

**News Release from
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**Nicholas Caretta Pleads Guilty to Manslaughter 2nd for the Death of
Josiah Porchea**

Rochester, NY- On Thursday, May 2, 2024, 24-year-old Nicholas Caretta pled guilty to Manslaughter in the 2nd Degree and Operator Leaving the Scene of an Incident Resulting in Death for causing the death Josiah Porchea.

During the early hours of April 25, 2023, Rochester Police Officers responded to calls for a man lying in the middle of the street at E. Main Street and Richmond Street. Upon arriving at the scene, Josiah Porchea was found and immediately transported to Strong Memorial Hospital, where he was pronounced dead shortly after. After a thorough investigation by the Rochester Police Department, it was determined that Josiah Porchea was standing near his parked car when Nicholas Caretta hit him with his motor vehicle before fleeing.

The case was prosecuted by Senior Assistant District Attorney Ryan Mulcahy, of the Special Investigations Bureau.

“Nicholas Caretta hit and killed Josiah Porchea with his car, before fleeing the scene instead of trying to help the dying victim,” said Assistant District Attorney Ryan Mulcahy. “The defendant deprived a mother of her son and stole Josiah Porchea from his loved ones. I would like to thank the Rochester Police Department for the thorough investigation resulting in today’s top-count plea. It is our hope that the family of Josiah Porchea can find solace in today’s resolution.”

“Josiah Porchea was a young man who had his entire life ahead of him,” said District Attorney Sandra Doorley. “It is the hope of the Monroe County District Attorney’s Office that during Nicholas Caretta’s time in the Department of Corrections, he considers his actions that resulted in Josiah Porchea’s death. I want to thank the Rochester Police Department and Assistant District Attorney Mulcahy for their dedication to justice for Josiah’s friends and family.”

Nicholas Caretta will be sentenced on May 13, 2024 in front of New York State Supreme Court Justice Moran. He will be sentenced to an indeterminate term of 4-12 years in the New York State Department of Corrections.

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