

MONROE COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

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From Monroe County District Attorney Brian Green

The greatest strength of the Monroe County District Attorney's Office is the people who come to work each day committed to serving our community.

When most people think about a District Attorney's Office, they understandably think first about prosecutors in the courtroom. Our Assistant District Attorneys are at the heart of our mission, handling cases at every level of the criminal justice system and advocating for victims while working to ensure that justice is served ethically.

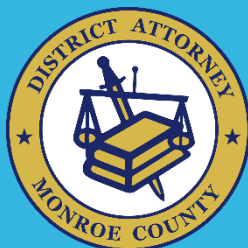
But it takes an entire team to make that work possible.

Nearly every case that moves through our office relies on the contributions of people throughout MCDA. Our legal secretaries, criminal law assistants, and support staff keep an incredibly busy office moving. Our investigators bring decades of law enforcement experience to complex cases. Our Victim/Witness Bureau helps individuals and families navigate some of the most difficult moments of their lives. And our administrative, technical and professional staff provide the support necessary for our prosecutors to do their jobs effectively.

We are proud of the team we have built, and we are always interested in finding talented people who want to join us.

For attorneys, a career at the Monroe County District Attorney's Office offers the opportunity to gain meaningful courtroom and trial experience while serving the community. New ADAs begin developing their skills with real responsibility, working alongside experienced prosecutors who provide mentorship, training and support.

There are also opportunities to join our office beyond the courtroom. From legal and administrative support to investigative and other professional positions, there are many ways to build a career in public service at MCDA.



We are equally committed to developing the next generation of professionals interested in criminal justice. Our internship program gives students an opportunity to work alongside members of our team, learn about the criminal justice system firsthand and gain meaningful experience in a professional environment. We are currently accepting internship applications for Spring and Summer 2027.

Whether you are an experienced attorney, a recent law school graduate, a professional looking for your next opportunity or a student beginning to explore a career in criminal justice, I encourage you to learn more about the Monroe County District Attorney's Office.

MCDA in the Community

Members of the Monroe County District Attorney's Office attended the last Project TIPS (Trust, Information, Programs, Services) of the summer. Staff spent the afternoon with the neighbors of Jones Park, handing out books, basketballs, soccer balls, and other giveaways, while connecting with the community and sharing information about the District Attorney's Office.



Interested in joining our team?

Learn more about employment opportunities for Assistant District Attorneys:

[View our attorney recruitment information](#)

View current openings and apply online:

[MCDA Job Opportunities](#)

Our work is challenging, important and deeply connected to the community we serve. If public service, justice and making a difference in Monroe County are important to you, we hope you will consider joining our team.

Notable Indictments

48-year-old **Paul Dowlatt** was indicted on Assault in the 2nd Degree. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney [Ryan Mulcahy](#), of the Major Felony Bureau.

55-year-old **Victor Gilchrist** was indicted on Robbery in the 1st Degree, Attempted Assault in the 1st Degree, and two counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney [Jonathan Jirik](#), of the Major Felony Bureau.

43-year-old **Dante Cianciola** was indicted on Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the 3rd Degree, Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the 4th Degree, Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree, and two counts of Criminally Using Drug Paraphernalia. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney [Diana Ferretti](#), of the Special Investigations Bureau.

39-year-old **Divine Barnett** was indicted on Assault in the 2nd Degree. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney [Stephen Ryck](#), of the Major Felony Bureau.

56-year-old **Cathryn Kernehan** was indicted on Assault in the 2nd Degree. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney [Ryan Mulcahy](#), of the Major Felony Bureau.

42-year-old **Justin Reitz** was indicted on Driving While Intoxicated, Aggravated Driving While Intoxicated: Per Se, and Aggravated Unlicensed Operation of a Motor Vehicle in the 1st Degree. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney [Merrick Sadler](#), Chief of the Vehicular Crimes Bureau.