

**News Release from  
The Honorable Sandra Doorley  
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**Statement from Monroe County District Attorney Sandra Doorley Regarding  
2018 Medical Examiner's Heroin and Fentanyl Overdose Data**

“I am confident that the decrease in overdose deaths from 2017 to 2018 is a trend we will continue to see in the upcoming years. However, 195 overdose deaths in one year remains a terrifying number. Those are 195 lives lost and 195 families ruined. This opioid epidemic is far from over and we must continue to spread awareness, promote prevention and educate on the dangers of heroin and fentanyl in our community. I want to thank County Executive Cheryl Dinolfo for prioritizing this tragedy. I pledge to continue to do my part in prosecuting these dealers for homicide charges while diverting those who are struggling with addiction into recovery.”