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## Appellate Division Unanimously Affirms Triple Murder Re-Trial Conviction of Matthew Slocum



Slocum's Booking Photo



Still Photo From Pawn Shop Surveillance  
Taken Within Hours of the Murders

**ALBANY, NY-** District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that the Appellate Division, Third Department, unanimously upheld the murder conviction of MATTHEW SLOCUM, formerly of White Creek, NY.

The Office of the Albany County District Attorney acted as a Special Prosecutor at re-trial after a conflict had been identified between parties who presented the matter during a previous jury

trial. SLOCUM's initial conviction was overturned and the case was sent back to Washington County Court for a re-trial.

On July 14, 2017, SLOCUM was sentenced to 82 ½ years to Life in State Prison, before the Honorable Kelly S. McKeighan in Washington County Court. On June 20, 2017 SLOCUM was found guilty of (3) Counts of Murder in the Second Degree, each Class A-1 Felonies, (1) Count of Arson in the Third Degree, a Class C Felony, (1) Count of Tampering with Physical Evidence, a Class E Felony, (1) Count of Petit Larceny, a Misdemeanor, and (1) Count of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the Third Degree, a Class D Felony.

The jury concluded that on July 13, 2011, at a residence on Turnpike Road in the Town of White Creek, NY, SLOCUM intentionally caused the death of his mother Lisa Harrington, his step-father Dan Harrington, and his step-brother Joshua O'Brien, by means of shooting them with a shotgun. After committing the murders, SLOCUM intentionally set the house on fire to conceal evidence of the crime. The jury also concluded that SLOCUM stole the cell phone of his step-brother and was in illegal possession of weapons taken from the house.

SLOCUM appealed to the New York State Appellate Division, Third Department, on the basis that the conviction was not legally sufficient, and against the weight of the evidence. SLOCUM also appealed on claims of prosecutorial misconduct and that his sentence was harsh or excessive. The Appellate Division unanimously rejected all of SLOCUM'S arguments, [and affirmed his conviction and sentence.](#)

Former Bureau Chief Eric Galarneau and current Financial Crimes Bureau Chief Linda Griggs prosecuted this case for re-trial acting as Special Prosecutors.

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