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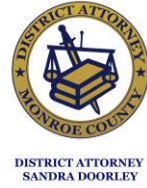
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Weekly Newsletter



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

The Service of Law Enforcement

January 9, 2024, was National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day. On this day, many of my colleagues and I shared appreciation for our Law Enforcement Officers who put their lives on the line every day to make our community a safer place for us and our families.

I never miss an opportunity to express my gratitude to these men and women for this often thankless job. Some may ask, why do I always write about police officers? Why is it so important to thank these professionals? East Rochester Police Officer Brad Steve is why.

On January 14, 2024, five days after National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day, East Rochester Police Officer Brad Steve was shot and by the grace of God, survived. Officer Steve is a veteran law enforcement officer who has spent his life serving and protecting. During my 30-plus years in the Monroe County District Attorney's Office, our community has experienced multiple police officers shot and multiple police officers killed. The disrespect and negative attitude toward law enforcement has become deadly.

There is no limit to how much we should value Law Enforcement Officers in this community. These men and women put on their uniforms every day, leave their families, and risk their lives for our protection.

Last Friday, an indictment was unsealed charging 51-year-old Raymond Noel with Attempted Aggravated Murder, Attempted Aggravated Assault Upon a Police Officer, and two counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree for the attempted murder of Officer Steve. Following the unsealing of the indictment, he was arraigned in front of New York State Supreme Court Justice Alex Renzi, who set bail in the amount of \$500,000, \$1,000,000 bond, and \$2,000,000 partially secured bond.

This case was investigated by the Monroe County Sheriff's Office and will be prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Michael Harrigan, Chief of the Major Felony Bureau. ADA Harrigan is among our most experienced prosecutors and I know he will find justice for Officer Steve.

Every day, we should not forget the commitment of police officers or discredit their service. Because they risk their lives, we are safer, and for that, I will always be grateful.

Homicide Update

To Date 2024:

City of Rochester Total: 3

Monroe County Total: 3

Simply put, to our Law Enforcement Officers, thank you.

Sandra

Deadly Driving Bill Update

I would like to update you on the progress of the Deadly Driving Bill. I previously sent a letter to the members of our local delegation highlighting its importance.

Last week, I shared that Assemblyman Brian Manktelow and Assemblymember Jen Lunsford reached out to share their support for this bill. Today, I am proud to report that Senator Pamela Helming and Assemblyman Steve Hawley, who is also the Deputy Minority Leader, both sent me letters supporting this important legislation!

I appreciate that I am receiving responses from many of our local representatives. This bill is common sense legislation that will make our roadways safer. I hope to hear from more as this year's session continues in Albany.

Highlights from the MCDA's Office

A jury convicted 56-year-old **Brian Travis** of Criminal Contempt in the 1st Degree and Aggravated Harassment in the 2nd Degree. On June 3, 2021, the defendant violated an Order of Protection against his ex-girlfriend, putting her in risk of harm. This case was investigated by the Rochester Police Department and was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Karen Chung, of the Special Victims Unit. Brian Travis will be sentenced on February 20, 2024, in front of New York State Supreme Court Justice Sinclair.

17-year-old **Antrel Jackson** was convicted by a Monroe County jury of Assault in the 1st Degree. On October 31, 2022, the defendant fired into a crowd of teenagers who were trick-or-treating, hitting a 15-year-old girl in the eye. This case was investigated by the Rochester Police Department and prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Camille Ingino, of the Major Felony Bureau. Antrel Jackson will be sentenced on April 19, 2024, in front of Acting Monroe County Family Court Judge Healy.

38-year-old **Master Bevel** was sentenced by New York State Supreme Court Justice Argento to 2-6 years in the New York State Department of Corrections for causing the vehicular death of Edgar Santa-Cruz. He previously pled guilty to the indictment, which included Manslaughter in the 2nd Degree and Operator Leave Scene of Incident Resulting in Death. This case was investigated by the Rochester Police Department and prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Janna Jehlen, of the Special Victims Unit.

New York State Supreme Court Justice Schiano sentenced 33-year-old **Henry Phelps III** to 40 years to Life in the New York State Department of Corrections. Henry Phelps was previously convicted by a jury of Murder in the 2nd Degree and four counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree for the murder of Charles Robinson. Co-defendant 25-year-old Marique Simkin was also sentenced by Justice Schiano to 25 years to Life in the New York State Department of Corrections. Marique Simkin was previously convicted by a jury of Murder in the 2nd Degree and two counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree for the murder of Lonnie Keys during the same incident. On March 13, 2022, Rochester Police Officers responded to a report of multiple gunshots on State Street in the City of Rochester. Upon arrival, Charles Robinson and Lonnie Keys were found shot to death. After a thorough investigation, Henry Phelps III and Marique Simkin were arrested for the murders. Marique Simkin was in custody at the time of the arrest for unrelated weapons charges. The case was prosecuted by Special Assistant District Attorney Megan Hausner, of the Major Felony Bureau, and Special Assistant District Attorney Matthew Hogestyn, also of the Major Felony Bureau.

David Vazquez-Dueno was indicted on Criminal Possession of Stolen Property in the 3rd Degree, Criminal Possession of Stolen Property in the 4th Degree, and Unauthorized Use of a Vehicle in relation to the possession of a stolen vehicle on August 16, 2023. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Diana Ferretti, of the General Felony Bureau.

Laquanna Richardson was indicted on Burglary in the 1st Degree, Menacing in the 2nd Degree, two counts of Endangering the Welfare of a Child, and Criminal Mischief in the 4th Degree in relation to an armed burglary on November 30, 2022. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Aaron Rath, of the Domestic Violence Bureau.

Melchezedek Milling was indicted on Burglary in the 2nd Degree and Criminal Mischief in the 2nd Degree in relation to a burglary on May 3, 2023. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Matthew Hogestyn, of the Major Felony Bureau.

Wesley Elmore was indicted on Burglary in the 3rd Degree and Petit Larceny in relation to a burglary at a Home Depot on October 9, 2023. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Mikael Pelkey, of the General Felony Bureau.

Jaquan Evans was indicted on Burglary in the 3rd Degree in relation to a burglary at a Tim Horton's on October 20, 2023. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Caroline Rodriguez, of the General Felony Bureau.

Robert Pratt was indicted on Burglary in the 2nd Degree and Attempted Burglary in the 2nd Degree, in relation to a home burglary on January 1, 2024. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Camille Ingino, of the Major Felony Bureau.

Shariff Beckley was indicted on two counts of Burglary in the 3rd Degree in relation to a burglary on November 3, 2023, and December 15, 2023. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Mikael Pelkey, of the General Felony Bureau.

Dontayius Gordon was indicted on Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree in relation to the illegal possession of a firearm on January 1, 2024. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Tony DiPerna, of the Special Investigations Bureau.

Ahmed Hussein was indicted on Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree in relation to the illegal possession of a firearm on January 17, 2023. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Stephen Ryck, of the Special Investigations Bureau.

Tevin Benjamin-Foster was indicted on Attempted Murder in the 2nd Degree, two counts of Attempted Robbery in the 1st Degree, two counts of Assault in the 1st Degree, and two counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree in relation to a shooting on January 2, 2024. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Merrick Sadler, of the Non-Fatal Shooting Taskforce.

Julio Ortiz, Stephen Poole, and Ronald Preston were indicted on Criminal Possession of Stolen Property in the 3rd Degree and Unauthorized Use of a Vehicle in the 3rd Degree in relation to the possession of a stolen car on June 29, 2023. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Mikael Pelkey, of the General Felony Bureau.

Miguel Carballo-Ramirez was indicted on Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree in relation to the illegal possession of a firearm on July 22, 2023. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Jonathan Jirik, of the Vehicular Crimes Bureau.

Christian Marquez was indicted on Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree and Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 3rd Degree in relation to the illegal possession of a firearm on December 21, 2023. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Timothy Boucher, of the Special Investigations Bureau.

Jerard Wilson, Jr. 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 Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 3rd Degree in relation to the illegal possession of narcotics and a firearm on June 5, 2023. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Merrick Sadler, of the Non-Fatal Shooting Taskforce.

Tharin Maddox was indicted on two counts of Assault in the 1st Degree in relation to a violent domestic assault on December 27, 2023. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Patrick Gallagher, Chief of the Domestic Violence Bureau, and Assistant District Attorney Kenisha Flowers, of the Special Victims Unit.

Nevaeh Burroughs was indicted on Criminal Possession of Stolen Property in the 3rd Degree, Criminal Possession of Stolen Property in the 4th Degree, and Unauthorized Use of a Vehicle in relation to the possession of a stolen vehicle on September 5, 2023. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Diana Ferretti, of the General Felony Bureau.

Michael Lansing was indicted on Rape in the 2nd Degree, Sexual Abuse in the 1st Degree, and Endangering the Welfare of a Child in relation to the sexual assault of a child less than 15 years old. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Kristina Hinkley, of the Special Victims Unit.

Tajuan Polite was indicted on Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree and two counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 3rd Degree in relation to the possession of an illegal firearm on August 10, 2023. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Michael Caranante, of the Special Investigations Bureau.

Runaway Joe

RTÉ, Ireland's National Public Service Media launched a podcast series on Joseph Malone, a FBI fugitive who was charged for murdering his wife in 1967 through poison. Following the murder indictment, Joseph Maloney fled to Ireland under an alias. This podcast series explores this case while searching for Joseph Maloney.



Episodes 1, 2, and 3 are available at:

<https://www.rte.ie/radio/podcasts/series/40016-runaway-joe/>

Congratulations!

Assistant District Attorney Joe Flores was promoted from his position of paralegal after his admission to the New York State Bar. Congratulations ADA Flores, we know you will be great!



MCDA in the News

<https://www.whec.com/top-news/jury-selection-will-begin-monday-in-trial-of-woman-set-on-fire-and-killed/>

<https://13wham.com/news/local/testimony-begins-for-man-charged-in-womans-burning-death-in-rochester#>

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