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Weekly Newsletter



Welcome to the weekly newsletter from Monroe County District Attorney Sandra Doorley.

The People vs. David Lee Porter

David Lee Porter was convicted of Murder in the 1st Degree, two counts of Robbery in the 1st Degree, two counts of Attempted Robbery in the 1st Degree, and two counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree for the savage murder of David Treese, III.

On the morning hours of April 22, 2024, David Treese, a cab driver, had just started his shift and drove to First Street to pick up a fare. This was orchestrated by David Lee Porter, a stranger to the victim. Upon Mr. Treese's arrival at the location, the defendant ambushed the victim with a demand for money. The defendant beat Mr. Treese with a pistol before shooting him multiple times.

Fortunately, there was camera footage of the murder from inside the vehicle. This video aided in the investigation and apprehension of David Lee Porter. Unfortunately, this video footage will forever be on my mind, and I imagine the minds of the jurors who witnessed the evidence of this brutal homicide.

This murder was unprompted, intentional, and gruesome. Nobody deserves to die in this fashion, especially David Treese, III, who was known to be a kind-hearted, hardworking man who loved his friends and family.

From jury selection to verdict, this trial lasted less than a week, with the jury out for a handful of hours. This is a testament to the work of the prosecutor, First Assistant District Attorney Perry Duckles, and the Rochester Police Investigators who conducted a thorough investigation.

David Lee Porter will be sentenced on February 14, 2025. He faces a minimum of 20 years to Life in the New York State Department of Corrections and a maximum of Life in the New York State Department of Corrections Without the Possibility of Parole.

To David Treese's family, I am so sorry for your loss. I hope this guilty verdict can bring you peace, and if not, I hope it can at least bring you justice.

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Highlights from the MCDA's Office

A Monroe County Jury convicted 38-year-old **Shavar Brooks** and 26-year-old **Miguel Clemons** of Attempted Murder in the 2nd Degree, Assault in the 1st Degree and two counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree for shooting a man with the intent to kill him on December 26, 2023. On December 26, 2023, Rochester Police Officers responded to a report of a person shot on North Goodman Street in the City of Rochester. Upon arrival, a 46-year old man was found shot inside of his vehicle. He was immediately transported to Strong Memorial Hospital, where he eventually recovered from his injuries. After a thorough investigation by the Non-Fatal Shooting Taskforce, which includes Rochester Police Investigators, Monroe County District Attorney Investigators, and Assistant District Attorneys, Shavar Brooks and Miguel Clemons were arrested for the shootings. Both were on parole at the time of the shooting with Electronic Monitor Devices on their ankles. On December 26, 2023, around 3:30PM in the afternoon, both defendants were at a house in the City of Rochester when the victim drove by the house. As the victim was driving away from the property, Shavar Brooks and Miguel Clemons jumped into their car, boxed the victim against the side of the road, and shot at least ten rounds at him until he was struck twice in the upper torso and once in the arm. The case was prosecuted by Special Assistant District Attorney Adam VanHeyst, of Non-Fatal Shooting Taskforce, and Senior Assistant District Attorney Jonathan Jirik, of the Vehicular Crimes Bureau. Shavar Brooks will be sentenced on February 26, 2025, and Miguel Clemons will be sentenced on March 5, 2025, both in front of Monroe County Court Judge Dollinger.

Raymond Noel was sentenced by New York State Supreme Court Justice Renzi to 35 years to Life for the attempted murder of East Rochester Police Officer Brad Steve. Raymond Noel was previously convicted by a Monroe County jury of Attempted Aggravated Murder, Attempted Aggravated Assault Upon a Police Officer or Peace Officer, and two counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree. On January 14, 2024, East Rochester Police Officers responded to an unknown call at an apartment on Garfield Street in East Rochester. Officer Brad Steve encountered Raymond Noel, who had an illegally possessed handgun visible on his body. During the attempted de-escalation, Raymond Noel ignored police commands and pointed the handgun at Officer Steve, who fired two rounds at the defendant. Raymond Noel responded by shooting at Officer Steve six times, unloading the weapon and shooting the Officer once in the chest. Thankfully, Officer Steve was protected by his police issued vest. Following the shooting, this case was investigated by the Monroe County Sheriff's Office. The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Michael Harrigan, Chief of the Major Felony Bureau and Special Assistant District Attorney Emily Chisholm, also of the Major Felony Bureau.

Homicide Update

To Date 2025:

City of Rochester Total: 1

Monroe County Total: 3

36-year-old **Alonzo Jones** was sentenced by Monroe County Court Judge Hahn to 40 years to Life in the New York State Department of Corrections. Over one year ago, Alonzo Jones was convicted by a Monroe County jury of Attempted Murder Aggravated Murder, Attempted Aggravated Assault Upon a Police Officer or Peace Officer, and two counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree for shooting at a Monroe County Sheriff's Deputy in the Town of Henrietta. On June 2, 2022, Monroe County Sheriff's Deputies responded to Carrabba's Italian Grill, a restaurant in Henrietta, for a call of a man with a gun in the bar. Monroe County Sheriff's Deputies made contact with the defendant, Alonzo Jones, in the restaurant and began talking to him in an effort to de-escalate the situation. During the attempted de-escalation, Alonzo Jones picked up a revolver and shot at the head of Deputy Nicholas Cooper. Deputy Cooper was not injured and the bullet struck the wall three feet to the right of his head. The responding Monroe County Sheriff's deputies returned fire and arrested Alonzo Jones. Nobody, including the defendant, was injured during this altercation. The case was prosecuted by Former Assistant District Attorney Mathew Schwartz. Assistant District Attorney Michael Robertson, Deputy Chief of the Major Felony Bureau, handled the post-conviction motions and sentencing.

New York State Supreme Court Justice Miller sentenced 35-year-old **Herley Williams** to 40 years to Life in the New York State Department of Corrections for the murder of Todd Jones. He was sentenced to 25 to Life for Murder in the 2nd Degree consecutive to 15 years in the New York State Department of Corrections plus 5 years of post-release supervision for Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree. Herley Williams was previously convicted by a jury of Murder in the Second Degree and three counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree. On July 21, 2023, Rochester Police Officers were called to North Goodman Street in the City of Rochester for a shooting. The officers quickly discovered 35-year-old Todd Jones, who was dead at the scene. It was determined that he was standing at the corner of North Goodman Street and Diringer Place, when he was shot in the chest. After a thorough investigation by the Rochester Police Department, Herley Williams was arrested eleven days later by the United States Marshals Violent Felony Fugitive Taskforce. At the time the defendant was arrested for the murder, he also had an illegal gun in his possession. Herley Williams and Todd Jones were known to each other. The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Jennifer Kennedy, Deputy Chief of the Special Investigations Bureau and Senior Assistant District Attorney Ryan Mulcahy, also of the Special Investigations Bureau.

New York State Supreme Court Justice Schiano sentenced 28-year-old **Jamie James** to 15 years in the New York State Department of Corrections plus 5 years of post-release supervision. This sentence promise came from the court after the defendant pled to the indictment, including four counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree, Assault in the 2nd Degree, two counts of Attempted Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree and Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the 3rd Degree. On September 25, 2023, a Rochester Police Officer responded to gunshots in the area of Seventh Street in the City of Rochester. While traveling to the scene, he encountered a vehicle with its lights turned off fleeing the area. After ignoring commands from the police officer, Jamie James, the driver of the vehicle, crashed into a pole on Hemple Street, before fleeing the vehicle on foot. A Rochester Police Officer pursued the defendant into a backyard, where Jamie James physically assaulted him by punching the officer and attempting to steal his police issued firearm. The Rochester Police Officer detained the defendant, who was taken to Strong Memorial Hospital. The Rochester Police Officer also was hospitalized for trauma to his upper body. After a detailed investigation, Rochester Police Officers recovered two loaded handguns and narcotics from the scene. Jamie James was sentenced as a Second Violent Felony Offender. This case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Robin Catalano, Chief of the Special Investigations Bureau.

Brandon Volpe was indicted on Assault in the 2nd Degree and Falsely Reporting AN Incident in the 3rd Degree in relation to an assault against a Rochester Police Officer on December 17, 2024. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Mathew Hogestyn, of the Major Felony Bureau.

Jaquanz Knight was indicted on Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the 3rd Degree and Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the 4th Degree in relation to the possession of illegal narcotics on August 29, 2024. These cases are being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Jennifer Kennedy, Deputy Chief of the Special Investigations Bureau.

Jason Burns, Michael Burns, and Robert Burns were indicted on two counts of Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the 3rd Degree and two counts of Criminally Using Drug Paraphernalia in the 2nd Degree in the relation to the possession of illegal narcotics on September 4, 2024. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Timothy Boucher, of the Special Investigations Bureau.

Steven Boyington was indicted on two counts of Menacing a Police Officer or Peace Officer in relation to the displaying of a knife at Rochester Police Officers on December 13, 2024. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Matthew Schiano, of the Major Felony Bureau.

Daniel Dukes, Jr. was indicted on Criminal Contempt in the 1st Degree and Endangering the Welfare of a Child in relation to violation of an order of protection on January 1, 2025. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Kenisha Flowers, of the Domestic Violence Bureau.

Cesar Ostolaza was indicted on Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree in relation to the possession of an illegal firearm on June 18, 2024. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Tony DiPerna, of the Special Investigations Bureau.

Robert Shepard was indicted on Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree, Criminal Possession of a 3rd Degree and Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the 3rd Degree in relation to the illegal possession of a firearm and narcotics on August 1, 2024. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Tony DiPerna, of the Special Investigations Bureau.

Quentin Glover was indicted on two counts of Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the 3rd Degree, three counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 3rd Degree, and Criminal Possession of a Firearm in relation to the illegal possession of a firearm and illegal narcotics on December 31, 2024. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Anthony Freeman, of the Non-Fatal Shooting Taskforce.

Mushinah Ianya Murray was indicted on two counts of Driving While Intoxicated in relation to a vehicular incident on November 28, 2024. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Diana Ferretti, of the Vehicular Crimes Bureau.

DAASNY Response to State of the State



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District Attorneys Association of the State of New York

During the State of the State on Tuesday, the Governor shared her policy goals for this year's session, including streamlining and clarifying discovery requirements that could directly impact the District Attorney's Office. Richmond County District Attorney Michael McMahon, President of the District Attorneys Association of the State of New York, shared the following response:

"We continue to support the goals of free, fair and full exchange of all information relevant to a particular case. Unfortunately, changes to our State's discovery law has caused unintended consequences leading to a near collapse of our legal system. Defendants spend more time in custody, cases take longer to adjudicate, victims' access to justice is being delayed or denied, and in many instances the very system which should be the guarantee of due process has become a labyrinthian black hole.

We are seeing thousands of cases across the State being dismissed or charges dramatically reduced, and this is the direct effect of defects in our discovery law and the cause of out-of-control recidivism we are witnessing. The citizens of our State deserve more meaningful outcomes and expect that we stop the onslaught of subway pushers, shoplifters, muggers, family offenders, and vandals that is being visited upon our communities. Today's proposal is a step towards restoring common sense to a process that will ensure that defense counsel has complete access as timely as possible, that victims' rights are restored in the balance, and that unintended consequences are eliminated."

The Monroe County District Attorney's Office looks forward to seeing these proposals go through the Legislature and the District Attorney is happy to discuss this with our local delegation.

Crimestoppers

Assistant District Attorneys William Cost and Rachel Wallisky joined Good Day Rochester's weekly Crime Stoppers segment to discuss the new DMV point system and how that can impact your driver's license.



To see the segment in its entirety, visit <https://13wham.com/news/crime-stoppers/crime-stoppers-new-dmv-regulations>

MCDA in the News

<https://13wham.com/news/local/man-sentenced-for-shooting-east-rochester-police-officer-raymond-noel-brad-steve-garfield-street>

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