

MONROE COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

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From Monroe County District Attorney Brian Green



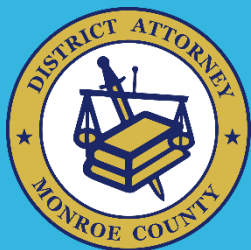
This past Saturday, many members of our office attended the ROC the Peace Festival, where we spent the afternoon connecting with families, answering questions about the work we do, and celebrating alongside our community. Thanks to the generosity of our employees, we raffled off twelve bicycles and six scooters to local children, creating unforgettable moments for families and plenty of smiles. Seeing the excitement on those children's faces was a powerful reminder that sometimes the smallest acts of kindness leave the greatest impression.

Our commitment to the community continued yesterday as we participated in Project TIPS, where members of the Monroe County District Attorney's Office once again spent time handing out basketballs, treats, and information about our office.

Community outreach is an essential part of public service. While our attorneys and staff work tirelessly to pursue justice each day, building trust cannot begin when a crisis occurs. It begins through conversations, shared experiences, and simply showing up. When children see prosecutors laughing with them, playing basketball, or handing them a book, they see the people behind the title. Those interactions help strengthen the relationships that make our communities safer and more connected.

I am incredibly grateful to every employee who volunteered their time, donated money, or found another way to support these efforts. Your willingness to give back reflects the very best of this office.

Whether we are prosecuting violent crime, supporting victims, or meeting families at a neighborhood event, our mission remains the same: to serve the people of Monroe County with integrity, compassion, and dedication. Thank you to the staff at the Monroe County District Attorney's Office for helping make that mission possible both inside and outside the courtroom.



In the Community

Monroe County District Attorney Brian Green joined Brett Sobieraski at Holley Junior Senior High School to help in Brett's mission to raise money for Community Action of Orleans & Genesee. Brett's dedication is inspiring, and it's a great reminder that even one lap, one mile, or one donation can make a difference.



Chief of the Special Investigations Bureau Jennifer Kennedy attended the official ribbon cutting of Huther Doyle's new Methadone Clinic, expanding access to treatment and recovery services for individuals struggling with opioid addiction in our community. We are grateful for the opportunity to stand alongside our partners as they continue to expand access to evidence-based treatment and recovery resources. The opioid epidemic continues to impact families across Monroe County, and addressing it requires collaboration between treatment providers, law enforcement, prosecutors, healthcare professionals, and community organizations. We remain committed to supporting efforts that improve public safety while helping individuals access the services, they need to break the cycle of addiction.



In the Courtroom

Monroe County Court Judge Michael Dollinger sentenced 43-year-old **Rajab Banahi** to Life in the New York State Department of Corrections Without the Possibility of Parole for each of the three counts of Murder in the 1st Degree to run concurrently. Rajab Banahi was previously convicted by Judge Dollinger following a bench trial of three counts of Murder in the 1st Degree and Aggravated Criminal Contempt for the murders of Ali Banahi, Mastoorah Banahi, and Masuda Banahi. On January 11, 2023, at approximately 4:45 p.m., Monroe County Sheriff's Deputies responded to a 911 call from Rajab Banahi, who informed dispatchers that he had stabbed members of his family at a residence on Kathy Drive in the Town of Henrietta. Upon arrival, deputies found the defendant's father, Ali Banahi, and the defendant's mother, Mastoorah Banahi, deceased inside the home with multiple stab wounds and blunt force trauma. The defendant's sister, Masuda Banahi, was also found suffering from life-threatening stab wounds and blunt force trauma. Masuda Banahi was immediately transported to Strong Memorial Hospital, where she later died from her injuries. Rajab Banahi was taken into custody at the scene. The Monroe County Sheriff's Office conducted an extensive investigation into this violent crime. As a result of that investigation, Rajab Banahi was charged with three counts of Murder in the 1st Degree for the murders of his father, mother, and sister. The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Patrick Gallagher, Chief of the Domestic Violence Bureau, and Assistant District Attorney Michael Harrigan, Chief of the Major Felony Bureau.

Monroe County Court Judge Michael Ansaldi sentenced 24-year-old **Markus Graham** to 24 years in the New York State Department of Corrections plus 5 years of post-release supervision. He previously pled guilty to Manslaughter in the 1st Degree for killing Jesse Jamison. At approximately 10:40 p.m. on January 29, 2025, Rochester Police Officers and Rochester Firefighters responded to Coulton Place in the City of Rochester for a report of a vehicle crash involving a car on fire. Upon arrival, first responders discovered Jesse Jamison deceased in the driver's seat of the burning vehicle. The victim had sustained a gunshot wound to the temple. Following a thorough investigation, Rochester Police Department detectives determined that Markus Graham targeted Jesse Jamison following an earlier conflict. After the defendant shot and killed Jesse Jamison, who was in the driver's seat of the vehicle, the vehicle accelerated and crashed into an unoccupied parked car, igniting the fire. Markus Graham was subsequently arrested and charged in connection with the homicide. The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Megan Hausner, Chief of the Local Courts Bureau, and Assistant District Attorney Taylor Smith, of the Local Courts Bureau.

