

MONROE COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

WEEKLY BULLETIN

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From Monroe County District Attorney Brian Green

This week, our office has been engaged in a demanding schedule of trials and court appearances. Most notably, this week brought significant resolutions in several violent, high-profile homicide cases.



Quentin Riviere was sentenced to 55 years to life and Nasezire Horton was sentenced to 25 years to life, both in the New York State Department of Corrections. Both defendants opened fire on three teenagers, killing 19-year-old Rukia Issack and seriously injuring two teenage boys. Through the thorough investigation conducted by the Rochester Police Department and the diligent prosecution by Assistant District Attorneys Anthony Freeman and Aliyah Fowler, justice was secured with these important life sentences.

Additionally, Lakwan Hannah was sentenced to 34 years to life in the New York State Department of Corrections for the murders of Jared Perry and Marquis Chambers. The defendant, who was on probation at the time of the homicides, previously pled guilty to both murders. This case was investigated by the Rochester Police Department and prosecuted by Assistant District Attorneys Patrick Gallagher and Mikael Pelkey.

Finally, more than four years after the crime, Jose Acevedo was sentenced to 22 years in the New York State Department of Corrections for causing the death of Sean Semprie. This case was investigated by the Rochester Police Department and prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Aliyah Fowler.

I am proud of the work our prosecutors and law enforcement partners continue to do to achieve accountability in these difficult and consequential cases. I will continue to keep you informed of developments in our work.

Stay Warm.



Notable Court Appearances

34-year-old **Kendrick Ford** was convicted by a Monroe County jury of Rape in the 1st Degree, two counts of Sexual Abuse in the 1st Degree, and Endangering the Welfare of a Child stemming from the ongoing sexual abuse of a child less than thirteen years old. Between October 31, 2023, and February 26, 2024, Kendrick Ford sexually abused a child under the age of thirteen. The following month, the child disclosed the abuse to a trusted family member, prompting a report to the Rochester Police Department. The Rochester Police Department's Special Victims Unit conducted a thorough investigation into the abuse, which ultimately led to an arrest warrant for Kendrick Ford. A Monroe County Grand Jury indictment was unsealed on November 29, 2024, charging the defendant with rape and sexual abuse. The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Kaylee Rizzari, of the Special Victims Unit.

47-year-old **Jose Davila** was arraigned on Murder in the 2nd Degree in Rochester City Court in relation to the homicide of Maria Benitez. The next court date is a Preliminary Hearing in front of Judge Morris on February 2, 2025. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Kevin Sunderland, Chief of the Local Courts Bureau.

43-year-old **Daniel Messina** was convicted by a jury of two counts of Aggravated Family Offense for the violation of an order of protection. The defendant will be sentenced on March 27, 2026, in front of Monroe County Court Judge Julie Hahn. This case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Kenisha Flowers, of the Special Victims Unit, and investigated by the Greece Police Department.

Monroe County Court Judge Michael Ansaldi sentenced 21-year-old **Timothy Brooks** to a 18 years to Life in the New York State Department of Corrections. The defendant was previously convicted by a jury of Murder in the 2nd Degree, Attempted Robbery in the 2nd Degree, and Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree for killing James Jackson, Jr. on August 30, 2024. He was also sentenced to a consecutive 5 years in the New York State Department of Corrections for an unrelated robbery. The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Emily Chisholm, of the Non-Fatal Shooting Taskforce and investigated by the Rochester Police Department.

Ongoing & Upcoming Trials

The People vs. **Phillip Webb**

The Defendant is charged with Rape in the 1st Degree, Rape in the 3rd Degree, and Endangering the Welfare of a Child in front of New York State Supreme Court Justice Stephen Miller.

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

The People vs. **Cyonna Badger**

The Defendant is charged with Criminally Negligent Homicide and Endangering the Welfare of a Child in front of Monroe County Court Judge Julie Hahn.

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

The People vs. **Lashar McMiller**

The Defendant is charged with five counts of Robbery in the 2nd Degree in front of Monroe County Court Judge Randall.

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

The People vs. **Wilmer Diaz**

The Defendant is charged with Robbery in the 1st Degree, Robbery in the 2nd Degree, and Gang Assault in the 2nd Degree in front of New York State Supreme Court Justice Charles Schiano.

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

The People vs. **Jamie Busch**

The Defendant is charged with Murder in the 2nd Degree and two counts of Tampering With Physical Evidence in front of New York State Supreme Court Justice Stephen Miller.

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