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**Monroe County Grand Jury Indicts
Miles Mitchell and James Hillyard For Murder**

Rochester, NY- Today, a Monroe County Grand Jury indicted Miles Mitchell, 23, and James Hillyard, 25, for the August 25th murder of Joshua Groat following a robbery on Lyell Avenue. Both men are accused of attempting to rob the victim, who fled approximately one block on foot before being chased down by the defendants. The victim was found with a gunshot wound to the torso and was pronounced dead at Strong Memorial Hospital.

Mitchell and Hillyard are both charged with two (2) counts of Murder in the 2nd Degree, two (2) counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree, Attempted Robbery in the 1st Degree, and Attempted Robbery. If convicted, both men face up to life in prison.

“2012 has been a violent year in the City of Rochester, but thanks to solid police work and help from members of the community, Joshua Groat’s killers will now face justice,” said Monroe County District Attorney Sandra Doorley. “Though the arrest and prosecution of the men who allegedly took his life can’t return Mr. Groat to his family, it can ensure that two violent criminals are taken off the streets and that our city is made safer.”

Both defendants remain in Monroe County Jail awaiting arraignment on the charges, which will be scheduled to occur later this week.

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