

MONROE COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

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From Monroe County District Attorney Brian Green



As families across Monroe County prepare to celebrate Halloween this weekend, I want to remind our community that a safe and enjoyable holiday begins with responsible decisions, especially behind the wheel.

Halloween is an exciting time for children and families, but it also presents unique dangers on our roadways. With increased pedestrian traffic, particularly young children walking through neighborhoods after dark, drivers must exercise heightened caution and remain alert at all times. A moment of distraction, excessive speed, or impaired judgment can have devastating consequences.

As District Attorney, I have seen firsthand the tragic impact that reckless, distracted, and impaired driving can have on victims, families, and our entire community. These tragedies are preventable, and every motorist has a responsibility to help keep our roads safe.

I encourage everyone traveling throughout Monroe County this Halloween to keep these important safety reminders in mind:

- **Slow down and stay alert.**
- **Eliminate distractions.**
- **Never drive impaired.**
- **Be visible and practice pedestrian safety.**

This Halloween, I ask every driver to take an extra moment, slow down, and recognize the responsibility that comes with operating a vehicle. The few seconds you might save are never worth risking someone's life.

On behalf of the entire Monroe County District Attorney's Office, I wish everyone a happy, memorable, and, most importantly, safe Halloween. Let's work together to ensure that our children and families can enjoy this holiday and return home safely.

MCDA in the Community

Assistant District Attorney Monica O'Brien, Chief of the Grand Jury Bureau and Director of Attorney Training, presented about the District Attorney's Office at the Judicial Observation Project training. The Judicial Observation Project is an important initiative in the Seventh Judicial District that brings community volunteers and members of the judiciary together to identify and address implicit bias, promote meaningful dialogue, and strengthen public confidence in our judicial system. Thank you to Monica for representing the District Attorney's Office, and to Judge Melissa Barrett for organizing this program to make our system stronger, more transparent, and more equitable for all.

Monroe County District Attorney Brian Green joined partners in government and law enforcement to dedicate a new memorial in Civic Center Plaza recognizing the contributions and sacrifices of Monroe County's firefighters, EMS professionals, and 9-1-1 and Emergency Communications personnel. The new monuments join the Monroe County Sheriff's Office, Rochester Police Department, and Rochester Fire Department Memorials. We honor their courage, resilience, and selflessness. Thank you for your sacrifice.



The trial for the People vs. **Jalen Reed** will continue into next week. 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 Michael Dollinger. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Emily Chisholm and Assistant District Attorney Matthew Hogestyn, both of the Non-Fatal Shooting Bureau.

MCDA in the Courtroom

41-year-old **Tarrell Carter** was sentenced by New York State Supreme Court Justice Alex Renzi to 23 years in the New York State Department of Corrections. Tarrell Carter was previously convicted by a jury of Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the 1st Degree and two counts of Criminally Using Drug Paraphernalia in the 2nd Degree. This conviction resulted from a long-term narcotics investigation led by the Greater Rochester Area Narcotics Enforcement Team. This case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Aaron Rath, of the Special Investigations Bureau.

29-year-old **William Cooke** pled guilty to Attempted Manslaughter in the 1st Degree in relation to his actions against Aaron Johnson-Haygood on November 16, 2025. This case was investigated by the Rochester Police Department and prosecuted by First Assistant District Attorney Perry Duckles and Assistant District Attorney Ryan Lamon, of the Major Felony Bureau. William Cooke is expected to be sentenced by New York State Supreme Court Justice Judith Sinclair to 7 years in the New York State Department of Corrections plus 5 years of post-release supervision on December 8, 2026.

26-year-old **Ryon Shorter** was sentenced by Monroe County Court Judge Michael Dollinger to 10 years' probation and 8 jail weekends. This includes all terms and conditions of probation and registration under the Sex Offender Registration Act. Ryon Shorter previously pled guilty to the top count of the indictment, Possessing a Sexual Performance by a Child. This case was investigated by the New York State Police and prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Mikael Pelkey, of the Special Victims Unit.

An indictment was unsealed charging 21-year-old **Charod Olison** with Manslaughter in the 2nd Degree, Operator Leave Scene of Incident Resulting in Death, and Aggravated Unlicensed Operation of a Motor Vehicle in the 3rd Degree. This case was investigated by the Rochester Police Department, and is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Merrick Sadler, Chief of the Vehicular Crimes Bureau.

Closings for the People vs. **Javier Justice** are expected today. The defendant is charged with Murder in the 2nd Degree and Aggravated Criminal Contempt in front of Monroe County Court Judge Michael Ansaldi. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Patrick Gallagher, Chief of the Domestic Violence Bureau, and Assistant District Attorney Diana Ferretti, of the Special Investigations Bureau.