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18 Years In State Prison For Death of Ishmael Dowling



ALBANY, NY- District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that MALEEK JOHNSON, 20, of Albany, was sentenced to 18 years in State Prison before the Honorable Dan Lamont in Albany County Supreme Court this morning. On September 19, 2012, JOHNSON pleaded guilty to (1) Count of Manslaughter in the First Degree, a Class B Violent Felony.

On July 23, 2011 at 4:01 a.m., in the area of Broad Street and Third Avenue in the City of Albany, JOHNSON shot Ishmael Dowling, 28, while Dowling was sitting in his vehicle. Fleeing a short distance, Dowling crashed his vehicle into a brick wall. He was found dead when police arrived at the scene. DNA evidence subsequently linked JOHNSON to the murder weapon.

“The choices that Mr. Johnson made have earned him a lengthy state prison sentence, and in doing so have robbed another young man of his life. The young adults of Albany County need to take notice of this case, and understand how the choices you make not only have lasting consequences for you, but also those around you,” commented DA Soares.

Bureau Chief of the Major Offenses Unit Eric Galarneau and Assistant District Attorney Kurt Haas of the Street Crimes Bureau prosecuted this case.

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