

**News Release from
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**Naveair Stewart Sentenced to 40 Years for the Homicides of Shanye Mootry
and Jevonte Huff**

Rochester, NY- Friday, September 20, 2024, Monroe County Court Judge Hahn sentenced 19-year-old Naveair Stewart to 40 years in the New York State Department of Corrections plus 5 years of post-release supervision. Naveair Stewart pled guilty to two counts of Manslaughter in the 1st Degree for causing the deaths of Shanye Mootry and Jevonte Huff.

During the early hours of May 29, 2023, Rochester Police Officers were called to a parking lot at the Anthony Jordan Health Center on Holland Street for gunshots. Upon arrival, 18-year-old Shanye Mootry was found shot to death. Rochester Police Officers conducted an investigation and determined that Shanye Mootry, who was sitting inside a vehicle at the time of the shooting, was not a participant in the gunfire, but was hit and killed by a bullet in the crossfire.

On August 26, 2023, in an unrelated incident, Rochester Police Officers responded to a gas station on Dewey Avenue, where they found 28-year-old Jevonte Huff shot in the upper body. He was immediately transported to Strong Memorial Hospital, where he died from his injuries. Just like Shanye Mootry, Jevonte Huff was not the intended target of the shooting.

The Rochester Police Department arrested Naveair Stewart the following day for shooting and killing Jevonte Huff. After a thorough investigation, an indictment was unsealed charging Naveair Stewart with causing the homicide of Shanye Mootry.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Rachel Clark, Deputy Chief of the Non-Fatal Shooting Taskforce.

“In his short 19 years of life, Naveair Stewart has caused a tremendous amount of violence and heartbreak in this community,” said Assistant District Attorney Rachel Clark. “Not just once, but twice, did Naveair Stewart’s violent gunfire result in the deaths of innocent bystanders. I want to thank the Rochester Police Department for their thorough investigation that resulted in today’s lengthy sentence. While nothing can bring back their loved ones, it is my hope that the families of Shanye Mootry and Jevonte Huff can continue to mourn their loved ones outside of the courtroom.”

“Last year, two unrelated altercations led to separate homicides at the hands of Naveair Stewart,” said District Attorney Sandra Doorley. “Naveair Stewart is a ruthless killer who had no concerns about using his illegally possessed firearm to solve arguments, regardless of the fatal risk. He did not learn his lesson when he took the life of 18-year-old Shanye Mootry, but instead once again escalated a dispute that resulted in the death of another innocent bystander, Jevonte Huff. It is clear that the defendant is a danger to this community, as he has no regard for anyone’s life. I am relieved that Naveair Stewart will spend the next forty years in the New York State Department of Corrections.”

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