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District Attorney Matthew Van Houten announced today that Jeremiah L. Jordan, 40, of Ithaca, was sentenced on Friday, August 25, 2023, in Tompkins County Court in connection with his conviction of Murder in the Second Degree and Tampering with Physical Evidence.

County Court Judge John C. Rowley sentenced Jordan to twenty (20) years to life in New York State Prison in connection with the Murder conviction and a concurrent term of one and a third to four (1 1/3 – 4) years in connection with the Tampering with Physical Evidence conviction. The prosecution had sought the maximum sentence, 25 years to life, and asked the court to impose consecutive sentences for the two felony convictions.

District Attorney Van Houten prosecuted the case. Ithaca attorneys Michael Pehinec and Joseph Kirby represented the defendant.

On July 19, 2023 a Tompkins County jury found Jordan guilty of Second Degree Murder and Tampering with Physical Evidence related to the stabbing death of Michael Monroe on October 28, 2022 along the Six Mile Creek Walk in the City of Ithaca. The trial commenced on July 10, 2023.

District Attorney Van Houten stated "Under the circumstances of this brutal murder, I strongly believe that Jeremiah Jordan should have received the maximum sentence of 25 to life. I was grateful that Michael Monroe's mother and niece spoke at the sentencing hearing because the defendant needed to hear that Michael was a kind and gentle person who was loved and supported by his family. Jeremiah Jordan's unprovoked and senseless act of violence caused Michael's family immeasurable pain that no court proceeding can ever come close to addressing."

The District Attorney's Office recognizes and thanks the agencies who conducted the investigation and assisted in the prosecution of this case, specifically the exemplary work of the Ithaca Police Department and the New York State Police Forensic Investigation Unit.
