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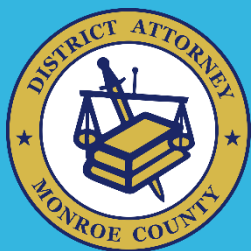
From Monroe County District Attorney Brian Green



The early weeks of the New Year have been exceptionally busy and meaningful for our office, and I am proud of the dedication and results our team has already delivered on behalf of the people of Monroe County. The professionalism and commitment of our prosecutors, investigators, and staff continue to be the foundation of our work and our success.

As part of an ongoing effort to strengthen transparency and connection with the community we serve, I have launched official Monroe County District Attorney accounts on Facebook, X, and Instagram. These platforms will allow us to share timely updates, highlight the important work being done across our office, and provide greater insight into how we carry out our mission of public safety, accountability, and justice. I encourage you to follow and engage with us as we continue this important work together.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership, and best wishes for a safe, healthy, and productive New Year.



MCDA in the Community

ADA Kaylee Rizzari, of the Special Victims Unit, presented at career day at Spry Middle School in Webster. She shared how to become an attorney, the role of a prosecutor, and the day-to-day in the Special Victims Unit.



Monroe County District Attorney Brian Green met with the Rochester Chapter of the Society of Former Special Agents of the FBI, to discuss his background and priorities for the office. Thank you to former Monroe County District Attorney and retired agent Donald Chesworth for the invitation.



Notable Court Appearances & Indictments

New York State Supreme Court Justice Stephen Miller sentenced 33-year-old **Taquida Hendrix** to 25 years to Life in the New York State Department of Corrections for the murder of 5-year-old Malakai Stovall. She was previously convicted by a jury of Murder in the 2nd Degree, Arson in the 1st Degree, and Assault in the 2nd Degree. Tiakayla Hendrix and Roy Chambers pled guilty to Arson in the 2nd Degree for their roles in assisting Taquida Hendrix in the arson. Tiakayla Hendrix was sentenced to 12 years in the New York State Department of Corrections plus 5 years of post-release supervision and Roy Chambers was sentenced to 9 years in the New York State Department of Corrections plus 5 years of post-release supervision. The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Kevin Sunderland, Chief of the Local Courts Bureau and Special Assistant District Attorney Janna Jehlen, of the Special Victims Unit.

Devin McBride, Jr. was indicted for Murder in the 2nd Degree, Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree, and Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 3rd Degree in relation to the murder of Devin McBride, Sr. This case is being prosecuted by ADA Adam VanHeyst, Deputy chief of the Major Felony Bureau and ADA Luke Schiano, of the General Felony Bureau.

Albian Cirino-Calderon was indicted on one count of Burglary in the 1st Degree and two counts of Criminal Contempt in the 1st Degree. This case is being prosecuted by ADA Armando Benitez, of the Special Victims Unit.

29-year-old **Ronnie Brooks** was arraigned on new charges for multiple sexual assaults between October 29, 2025 and November 27, 2025. Ronnie Brooks was indicted by the grand jury on one count of Kidnapping in the 1st Degree as a Sexually Motivated Felony, eight counts of Predatory Sexual Assault in violation of Section 130.95(1)(b), eight counts on Predatory Sexual Assault in violation of Section 130.95(2), Strangulation in the 2nd Degree, two counts of Rape in the 1st Degree in violation of 130.35(2)(a), two counts of Rape in the 1st Degree in violation of 130.35(3)(a), Attempted Rape in the 1st Degree, two counts of Rape in the 3rd Degree in violation of 130.25(6), two counts of Rape in the 3rd Degree in violation of 130.25(6), three counts of Endangering the Welfare of a Child, six counts of Sexual Abuse in the 1st Degree, one count of Attempted Sexual Abuse in the 1st Degree, two counts of Public Lewdness in violation of 245.00(a) and one count of Public Lewdness in violation of 245.00(b)(1). These charges involve eight identified victims. This remains an ongoing investigation by the Rochester Police Department Major Crimes Special Victims Unit. The case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Mikael Pelkey and Assistant District Attorney James Nguyen, both of the Special Victims Unit.

17-year-old **Ramell Griffin** pled guilty to Manslaughter in the 1st Degree for killing Devin Barstow. At approximately 6:00 PM on October 7, 2024, Rochester Police Officers were called to a porch on Flint Street for a report of a man shot. Upon their arrival, 18-year-old Devin Barstow was located on the porch with gunshot wounds, and was pronounced dead at the scene. After a thorough investigation, Rochester Police Detectives determined that Ramell Griffin targeted Devin Barstow earlier that day. Evidence shows the defendant shot the victim with an illegal handgun after an altercation near a recreation center off of Seward Street. Devin Barstow then ran to the porch on Flint Street, where he died from his injuries. The case was prosecuted by Special Assistant District Attorney Michael Caranante, of the Special Investigations Bureau, and Special Assistant District Attorney Ryan Lamon, of the Major Felony Bureau.

Ongoing Trials

The People vs. **Timothy Patterson**

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 Monroe County Court Judge Caroline Morrison.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Emily Chisholm, of the Non-Fatal Shooting Taskforce, and Assistant District Attorney Karen Chung, of the Vehicular Crimes Bureau.

The People vs. **Kristi Cieslinski**

The Defendant is charged with Burglary in the 2nd Degree, Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 1st Degree, ten counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree, nine counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 4th Degree, Grand Larceny in the 4th Degree, and two counts of Criminal Possession of Stolen Property in the 3rd Degree, in front of Monroe County Court Judge Michael Ansaldi.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Kristina Hinkley, of the Special Victims Unit and Assistant District Attorney Carrington Wells, of the Local Courts Bureau.