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Weekly Newsletter



Welcome to the weekly newsletter from Monroe County District Attorney Sandra Doorley.

Upcoming Felony Trials

Listed below are the felony trials scheduled over the next four weeks. I will keep you updated in the newsletter on the result of these trials.

The People vs. Raheim Robinson will continue into next week.

This case is being prosecuted by First Assistant District Attorney Perry Duckles.

The defendant is charged with Reckless Endangerment in the 1st Degree, four counts of Murder in the 1st Degree, Attempted Murder in the 2nd Degree, twelve counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree, and Arson in the 4th Degree in front of Monroe County Court Judge Hahn.

The People vs. Akintunde Campbell will continue into next week.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Anthony Freeman, of the Non-Fatal Shooting Taskforce.

The defendant is charged with Attempted Murder in the 2nd Degree, Assault in the 1st Degree, Assault in the 2nd Degree, Robbery in the 1st Degree, Robbery in the 2nd Degree, two counts of Grand Larceny in the 4th Degree, and two counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree in front of Monroe County Court Judge Randall.

*The jury is out for **The People vs. Anthony Milling**.*

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Kristina Hinkley, of the Special Victims Unit.

The defendant is charged with two counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree and Assault in the 3rd Degree in front of New York State Supreme Court Justice Miller.

Homicide Update

To Date 2024:

City of Rochester Total:
11

Monroe County Total: 11

The jury is out for **The People vs. David McCullough**.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Diana Ferretti, of the General Felony Bureau.

The defendant is charged with Criminal Possession of Stolen Property in the 3rd Degree and Criminal Possession of Stolen Property in the 4th Degree in front of New York State Supreme Court Justice Sinclair.

March 25 - People vs. Byron Davis

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Emily Chisholm, of the Major Felony Bureau.

The defendant is charged with Attempted Murder in the 2nd Degree, Assault in the 1st Degree, and two counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree in front of New York State Supreme Court Justice Argento.

March 25 - People vs. Vincent Catalano

This case is being prosecuted Assistant District Attorney Aaron Rath, of the Special Victims Unit.

The defendant is charged with two counts of Criminal Contempt in the 1st Degree in front of New York State Supreme Court Justice Renzi.

March 25 - People vs. Mary Cordero and Ricardo Lopez-Ayala

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Stephen Ryck, of the Special Investigations Bureau.

The defendants are charged with Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree in front of New York State Supreme Court Justice Argento.

April 1 - People vs. Joseph Scott

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Michael Robertson, Deputy Chief of the Major Felony Bureau.

The defendant is charged with Murder in the 2nd Degree and two counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree in front of New York State Supreme Court Justice Miller.

April 3 - People vs. Randy Burney

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Jessica Wagner, of the Special Victims Unit.

The defendant is charged with Murder in the 2nd Degree, two counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree, and Assault in the 2nd Degree in front of New York State Supreme Court Justice Sinclair.

April 8 - People vs. Malik Scales

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Ryan Lamon, of the Public Integrity/Economic Crimes Bureau.

The defendant is charged with Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree in front of Monroe County Court Judge Randall.

April 8- People vs. Kalizjah Britt

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Megan Hausner, of the Major Felony Bureau.

The defendant is charged with Assault in the 1st Degree in front of New York State Supreme Court Justice Sinclair.

April 8 - People vs. Cedrick Wilson

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Matthew Schiano, of the Major Felony Bureau.

The defendant is charged with Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree in front of Monroe County Court Judge Randall.

April 9 - People vs. Shon Todd

This case is being prosecuted by the Assistant District Attorney Sara Vanstrydonck, Chief of the Special Victims Unit and Assistant District Attorney Janna Jehlen, also of the Special Victims Unit.

The defendant is charged with Murder in the 2nd Degree and Arson in the 2nd Degree in front of New York State Supreme Court Justice Argento.

April 9 - People vs. Christopher Jones

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Kristina Hinkley, of the Special Victims Unit.

The defendant is charged with Burglary in the 1st Degree, Assault in the 2nd Degree, Criminal Contempt in the 2nd Degree, and Menacing in the 2nd Degree in front of New York State Supreme Court Justice Moran.

April 15 - People vs. James Spivey, Jr.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Aliyah Fowler, of the Major Felony Bureau.

The defendant is charged with Robbery in the 1st Degree and Robbery in the 3rd Degree in front of Monroe County Court Judge Vacca.

April 15 - People vs. Michael Nesmith

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Stephen Ryck, of the Special Investigations Bureau.

The defendant is charged with Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree in front of Monroe County Court Judge Hahn.

April 15 - People vs. Kelvin Stanford, Jr.

This case is being prosecuted by Monroe County District Attorney Kaylee Rizzari, of the Special Victims Unit.

The defendant is charged with four counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree, two counts of Menacing in the 2nd Degree, Criminal Obstruction of Breathing or Blood Circulation, and Assault in the 3rd Degree in front of New York State Supreme Court Justice Renzi.

April 15 - People vs. Vidal Whitley

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Ryan Mulcahy, of the Special Investigations Bureau.

The defendant is charged with Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree and Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 3rd Degree in front of Monroe County Court Judge Vacca.

April 15 - People vs. Trevis Baker

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Matthew Schiano, of the Major Felony Bureau.

The defendant is charged with two counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree, two counts of Menacing in the 2nd Degree, and Endangering the Welfare of a Child in front of Monroe County Court Judge Hahn.

April 15 - People vs. Timothy Fackelman

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Terance Calcagno, of the General Felony Bureau.

The defendant is charged Burglary in the 3rd degree in front of New York State Supreme Court Justice Renzi.

April 16 - People vs. Jarod Thompson

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Diane Orosz-Roy, of the Vehicular Crimes Bureau.

The defendant is charged with Driving While Intoxicated and Aggravated Unlicensed Operation of a Motor Vehicle in the 1st Degree in front of New York State Supreme Court Justice Miller.

April 22 - People vs. Phillip Warren

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Jennifer Kennedy, Deputy Chief of the Special Investigations Bureau.

The defendant is charged with Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree and two counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 3rd Degree in front of New York State Supreme Court Justice Argento.

April 22 - People vs. Dionedre Wyatt

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Stephen Ryck, of the Special Investigations Bureau.

The defendant is charged with Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree in front of Monroe County Court Judge Dollinger.

April 22 - People vs. Curtis Griffin, Jr.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Ryan Mulcahy, of the Special Investigations Bureau.

The defendant is charged with two counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree and two counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 3rd Degree in front of Monroe County Court Judge Vacca.

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Highlights from the MCDA's Office

New York State Supreme Court Justice Renzi sentenced 36-year-old **Jorge Santana-Torres** to 25 years to Life in the New York State Department of Corrections. He was previously convicted by a jury of Murder in the 2nd Degree and two counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree for the murder of Alexis Mercedes. On November 19, 2022, at approximately 3:00AM, Rochester Police Officers arrived at a house on Lochner Place in response to a shooting. Upon arrival, they located 35-year-old Alexis Mercedes inside the house with a gunshot wound to the head. He was deceased upon arrival. After a thorough investigation, the Rochester Police Department identified Jorge Santana-Torres as the shooter. The following May, investigators located the defendant in Ohio. Rochester Police Investigators and members of the United States Marshals Violent Felony Fugitive Task Force apprehended Santana-Torres in Middletown Ohio, where he was arrested for the murder. The case was prosecuted by Senior Assistant District Attorney Jonathan Jirik, of the Vehicular Crimes Bureau.

38-year-old **Lester Lampley, Jr.** was convicted by a jury of Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the 2nd Degree and Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the 5th Degree. On August 6, 2022, Lester Lampley fled on an AV from a traffic stop on Maples Street in the City of Rochester, leading the Rochester Police Department on a foot chase. Lampley was apprehended underneath a bush in the rail yard with a large amount of illegal drugs packaged for sale. The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Tony DiPerna, of the Special Investigations Bureau. Lester Lampley, Jr. will be sentenced on July 30, 2024, in front of New York State Supreme Court Justice Moran.

29-year-old **Morris Jones, Jr.** was sentenced by Monroe County Court Judge Bailey Turner to 16 years in the New York State Department of Corrections plus 5 years of post-release supervision. Morris Jones, Jr. was previously convicted of Manslaughter in the 1st Degree and Assault in the 2nd Degree for the homicide of Keith Arnold and the stabbing of a second victim on June 6, 2021. On June 6, 2021, at approximately 12:35AM, 26-year-old Keith Arnold walked into a hospital with multiple stab wounds. He died later that morning. Rochester Police Investigators determined that Keith Arnold was stabbed to death outside the Dragonfly Tavern on Park Avenue in the City of Rochester. After a thorough investigation by the Rochester Police Department, Morris Jones, Jr. was identified as one of the assailants responsible for Keith Arnold's death. Following the stabbing, he fled the state and was arrested in Dallas, Texas by the United States Marshals Fugitive Task Force. Following Morris Jones, Jr.'s arrest, his brother, 26-year-old Michael Jones was also arrested for his role in the stabbing. Michael Jones was convicted by Monroe County Court Judge Karen Bailey Turner of Manslaughter in the 1st Degree following a bench trial. He was sentenced to 14 years in the New York State Department of Corrections. The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Gregory Clark, Chief of the Public Integrity/Economic Crimes Bureau.

Deadly Driving Update

While we continue to advocate for the bipartisan Deadly Driving Bill in the New York State Legislature (S.3135/A.174), District Attorney Sandra Doorley submitted a guest essay in Sunday's Democrat & Chronicle to share why this legislation is so important. If anyone is interested in the entire essay or learning more about the Deadly Driving bill, email DistrictAttorney@monroecounty.gov and we can send you material on this important legislation.



Happy St. Patrick's Day!

Monroe County District Attorney Sandra Doorley once again served as a judge in this year's Tops St. Patrick's Day Parade! It was great to see the community come together for this fun tradition to celebrate Irish Heritage. This year's participants had creative floats, wonderful displays of dance and music, and excellent energy. Thank you to everyone who came out to celebrate.



Continuing Legal Education

This week, members of the District Attorney's Office participated in Continuing Legal Education Seminars. The first was presented by Assistant District Attorney Monica O'Brien, Chief of the Local Courts Bureau. ADA O'Brien's presentation focused on using statements in the courtroom. This CLE was geared toward local court ADAs.

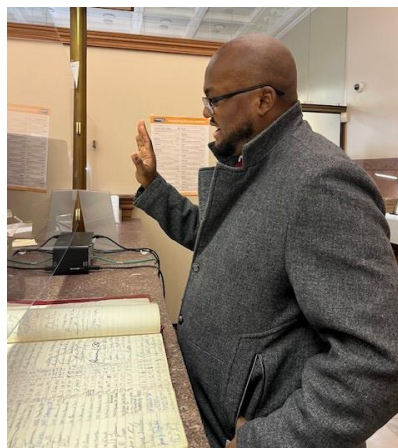


Assistant District Attorney Marty McCarthy, Special Counsel to the District Attorney, hosted a CLE titled “Eye on Identification Notices – The Interplay Between CPL 710.30 and People v Perdue.” This virtual CLE was presented through the New York Prosecutors Training Institute, or NYPTI. Over 200 attorneys from across New York State signed on to this training. Good work, Marty!



Welcome Back!

Welcome back to Assistant District Attorney Richard Turner! After some time away in private practice, ADA Turner returned back to the Monroe County District Attorney’s Office to work in the Town and Village Courts.



MCDA in the News

<https://www.whec.com/local/man-sentenced-25-years-to-life-for-deadly-shooting-of-man-inside-rochester-home/>

<https://13wham.com/news/local/convicted-murderer-sentenced-for-2022-fatal-shooting-at-party-in-rochester>

<https://www.rochesterfirst.com/crime/man-sentenced-25-years-to-life-for-deadly-house-party-shooting/>

<https://wham1180.iheart.com/content/2024-03-21-man-sentenced-in-fatal-park-ave-stabbing/>

<https://www.syracuse.com/crime/2024/03/former-syracuse-mayoral-candidate-gets-no-jail-time-for-loaded-gun-found-at-airport.html>

<https://nydailyrecord.com/2024/03/18/ny-appeals-court-prohibits-second-trial-in-rochester-murder-case/>

<https://www.democratandchronicle.com/story/news/2024/03/19/willie-shipmon-cant-be-retried-on-murder-charge-appellate-court-rules/73025232007/>

<https://13wham.com/news/local/court-rochester-man-charged-in-2021-deadly-shooting-cannot-be-retried-for-murder>



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