

MONROE COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

WEEKLY BULLETIN

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From Monroe County District Attorney Brian Green

This week marks one year since I was appointed by Governor Kathy Hochul to serve as Monroe County District Attorney.

It has been a year of significant change, difficult decisions, important cases, and meaningful progress. More than anything, this first year has reinforced how proud I am of the people who make up this office.

Every day, I see prosecutors managing demanding caseloads, investigators helping build cases, victim advocates supporting individuals and families through incredibly difficult circumstances, and our support staff handling the countless responsibilities that keep this office moving.

Over the past year, we have successfully prosecuted some of the most serious crimes in Monroe County while continuing to recognize that our responsibility is not simply to secure convictions, but to seek justice. We have strengthened training, recruitment, leadership development, community engagement, and our relationships with law enforcement and community partners. We have also taken a hard look at our own operations and where we can continue to improve. There is still much more work to do.

When I became District Attorney, I wanted to lead an office grounded in openness, compassion, ethics, accountability, and purpose. One year later, I remain committed to those principles and more aware than ever that the strength of this office comes from its people.

To the staff in this office, thank you for your hard work, professionalism, and willingness to embrace change over the past year. It is a privilege to serve alongside you.

We have accomplished a great deal together in year one, I look forward to what we accomplish together in year two.



MCDA in the Courtroom

A Monroe County jury convicted 35-year-old **Edison Estremera-Cohen** of two counts of Murder in the 2nd Degree, Robbery in the 1st Degree, and four counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree for the murder of David Vazquez. On June 22, 2025, at approximately 7:00 a.m., Rochester Police Officers were called to a vacant house on Oscar Street in the City of Rochester. Upon arrival, officers found the body of 30-year-old David Vazquez, who was deceased with multiple gunshot wounds. The suspect was seen stealing money from David Vazquez then shooting him, before fleeing on a bike. The suspect was identified as Edison Estremera-Cohen. Rochester Police Officers quickly located the defendant, who dropped his bike and fled from the officers. As a foot chase began, Edison Estremera-Cohen pulled out an illegally possessed gun and shot at one of the officers from a short distance, nearly striking him in the head. Rochester Police Officers returned fire and quickly apprehended the defendant, who was charged with the murder of David Vazquez. The case was prosecuted by First Assistant District Attorney Perry Duckles and Assistant District Attorney Michael Harrigan, Chief of the Major Felony Bureau.

43-year-old **Milton Simmons, III** was indicted on Murder in the 2nd Degree, three counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree, Concealment of a Human Corpse, Tampering with Physical Evidence, Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 3rd Degree, Criminal Possession of a Rapid-Fire Modification Device, and Criminal Controlled Substance in the 3rd Degree. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Aliyah Fowler, of the Non-Fatal Shooting Taskforce.

51-year-old **Robert Shun Smith** was indicted on two counts of Assault in the 2nd Degree, two counts of Strangulation in the 2nd Degree, two counts of Assault in the 3rd Degree, and Rape in the 3rd Degree. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Armando Benitez, of the Special Victims Unit.

55-year-old **Thomas Paasewe** was indicted on Vehicular Assault in the 1st Degree, Aggravated Driving While Intoxicated: Per Se, Driving While Intoxicated, and Driving While Intoxicated; BAC .08 or more. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Merrick Sadler, Chief of the Vehicular Crimes Bureau and Assistant District Attorney Garrett Barmore, also of the Vehicular Crimes Bureau.

41-year-old **Marcus Lowman** was indicted Attempted Murder in the 2nd Degree and two counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Emily Chisholm, of the Non-Fatal Shooting Taskforce.

28-year-old **Dusean Tyrone Price, Jr.** was indicted on Rape in the 1st Degree. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Kaylee Rizzari, of the Special Victims Unit.

39-year-old **Cory Cady** was indicted on two counts of Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the 3rd Degree, Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree, Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 3rd Degree, and two counts of Criminally Using Drug Paraphernalia in the 2nd Degree. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Jennifer Kennedy, Chief of the Special Investigation Bureau.

55-year-old **Brian Beach** was indicted on two counts of Strangulation in the 2nd Degree, Aggravated Family Offense, and Assault in the 3rd Degree. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney James Nguyen, of the Special Victims Unit.

36-year-old **Melquan Stewart** was indicted on Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the 2nd Degree, three counts of Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the 3rd Degree, two counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree, Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 3rd Degree, and four counts of Criminally Using Drug Paraphernalia in the 2nd Degree. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Diana Ferretti, of the Special Investigation Bureau.

58-year-old **Angela McFarlane-Perry** was indicted on Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Aaron Rath, of the Special Investigation Bureau.

21-year-old **Jayven Melendez-Sanchez** was indicted on three counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Davis Bird, of the Special Investigation Bureau.