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**Jordan Torres Pleads Guilty to Manslaughter in the 1st Degree for the
Homicide of Shalar Davy**

Rochester, NY- On Tuesday, August 6, 2024, 17-year-old Jordan Torres pled guilty to Manslaughter in the 1st Degree for the fatal shooting of Shalar Davy.

On October 5, 2023, just before midnight, Rochester Police Officers responded to the area of Portland Avenue and Norton Street for the report of a male shot. Upon arrival, they located Shalar Davy on the sidewalk with a gunshot wound to his chest and abdomen. He was immediately transported to Strong Memorial Hospital, where he died from his injuries.

After a thorough investigation by the Rochester Police Department, Jordan Torres was identified as the shooter. He was located in Mt. Vernon, New York after fleeing Monroe County, and arrested for the homicide with the assistance of the United States Marshals Task Force and Westchester County Police Department on October 13, 2023. Eric Thomas was later located in Rochester and arrested as his accomplice on October 18, 2023.

Jordan Torres, armed with a 9mm semi-automatic pistol, and Eric Thomas, armed with a long-rifle, approached a man standing near the victim to rob him. Both Torres and Thomas pulled their guns. When Shalar Davy stepped in to stop them, Torres fired at him twice, and struck him in the chest. Both defendants ran away with the stolen items, leaving their victim on the sidewalk to die. The defendants and victim were strangers. Eric Thomas has also pled guilty for his part in the robbery and Davy's death.

Jordan Torres will be sentenced to 24 years in the New York State Department of Corrections plus 5 years of post-release supervision.

The case was prosecuted by Special Assistant District Attorney Merrick Sadler, of the Non-Fatal Shootings Bureau.

“Shalar was a cherished son and brother stolen from a community of people that love him,” said Assistant District Attorney Merrick Sadler. “He would have celebrated his 33rd birthday this month if not for the actions of Jordan Torres and Eric Thomas. While I am pleased that Jordan Torres admitted to shooting and killing Shalar, and Thomas admitted to his participation in the robbery that cost Shalar his life, this was a senseless crime, resulting from a completely selfish

robbery over something trivial and meaningless, which stands in stark contrast to the loss of Shalar Davy's life. I want to thank the Rochester Police Department Major Crimes Unit for their thorough investigation, witnesses who came forward even though speaking up about the violence in our community takes a profound amount of bravery, and Shalar Davy's family for their unwavering support in seeking justice for Shalar. Jordan Torres committed a heartless act that can never be undone, but I hope that today's plea brings a sense of closure to Shalar's family."

"Jordan Torres made a choice to steal from someone while armed with a deadly weapon and shot a completely innocent victim in the process," said Monroe County District Attorney Sandra Doorley. "Mr. Davy's loved ones will never see him again. While Jordan Torres will see his 33rd birthday, Shalar will never have that opportunity. We hope that Jordan Torres will use his time in the Department of Corrections to reflect on his violent actions that took a life and ruined a family, and that Shalar Davy's loved ones can find justice in today's admission of guilt."

Jordan Torres will be sentenced on September 4, 2024 and Eric Thomas will be sentenced on September 11, 2024, in front of Monroe County Court Judge Dollinger.

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