

MONROE COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

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From Monroe County District Attorney Brian Green

Last week was World Mental Health Day, an important reminder that mental health and emotional well-being deserve our attention, understanding, and support.



Working in the criminal justice system is both a privilege and a tremendous responsibility. Every day, the dedicated prosecutors and staff at the Monroe County District Attorney's Office are entrusted with some of the most difficult and heartbreaking circumstances imaginable. They work closely with victims of violent crime, grieving families, and individuals experiencing some of the most challenging moments of their lives.

While much of the public sees the work that takes place inside a courtroom, there is an emotional side to this profession that often goes unseen. Behind every case are staff who dedicate countless hours to pursuing justice, often while carrying the weight of the difficult stories and experiences they encounter.

This work requires strength, resilience, empathy, and compassion. It also serves as an important reminder that those who dedicate their careers to helping others must take care of themselves as well. I am incredibly proud of the professionals who serve our community each day. Their commitment to victims, public safety, and the pursuit of justice is unwavering. However, their mental health and well-being are just as important as the work they accomplish.

I encourage everyone to recognize the emotional demands placed on those working in public service, including our partners in law enforcement, emergency services, and victim advocacy. A little understanding, kindness, and support can make a meaningful difference.

To the dedicated members of the Monroe County District Attorney's Office, thank you for the compassion you show to victims, the professionalism you bring to your work, and the sacrifices you make in service to our community.



MCDA in the Community

Monroe County District Attorney Brian Green joined community leaders, fellow panelists, and residents for a meaningful discussion at Memorial AME Zion Church about incarceration, reentry, public safety, the impact of the criminal justice system on individuals and families, and available community resources. The conversation provided an opportunity to hear different perspectives, answer questions, and discuss ways to better serve individuals and families impacted by the criminal justice system.



Monroe County District Attorney Brian Green and Assistant District Attorney Patrick Gallagher, Chief of the Domestic Violence Bureau, joined Assemblymember Jen Lunsford, Mayor Malik Evans, and community stakeholders for the third annual Domestic Violence Roundtable. This year's discussion focused on identifying gaps in resources, funding, and policies to better support survivors and prevent domestic violence. While arrests in many areas of crime have declined, domestic violence arrests have increased significantly in Monroe County, highlighting the importance of continued collaboration. Thank you to Assemblymember Lunsford and Mayor Evans for bringing together community leaders to address this critical issue.



MCDA in the Courtroom

37-year-old **Richard Leo** pled guilty to Murder in the 2nd Degree, for killing Daniel Fiero. At 2:52PM, on January 31, 2026, Monroe County Sheriff's Deputies responded to a hotel for reports of a dispute. Upon arrival, officers discovered 37-year-old Richard Leo with blood on him. He was detained by deputies. As Monroe County Sheriff's Deputies made their way further into the room, they located 40-year-old Daniel Fiero, deceased from stab wounds. Following a thorough investigation, Monroe County Sheriff Deputies determined that in December 2025, Daniel Fiero was a truck driver who saw Richard Leo walking on the side of the road in the cold. After offering the defendant a ride, Daniel Fiero learned that Richard Leo was a homeless veteran. Daniel Fiero made sure that Richard Leo was fed and with shelter for the following month. On January 31, 2026, Richard Leo violently attacked Daniel Fiero out of anger. The victim died from extreme injuries to his head and face and multiple stab wounds. The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney [Patrick Gallagher](#), Chief of the Domestic Violence Bureau and Assistant District Attorney [Kaitlin Hastings](#), of the Vehicular Crimes Bureau.

34-year-old **Evelyn Hoover-Rivera** was indicted on Attempted Murder in the 2nd Degree, Assault in the 1st Degree, and Assault in the 2nd Degree. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney [Aliyah Fowler](#), of the Non-Fatal Shooting Taskforce.

47-year-old **Diego Pizarro** was indicted on Manslaughter in the 1st Degree in relation to the death of Dynell Barbers-White. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney [Janna Jehlen](#), of the Special Victims Unit.

19-year-old **Suh'Cehs Kinder** was indicted on Attempted Murder in the 2nd Degree, three counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree, and Assault in the 2nd Degree. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney [Kenisha Flowers](#), of the Special Victims Unit.

33-year-old **Troy Dukes AKA Paylo** was indicted on Murder in the 2nd Degree and two counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree in relation to the homicide of Ronald Leonard. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney [Kristin Sippel](#), of the Major Felony Bureau.

26-year-old **Daequon Brown** was indicted on Murder in the 2nd Degree and Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree in relation to the homicide of Zah'Nia Barr. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney [Jonathan Jirik](#), of the Major Felony Bureau.