

MONROE COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

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From Monroe County District Attorney Brian Green



This Labor Day, I want to take a moment to recognize the working men and women whose dedication keeps our community moving forward each day.

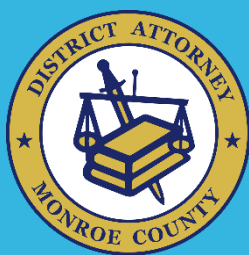
Labor Day is an opportunity to celebrate the value of hard work, but also to recognize the importance of ensuring that working people are respected, supported, and valued. Across Monroe County, union members and working families serve our community in countless ways; from educating our children, maintaining our infrastructure, keeping our communities safe, and providing the services that residents rely on every day.

I also want to offer a special thank you to the union employees within the Monroe County District Attorney's Office. The work of a DA's Office is often associated with the attorneys who appear in court and prosecute our cases. But our ability to serve the people of Monroe County depends on an entire team working behind the scenes and alongside our prosecutors every day. Our CSEA members are an essential part of that team.

From the legal secretaries who keep our cases and bureaus organized, to the employees who assist victims, manage records, support investigations, and perform the many operational responsibilities necessary to keep this office running, their contributions are invaluable. Much of their work happens outside of the courtroom and away from public attention, but it is critical.

I am proud of the dedicated professionals who make up the Monroe County District Attorney's Office, and I am especially grateful this Labor Day for the commitment of our CSEA members and all of our employees who work every day in service to this community.

To our union brothers and sisters and workers throughout Monroe County: thank you for everything you contribute to our community. I hope you and your families had a safe, restful, and well-deserved Labor Day.



Notable Indictments

23-year-old **Elijah Chisolm** was indicted on Attempted Murder in the 2nd Degree, 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 Aliyah Fowler, of the Non-Fatal Shooting Taskforce.

36-year-old **Devon Shoy Merritt** was indicted on Burglary in the 1st Degree, Aggravated Criminal Contempt, and Criminal Contempt in the 1st Degree. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney James Nguyen, of the Special Victims Unit.

23-year-old **Jamdoiy Clemons** was indicted on Attempted Murder in the 2nd Degree, 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 Emily Chisholm, of the Non-Fatal Shooting Taskforce.

19-year-old **Jeremiah Osbey** was indicted on two counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree, three counts of Criminal Possession of a weapon in the 3rd Degree, and Criminal Possession of a Rapid-Fire Modification Device. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Carrington Wells, of the Local Court Bureau, and Megan Hausner, Chief of the Local Court Bureau.

18-year-old **Laquan Gadsen** and 21-year-old **Tyquan Lewis-Quiros** were indicted on Assault in the 1st Degree, two counts of Attempted Robbery in the 1st Degree, two counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree, and Attempted Robbery in the 2nd Degree. Laquan Gadsen was also indicted on Unlawful Fleeing of a Police Officer in a Motor Vehicle, an additional count of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree, and Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 3rd Degree. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Matthew Hogestyn, of the Non-Fatal Shooting Taskforce.

MCDA in the Courtroom

New York State Supreme Court Justice Stephen Miller sentenced 23-year-old **Stephan Jefferson** to 40 years in the New York State Department of Corrections. He previously pled guilty to Manslaughter in the 1st Degree and Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree for shooting and killing Dwayne Hall. At approximately 3:45 p.m. on July 12, 2023, Rochester Police Officers responded to the report of a person who was shot on Genesee Street in the City of Rochester. Upon arrival, first responders attempted life-saving measures for 38-year-old Dwayne Hall, who was shot in the chest. The victim was immediately transported to Strong Memorial Hospital, where he died from his injuries. Following a thorough investigation, Rochester Police Department detectives determined that Stephan Jefferson and Dwayne Hall were involved in a verbal altercation that turned physical. At the conclusion of the altercation, Stephan Jefferson shot the victim. The defendant fled the scene after the shooting, but was apprehended and arrested the following day in possession of a loaded handgun. The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Patrick Gallagher, Chief of the Domestic Violence Bureau, and Special Assistant District Attorney Ryan Lamon, of the Major Felony Bureau.

New York State Supreme Court Justice Stephen Miller sentenced 21-year-old **Jawanza Abrams** to 28 and ½ years in the New York State Department of Corrections plus 5 years of post-release supervision. He previously pled guilty to Attempted Murder in the 2nd Degree and Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree for his role in the homicide of Jeremiah Maddox. On March 6, 2025, Monroe County Sheriff's Deputies responded to a call for service and Jawanza Abrams was identified and found to be in possession of an illegal firearm. The Monroe County Sheriff's Office subsequently submitted the firearm to the Monroe County Crime Laboratory for testing. The firearm was determined to have been used in the fatal shooting of Jeremiah Maddox on Ferris Street in the City of Rochester. The homicide investigation, led by the Rochester Police Department, determined that shortly after 2:00 a.m. on January 26, 2025, Abrams fired multiple shots from the sidewalk on Ferris Street into a residence. Jeremiah Maddox was struck by the gunfire and died at the scene. The case was prosecuted by Special Assistant District Attorney Matthew Hogestyn, of the Non-Fatal Shooting Task Force, and Special Assistant District Attorney Ryan Mulcahy, of the Major Felony Bureau.