

# Guilty — of lesser charges

Booker to be tried again on accusation of attempted murder of officer

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ITHACA — Jamel Booker's trial ended Monday with the jury hung on the attempted first-degree murder charge, and with Booker — who once expressed regret for shooting Ithaca police Officer Anthony Augustine — smiling as he heard verdicts of guilty on the lesser felony counts.

Booker also smiled as the jury was dismissed, while Augustine's loved ones and several Ithaca police officers in the courtroom seemed solemn and grim. Though Acting Ithaca Police Chief John Barber and District Attorney Gwen Wilkinson expressed disappointment, Wilkinson stressed that Booker is still facing



Jamel Booker

the attempted-murder charge, and they're looking forward to retrying him on it.

Booker, 23, is facing sentencing on convictions for aggravated assault of a police officer, first-degree assault, two counts of second-degree criminal possession of a weapon, first-degree criminal use of a firearm, fourth-degree criminal

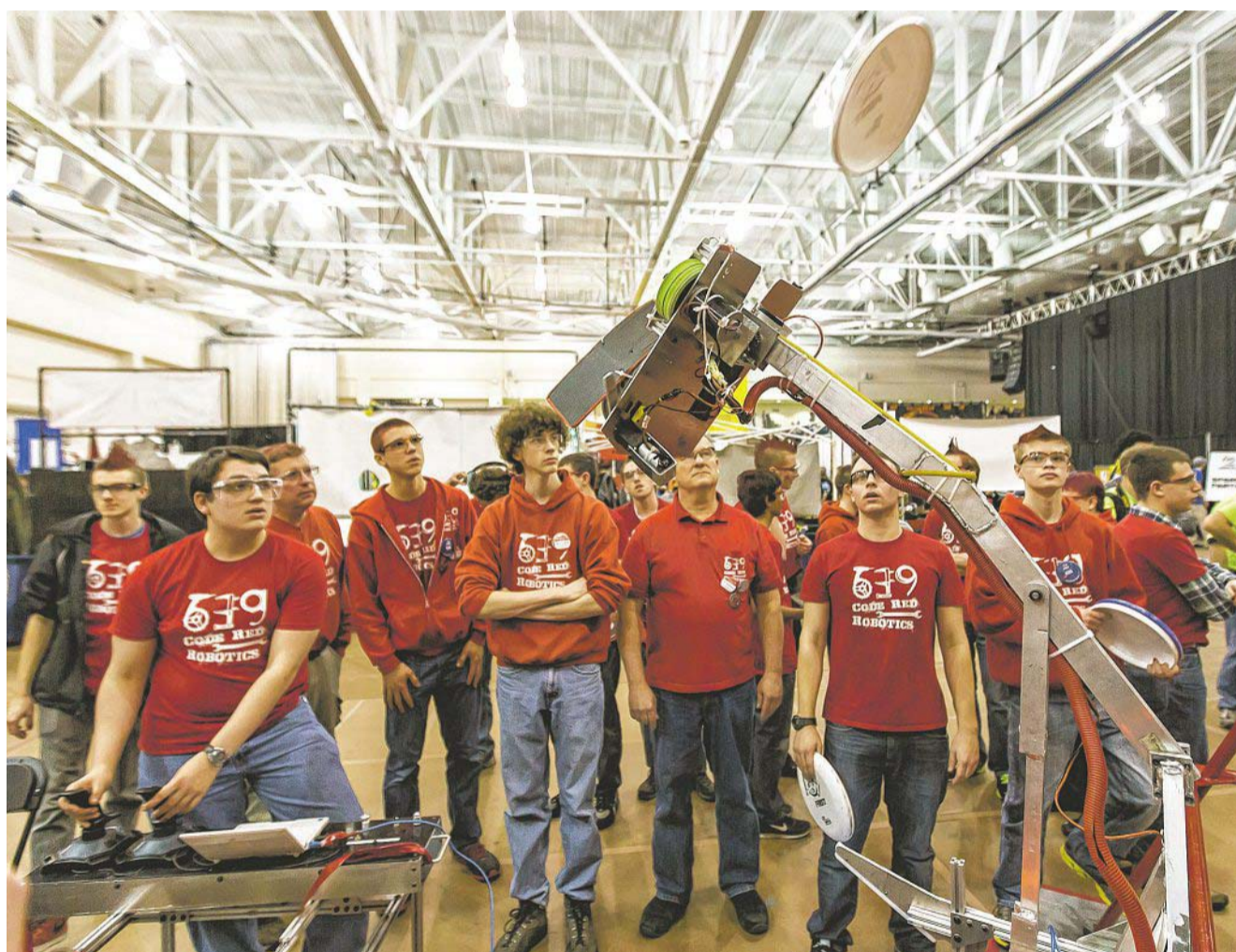
'The hung jury on the most significant charge is a blow to everyone in this county who puts on a uniform to protect and serve.'

**JOHN BARBER**  
Acting Ithaca police chief

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# Rocking with the robots

Ithaca students use 21st century skills to compete in world robotics competition



Ithaca High School student Ian Thompson operates the mechanical arm and shooter assembly on this year's Red Raptor robot as other Code Red robotics team members and mentors look on at the regional competition earlier this year in Rochester. The team now heads to the World Championships from Tuesday through Saturday in St. Louis. DAVE BURBANK / CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

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ITHACA — What's a robotics team without its robot?

Busy as ever.

After winning the Buckeye Regional FIRST Robotics Competition in Cleveland three weeks ago, Ithaca High School's Code Red team had its 120-pound robot, the Red Raptor, sealed in plastic and shipped off to St. Louis, where the students will compete in the international championship this weekend.

About 25 team members gathered at the high school for a build session last Tuesday night to work on a few replacement parts that will be mounted on the robot once the team arrives in St. Louis early Wednesday.

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Ithaca High School sophomore Ravi Lal operates a mill during a work session for Code Red robotics. D.W. NUTT / STAFF PHOTO

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» Visit Code Red Robotics' website at [www3.team639.org](http://www3.team639.org).  
» See a video of the Ithaca High School team with this story at [the.ithacajournal.com](http://the.ithacajournal.com).



## Suspect charged

Boston Marathon bombing suspect Dzhokhar Tsarnaev could face the death penalty after being federally charged with using a weapon of mass destruction Monday. **Page 1B**

# Cornell NYC project gets \$133M

Tech campus to be named after husband-wife donors

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ITHACA — The Cornell Tech project being built in New York City got a \$133 million gift Monday.

Irwin Mark Jacobs, founding chairman and CEO emeritus of Qualcomm, and his wife, Joan Klein Jacobs, made the gift to Cornell University and the Technion-Israel Institute of Technology to create the Joan and Irwin Jacobs Technion-Cornell Innovation Institute.

The institute is a key component of Cornell Tech, whose permanent campus will be on Roosevelt Island. The

funds will help support curriculum initiatives, faculty and graduate students, and industry interactions in a two-year graduate program. The gift was announced at City Hall with Mayor Michael Bloomberg, Cornell President David Skorton and Technion President Peretz Lavie.

The Jacobses are Cornell alumni who have a long history of supporting Cornell and the Technion-Israel Institute of Technology.

They have established the Irwin M. and Joan K. Jacobs Scholars and Fellows

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An artist's rendering shows how the New York City campus to be operated by Cornell University and Technion-Israel Institute of Technology will look in 2017. PROVIDED

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