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## **ROBERT BUDA JR. SENTENCED TO 40 YEARS TO LIFE IN PRISON FOR DOUBLE MURDER**

Dutchess County District Attorney Anthony Parisi announced today that Robert Buda, Jr., 36, was sentenced in Dutchess County Court to 20 years to life on two counts of Murder in the Second Degree, both Class A-1 Felonies. These sentences will run consecutively to each other. Additionally, Mr. Buda was sentenced to 15 years in prison on one count of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the Second Degree, a Class C Armed Violent Felony. That sentence will run concurrently to the murder sentences. Mr. Buda plead guilty to these crimes on March 18, 2026.

District Attorney Anthony Parisi said, “Robert Buda executed two innocent people in an act of unimaginable violence. Today's sentence ensures that he will never again have the opportunity to threaten another member of our community. While justice can never erase the pain suffered by the Hait family, it demands accountability, and that accountability has now been imposed. Dutchess County will continue to stand with victims and their families, and my office will continue to aggressively prosecute those who commit acts of violence in our community.”

The charges stem from an incident that occurred in the evening of January 26, 2025, at 78 Marlerville Road, in the Town of Wappinger. The Defendant intentionally killed Jo-Ann and Paul Hait by shooting them multiple times with a firearm. Mr. Buda was in possession of a 9-millimeter Sig Sauer P354 semi-automatic pistol with the intent to use it unlawfully against them and the possession of the firearm did not occur in his home or place of business.

The case was investigated by the Dutchess County Sheriff's Office and was prosecuted by Deputy Chief Assistant District Attorney Jennifer Fluck and Deputy Unit Chief Nick LaStella. The Honorable Karen Edelman-Reyes and former Dutchess County Court Judge Edward T. McLoughlin presided over the case.

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