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Weekly Newsletter



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

February Felony Trials

Below, I share the felony jury trials scheduled during the month of February. I will continue to keep you updated on the results of these trials.

February 3 – People vs. Jahlasja McLarty and Al-Tarique Mitchell

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Emily Chisholm, of the Non-Fatal Shooting Taskforce and Assistant District Attorney Courtney Kleiman, of the General Felony Bureau.

The defendants are charged with two counts of Burglary in the 1st Degree, Robbery in the 1st Degree, two counts of Robbery in the 2nd Degree, and Assault in the 2nd Degree in front of New York State Supreme Court Justice Argento.

February 3 – People vs. Tajmier Mack

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Jonathan Jirik, of the Major Felony Bureau.

The defendant is charged with three counts of Burglary in the 2nd Degree and three counts of Grand Larceny in the 4th Degree in front of New York State Supreme Court Justice Sinclair.

February 3 – People vs. Serdar Ozmen

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Sara Vanstrydonck, Chief of the Special Victims Unit, and Assistant District Attorney Patrick Gallagher, Chief of the Domestic Violence Bureau.

The defendant is charged with Kidnapping in the 1st Degree as a Sexually Motivated Felony, two counts of Criminal Sexual Act in the 1st Degree, and two counts of Criminal Sexual Act in the 2nd Degree in front New York State Supreme Court Justice Renzi.

February 3 – People vs. Jose Rodriguez-Quinones

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Karen Chung, of the Special Victims Unit and Assistant District Attorney Armando Benitez, of the General Felony Bureau.

The defendant is charged with Assault in the 2nd Degree, two counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree, and Reckless Endangerment in the 1st Degree in front of Monroe County Court Judge Ansaldi.

February 3 – People vs. Michael Benjamin

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Jessica Wagner, of the Special Victims Unit.

The defendant is charged with Kidnapping in the 2nd Degree, five counts of Predatory Sexual Assault, two counts of Sexual Abuse in the 1st Degree, Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 3rd Degree, and two counts of Grand Larceny in the 4th Degree in front of New York State Supreme Court Justice Sinclair.

February 3 – People vs. Taroy Williams

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Tony DiPerna, of the Special Investigations Bureau.

The defendant is charged with Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the 3rd Degree and Criminally Using Drug Paraphernalia in the 2nd Degree in front of Monroe County Court Judge Randall.

February 4 – People vs. Johnkiomi Ruiz

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Adam VanHeyst, of the Non-Fatal Shooting Taskforce.

The defendant is charged with Assault in the 1st Degree and two counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree in front of New York State Supreme Court Justice Miller.

February 10 – People vs. Jesimar Blissett

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney James Nguyen, of the Special Victims Unit.

The defendant is charged with Rape in the 1st Degree, Sexual Abuse in the 1st Degree, and Criminal Obstruction of Breathing or Blood Circulation in front of Monroe County Court Judge Morrison.

February 10 – People vs. Kevin Lupiani

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Kenisha Flowers, of the Special Victims Unit.

The defendant is charged with Predatory Sexual Assault Against a Child in front of Monroe County Court Judge Randall.

February 11 – People vs. Atronda Parris and Randell Parris

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Stephen Ryck, of the Special Investigations Bureau.

The defendants are charged with Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree in front New York State Supreme Court Justice Argento.

February 18 – People vs. Andrew Trammell

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Janna Jehlen, of the Special Victims Unit.

The defendant is charged with two counts of Predatory Sexual Assault Against a Child, Sexual Abuse in the 1st Degree, two counts of Disseminating Indecent Materials to Minors in the 1st Degree, Endangering the Welfare of a Child, Course of Sexual Conduct Against a Child in the 2nd Degree, and Failure to Register or Verify as a Sex Offender in front of Monroe County Court Judge Randall.

February 18 – People vs. Marjuan Conyer

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Ryan Mulcahy, of the Special Investigations Bureau.

The defendant is charged with Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree and two counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 3rd Degree in front of Monroe County Court Judge Randall.

February 24 – People vs. Jaquan Moore

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Michael Robertson, Deputy Chief of the Major Felony Bureau.

The defendant is charged with Murder in the 2nd Degree and two counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree in front of Monroe County Court Judge Morrison.

February 24 – People vs. Sarah Samsel

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Ellie Laloudakis, of the Major Felony Bureau.

The defendant is charged with Kidnapping in the 2nd Degree and Robbery in the 1st Degree in front of Monroe County Court Judge Hahn.

February 24 – People vs. William Mogan, Jr.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Aaron Rath, of the Special Victims Unit.

The defendant is charged with four counts of Aggravated Family Offense in front of New York State Supreme Court Justice Sinclair.

February 24 – People vs. Markie Johnson

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Courtney Kleiman, of the Vehicular Crimes Bureau.

The defendant is charged with Driving While Intoxicated in front of New York State Supreme Court Justice Argento.

February 24 – People vs. Richie Johnson

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Jessica Wagner, of the Special Victims Unit.

The defendant is charged with five counts of Criminal Sexual Act in the 1st Degree, two counts of Rape in the 1st Degree, Unlawful Imprisonment in the 2nd Degree, Aggravated Sexual Abuse in the 2nd Degree, Sexual Abuse in the 1st Degree, Assault in the 1st Degree as a Sexually Motivated Felony, Assault in the 2nd Degree as a Sexually Motivated Felony, and Unlawful Imprisonment in the 1st Degree in front of Acting New York State Supreme Court Justice Patterson.

February 24 – People vs. Tevin McKelvry

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Kelly Pettrone, of the Special Investigations Bureau.

The defendant is charged with Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree and Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 3rd Degree in front of New York State Supreme Court Justice Argento.

February 24 – People vs. Jermaine Young

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Aliyah Fowler, of the Major Felony Bureau.

The defendant is charged with Assault in the 1st Degree in front of Monroe County Court Judge Dollinger.

February 25 – People vs. Stephan Jefferson

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Patrick Gallagher, Chief of the Domestic Violence Bureau, and Assistant District Attorney Ryan Lamon, of the Youth Part/Major Felony Bureau.

The defendant is charged with Murder in the 2nd Degree and two counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree in front of New York State Supreme Court Justice Miller.

February 25 – People vs. Quintel Crockton

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Kevin Sunderland, Chief of the Local Courts Bureau.

The defendant is charged with Murder in the 2nd Degree in front of New York State Supreme Court Justice Schiano.

February 26 – People vs. Stephen Phillips

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Jonathan Jirik, of the Major Felony Bureau.

The defendant is charged with Strangulation in the 2nd Degree in front of New York State Supreme Court Justice Moran.

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Updates from the DAASNY Winter Conference

Monroe County District Attorney Sandra Doorley, 2nd Assistant District Attorney Michelle Crowley, and Assistant District Attorney Lisa Gray, Chief of the Appeals Bureau, are finishing up the annual Winter Conference for the District Attorneys Association of the State of New York (DAASNY). At the conference, DA Doorley joined most of the elected District Attorneys across New York State in support of Governor Hochul's discovery proposals. For more information, see DAASNY's official statement below:

At its annual Winter Conference, the District Attorneys Association of the State of New York (DAASNY) voted overwhelmingly in support of the discovery proposal contained in New York State Governor Kathy Hochul's Executive Budget.

"In a vote with near unanimity, my fellow district attorneys lent their support in whole to the proposal in Governor Hochul's Executive Budget which would address the unintended consequences of the 2020 Discovery Statute. These unintended consequences have led to the dismissal or reduction in charges in thousands of felony and misdemeanor cases, especially large quantities of petit larcenies, quality of life crimes, DWIs, and assault cases," SAID DAASNY PRESIDENT MICHAEL MCMAHON.

The vote was held at the State prosecutors' Winter Conference held in the InterContinental Barclay Hotel in New York, New York, attended by more than 100 people, including elected district attorneys and their executive staffs.

The Governor's proposal helps fulfill the original intent of discovery reform, to allow for early, broad disclosure to criminal defendants, so that they have all of the information that they need to defend themselves, while helping to eliminate gamesmanship and the possibility of many of the technical dismissals that have been burdening the criminal justice system.

"People want to know why so many repeat offenders are churning through the turnstile of justice without consequence and often go on to commit more serious and violent crimes - the answer is Discovery - and this proposal will go a long way towards fixing that and restoring public safety in our State,"
MCMAHON CONTINUED.



Highlights from the MCDA's Office

46-year-old **Charles Collins** was convicted by a jury in the Town of Brighton of Endangering the Welfare of a Child, Forcible Touching, and Sexual Abuse in the 3rd Degree for the sexual assault of a minor. This case was investigated by the Brighton Police Department and prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Amy Crosier and Assistant District Attorney Carrington Wells, both of the Local Courts Bureau. Charles Collins will be sentenced on March 24, 2025, in front of Brighton Town Justice Falk.

38-year-old **Courvoisier Hall** was convicted by Monroe County Court Judge Bailey Turner of Criminal Mischief in the 2nd Degree and Criminal Possession of Stolen Property in the 4th Degree. On February 23, 2023, Rochester Police Officers stopped the defendant in a motor vehicle on an unrelated matter. The investigators determined that the vehicle was stolen and the defendant refused to cooperate before causing damage to the police vehicle. This case was investigated by the Rochester Police Department and prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Matthew Schiano, of the Major Felony Bureau. Courvoisier Hall will be sentenced as a second felony offender on March 6, 2025, in front of Monroe County Court Judge Bailey Turner.

29-year-old **Anne Collins** pled guilty to two counts of Criminal Sexual Act in the 3rd Degree, which are top counts of the indictment. This case was investigated by the Monroe County Sheriff's Office and prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Hillary Langdon, of the Special Victims Unit. Anne Collins will be sentenced by New York State Supreme Court Justice Sinclair on April 22, 2025.

New York State Supreme Court Justice Renzi sentenced 48-year-old **Malik Black** to Life in the New York State Department of Corrections Without the Possibility of Parole. The defendant was previously convicted by a jury of Murder in the 1st Degree and Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 3rd Degree for the murder of Jessica Romich on September 30, 2023. On September 30, 2023, Gates Police Officers were called to a parking lot on Pixley Industrial Parkway, where they located 47-year-old Jessica Romich. The victim, who was found with one gunshot wound, was deceased upon the Officers' arrival. After a thorough investigation by the Gates Police, Malik Black, previously known as Ernest Dunham, was developed as a suspect. It was determined that on the afternoon of September 30, 2023, the defendant drove to the business owned by Jessica Romich in the Town of Gates. As Jessica was leaving work for the day, Malik Black approached her and shot her. Malik Black and Jessica Romich were known to each other, as the defendant was a former employee who worked for Ms. Romich's business. The defendant was on parole for a previous murder conviction. The case was prosecuted by Special Assistant District Attorney Hillary Langdon, of the Special Victims Unit, and Senior Assistant District Attorney Aaron Rath, also of the Special Victims Unit.

48-year-old **Kelvin Hunt** was sentenced by New York State Supreme Court Justice Healy to 25 years in the New York State Department of Corrections plus 5 years of post-release supervision. Kelvin Hunt previously pled guilty to Kidnapping in the 2nd Degree, for the abduction of a child. On February 1, 2024, Kelvin Hunt, a registered sex offender, entered a home and forcibly kidnapped a 14-year-old girl. Kelvin Hunt specifically targeted this house and this victim. He took her to another location at gunpoint, against her will. The 14-year-old was released by the kidnapper and called the police. Rochester Police Officers, the Federal Bureau of Investigations, and the United States Marshals Service searched the community for Kelvin Hunt, who led police on two separate vehicular pursuits. He was located at the Gates Hotel on February 5, 2024, and arrested for the kidnapping of this teenage victim. This case was prosecuted by Senior Assistant District Attorney Janna Jehlen, of the Special Victims Unit.

49-year-old **Aran Cordero** was sentenced by New York State Supreme Court Justice Argento to 22 years in the New York State Department of Corrections plus 20 years post-release supervision, Sex Offender Registration, and a No Contact Order of Protection. Aran Cordero previously pled guilty to Course of Sexual Conduct Against a Child in the 1st Degree for the sexual assault of a child less than thirteen years old on or about and between May 15, 2013 and May 2, 2019. This case was investigated by the Rochester Police Department and prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Hillary Langdon, of the Special Victims Unit.

20-year-old **Kyle Ashford** was sentenced by New York State Supreme Court Justice Argento to 10 years in the New York State Department of Corrections plus 5 years of post-release supervision. Kyle Ashford previously pled guilty to the indictment, which included Attempted Murder in the 2nd Degree, Robbery in the 1st Degree, Assault in the 1st Degree, and two counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree for shooting a 24-year-old man outside a house on Denise Road in the Town of Greece. During the early hours of May 17, 2024, Greece Police Officers responded to a home on Denise Road for reports of a man shot. They located a 24-year-old man who was shot two times in the upper body, and Emergency Medical Services quickly transported the victim to Strong Memorial Hospital, where he eventually made a full recovery. After a thorough investigation, Greece Police Investigators identified Kyle Ashford as the shooter. He was arrested for the shooting and armed robbery. Kyle Ashford admitted to shooting the victim over a dispute. The case was prosecuted by Special Assistant District Attorney Matthew Schiano, of the Major Felony Bureau.

Teddi Dance for Love

This weekend is the annual Teddi Dance for Love at St. John Fisher University. Representatives from the Monroe County District Attorney's Office joined the team to kick off the festivities at the "Very Beary Brunch." The Teddi Dance for Love is a 24 hour dance marathon that benefits Camp Good Days and Special Times, an organization for children and their families dealing with cancer and other life challenges. Students from St. John Fisher University have been hosting this dance since 1982. Named for Elizabeth "Teddi" Mervis, her father Gary Mervis, founded Camp Good Days in Teddi's memory.

To donate to this year's Teddi Dance, please visit:

<https://secure.givelively.org/donate/camp-good-days-special-times-inc/43rd-annual-teddi-dance-for-love>



MCDA in the News

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