

# MONROE COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

## WEEKLY BULLETIN

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### From Monroe County District Attorney Brian Green

As District Attorney, one of my responsibilities is to ensure that victims of crime are not only heard, but supported.

This week, our office joined community partners to mark the beginning of National Crime Victims' Rights Week. This observance is a time to recognize victims and survivors and reaffirm our commitment to those impacted by crime. This year's theme is: *Listen. Act. Advocate.* This message serves as a powerful reminder that supporting victims requires more than words. It requires intention, accountability, and action.

At the press conference kicking off this important week, we were reminded that behind every case is a person and their family. A survivor whose life has been changed. As prosecutors, we have a duty not only to pursue justice, but to ensure that those individuals feel seen, heard, and supported throughout the process.

That responsibility is carried out every day by the dedicated advocates and prosecutors in the District Attorney's Office, particularly our Victim Witness Bureau led by Carrie Noble. These professionals stand alongside victims during some of the most difficult moments of their lives, helping them navigate the criminal justice system, providing critical resources, and ensuring they are never alone in the process. To Carrie, Mariann, Barb, Denise, Sharifa, Keri, and Sue... thank you. Their work reflects the very best of what our office strives to be: compassionate, responsive, and victim-centered.

Protecting victims is not a single action — it is a commitment. It means listening carefully, acting decisively, and advocating relentlessly. It means continuing to strengthen partnerships, improve services, and remove barriers so that every victim who comes through our doors is treated with fairness, respect, and dignity.



## DCJS Statewide Tour

Monroe County District Attorney Brian Green joined New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services Commissioner Rossana Rosado and Deputy Commissioner Joseph Popcun for an important conversation on advancing public safety across the Finger Lakes Region. These discussions are critical to ensuring our communities benefit from the latest strategies, polices, and best practices happening across New York State.



## Attorney Training

Last weekend, ADAs spent their day participating in various CLEs focused on various topics and best practices in prosecution. They gave up their weekend to sharpen their skills, deepen their knowledge, and continue evolving as prosecutors. Thank you to ADA Monica O'Brien, Chief of the Grand Jury Bureau and Attorney Training, for coordinating this important day of training.



## Notable Court Proceedings

Monroe County Court Judge Michael Dollinger sentenced 25-year-old **Jermaine Williams** to two concurrent Life sentences in the New York State Department of Corrections Without the Possibility of Parole. He was previously convicted by a jury of two counts of Murder in the 1<sup>st</sup> Degree for the murders of Santina Jones and Timothy Chealey. On May 6, 2024, at approximately 1:00AM, Rochester Police Officers responded to an address on Rialto Street for a report of shots fired. Upon arrival, 43-year-old Timothy Chealey was found deceased on the porch. A second shooting victim, 46-year-old Shatina Jones, was located and immediately rushed to Strong Memorial Hospital, where she died from her injuries. Following the homicides, Jermaine Williams fled Monroe County. He was apprehended in Niagara Falls by the U.S. Marshals Task Force and charged with the murders of Shatina Jones and Timothy Chealey. The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Adam VanHeyst, Chief of the Non-Fatal Shooting Taskforce, and Special Assistant District Attorney Emily Chisholm.

The bench trial for the People vs. **Rajab Banahi** has concluded. This defendant is charged with three counts of Murder in the 1<sup>st</sup> Degree and Aggravated Criminal Contempt. This case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Michael Harrigan, Chief of the Major Felony Bureau, and Assistant District Attorney Patrick Gallagher, Chief of the Domestic Violence Bureau. Monroe County Court Judge Michael Dollinger will issue a verdict on this trial at a later date.

23-year-old **Jordan Figueroa-Olivo** was sentenced by New York State Supreme Court Justice Argento to a range of 1 and 1/3- 4 years in the New York State Department of Corrections. He previously pled guilty to Criminally Negligent Homicide for causing the death of Delwin Aponte-Charbonier. This case was investigated by the Rochester Police Department and prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Mikael Pelkey, of the Special Victims Unit.