

MONROE COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

WEEKLY BULLETIN

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From Monroe County District Attorney Brian Green

This week was another reminder of the extraordinary work being done by the attorneys and staff of the Monroe County District Attorney's Office. Every prosecution represents hours of preparation, close collaboration with our law enforcement partners, and an unwavering commitment to victims and public safety.



Congratulations to Patrick Gallagher, Chief of the Domestic Violence Bureau, who secured both a significant jury conviction and a major guilty plea. Patrick obtained a jury conviction against Peter Thousand for two counts of Robbery in the 1st Degree after the defendant committed two violent robberies just months after being released following a 25-year sentence for prior robbery convictions. Patrick ADA Ryan Lamon to secure Stephan Jefferson's guilty plea to for the fatal shooting of Dwayne Hall. He will be sentenced to 35-40 years in the Department of Corrections, ensuring accountability for Dwayne's family and friends.

I also want to recognize Jessica Wagner, Deputy Chief of the Special Victims Unit for obtaining a jury conviction against Robert Lowe for Attempted Rape in the 1st Degree and Sexual Abuse in the 1st Degree involving a minor victim. Cases involving children require dedication, compassion, and professionalism, and Jessica's work reflects our office's commitment to protecting the most vulnerable members of our community.

Finally, I want to recognize ADA Stephen Ryck, who secured the maximum sentence of 25 years in DOCCS, for Derrick Van Epps following his conviction for a brutal attempted murder as a hate crime.

I am proud of Patrick, Ryan, Jessica, Stephen, and every member of our office who works tirelessly each day. Their dedication to victims, commitment to justice, and pursuit of safer communities make our office stronger and Monroe County a safer place.



In the Community

Monroe County District Attorney Brian Green joined Karen Iglesia of Primetime585 to discuss his experiences as a youth soccer coach and the importance of sports in the community. Sports are much more than wins and losses, they teach teamwork, accountability, resilience, respect, and lead to opportunity. Thank you to Karen for all you do for the young people in our community! To watch the podcast in its entirety, visit: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U0NxJI8VZ4Q>.



Monroe County District Attorney Brian Green congratulated this year's New York Youth Law Academy students at their completed their week of learning about the law, our justice system, and the legal profession. Congratulations to you and your families!



In the Courtroom

23-year-old **Alexavier Colon** was indicted on one count of Murder in the 2nd Degree. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Mikael Pelkey, of the Special Victims Unit.

19-year-old **Anthony Fallon** was indicted on one count of Assault in the 2nd Degree. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Ryan Mulcahy, of the Major Felony Bureau.

19-year-old **Nicolas Perez** was indicted on one count of Strangulation in the 2nd Degree. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Courtney Kleiman, of the Special Victims Unit.

37-year-old **Michael Wagner** was indicted on two counts of Forgery in the 2nd Degree and two counts of Identity Theft in the 1st Degree. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Caroline Rodriguez, of the Economic Crimes Bureau.

43-year-old **Jason Steves** was indicted on Assault in the 2nd Degree. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Kristin Sippel, of the Major Felony Bureau.

25-year-old **Cori Buckman** was indicted on six counts of Criminal Possession of a Forged Instrument in the 2nd Degree, six counts of Identity Theft in the 1st Degree, two counts of Grand Larceny in the 3rd Degree, Grand Larceny in the 4th Degree, Falsifying Business Records in the 1st Degree, and Scheme to Defraud in the 1st Degree. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Amy Crosier, of the Economic Crimes Bureau.

66-year-old **Cheryl Verde** was indicted on Grand Larceny in the 2nd Degree. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Caroline Rodriguez, of the Economic Crimes Bureau.

Upcoming Trials

The People vs. **Gerardo Blanco**

This defendant is charged with Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree and Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 3rd Degree in front of Monroe County Court Judge Michael Ansal di. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Aaron Rath, of the Special Investigations Bureau.

The People vs. **Michael Harris**

This defendant is charged with two counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree and Menacing in the 2nd Degree in front of Monroe County Court Judge Caroline Morrison. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney James Nguyen, of the Special Victims Unit.

The People vs. **Jason Abron**

This defendant is charged with two counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree in front of New York State Supreme Court Justice Judith Sinclair. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Diana Ferretti, of the Special Investigations Bureau.