massive trauma to his upper body, head and neck.

Carter, who remained in custody throughout the investigation, was an early suspect in the slaying, but timetables for the collection and testing of critical forensic evidence in the case delayed his indictment on murder charges until late last year. The Monroe County Sheriffs Office conducted the investigation and are credited with identifying Carter as a suspect and diligently following leads that led to his arrest.

The case was prosecuted for the People by Chief of the Special Investigations Bureau Matthew Schwartz of the Monroe County District Attorneys Office. No motive for the crime was ever established.

“While this is certainly a moment to celebrate a just conviction, it is also a moment to reflect on the life of an individual who was taken from his family far too early,” said Monroe County District Attorney Sandra Doorley. “I know I speak for every member of law enforcement when I say that we take tremendous pride in prosecuting people like Mr. Carter, but the violence that leads to these types of convictions is an ongoing tragedy that effects our entire community.”

Carter, who will be sentenced on November 28th, faces 25 years to life in prison.

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