

New York jury acquits Daniel Penny, who killed distressed street performer Jordan Neely

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New York, December 11 (RHC)-- A New York jury has acquitted subway vigilante Daniel Penny in the chokehold death of street performer Jordan Neely on a Manhattan subway train last May, finding Penny not guilty of criminally negligent homicide.

Thirty-year-old Neely, a beloved Michael Jackson impersonator, was unhoused and hungry, and crying out for help when Penny, a white former U.S. marine, attacked him and pinned him down on a subway train by the neck for six minutes.

Neely's family has separately filed a civil lawsuit against Penny. Neely's father, Andre Zachery, was removed from the New York courtroom yesterday after protesting the not-guilty verdict, along with others.

Zachery spoke from outside the courthouse: "I miss my son. My son didn't have to go through this. I didn't have to go through this, either. It hurts, really, really hurts. What are we going to do, people? What's going to happen to us now? I had enough of this. System is rigged. Come on, people. Let's do something about this."

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