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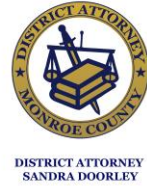
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Weekly Newsletter



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

S. 2423/A.2035

There is a pending bill in the New York State Legislature titled S. 2423/A. 2035 that may be considered in the upcoming session that begins next month. This proposed legislation which "Relates to parole eligibility for certain incarcerated persons age fifty-five," is otherwise known as "Elder Parole." The proposal states that any person incarcerated in the New York State Department of Corrections who is 55 or older and has served at least 15 years of a sentence shall have a subsequent interview with the Board of Parole to determine whether they should be released to community supervision. As written, there are no carve outs based on the conviction. As written, every type of conviction is impacted, including murder, rape, and child abuse.

While a parole hearing does not guarantee release, partnered with other pending legislation, there may be a presumption of release from the New York State Department of Corrections.

Let's take a look at our own community. 66-year-old Kevin Quander admitted to the murder of Charlotte Lahr, a mom and small business owner. On March 2, 2017, Charlotte Lahr was working at her wine and liquor store on South Avenue when Kevin Quander, a recent parolee, entered the store with a knife and demanded money. In an attempt to resist the robbery, Charlotte was violently beaten to death with a wine bottle by Kevin Quander, who was 59 years old at the time of the murder.

Quander was sentenced to a minimum of 36 years and a maximum of life in prison. This man proved that at age 59, violent actions do not have an age limit. If the Elder Parole Act is passed, Kevin Quander will be eligible for parole after only serving 15 years of his sentence.

Listed below are just a small percentage of notable violent offenders who will be impacted if this legislation passes. If you would like more information on these offenders, their convictions, and how they will be impacted by Elder Parole, please email me at DistrictAttorney@monroecounty.gov. We will be highlighting these convictions in the coming months.

71-year-old James McKnight
71-year-old Domingo Ventura
68-year-old Robert Spahalski
68-year-old Douglas Gross
67-year-old Keith Wilcox
66-year-old Kevin Quander
61-year-old Nache Afrika
60-year-old Franklin Carter
60-year-old Willis Knight

Homicide Update

So far in 2023:

City of Rochester Total:
53

Monroe County Total: 58

59-year-old Carl Nelson
59-year-old Luis Nieves
57-year-old James Hunter
57-year-old Gary Martin
56-year-old Ye Min Thet Austen
56-year-old Terry Williams
55-year-old Ronald Lagasse
55-year-old Keith Laster
55-year-old Elwell McPhail
55-year-old Joseph Boykins Sr.
54-year-old Angel Mateo
54-year-old James Orr
53-year-old David Zacher
53-year-old Frank Cassata
53-year-old Kirk Ashton
52-year-old Laura Rideout
52-year-old Donyell McKenzie
51-year-old Mark Christie
51-year-old Andre Johnson
50-year-old Etheriage Pierce, Jr.
50-year-old Miguel Cotto
49-year-old Joseph Myles
49-year-old Frank Garcia
49-year-old Eric Johnson
48-year-old Christopher Gifford
48-year-old Anthony Johnson
47-year-old Thomas Johnson III
46-year-old Ronell McFadden
46-year-old David Gardner
45-year-old Jackie Ray Robinson
45-year-old Kareem Singletery
44-year-old Patrick Brooks
44-year-old Kwame Young
43-year-old Piero Scala
43-year-old Tremaine Colley
42-year-old Seth Larson
41-year-old Willie McCullough
41-year-old Ralph Strong
41-year-old Antwon Smith
39-year-old Margzell Miller
39-year-old Ray Jones III
38-year-old Black Jewelz
38-year-old Syjesman Brown
38-year-old Trevor Clarke
35-year-old Aries Ash
34-year-old Lydell Strickland
33-year-old Samuel Shaw
32-year-old Michael Caruthers
31-year-old Kimberly Jones
31-year-old Jonathan Spinks
31-year-old Dimitri Cash
31-year-old Timothy Brown
31-year-old Dvontea Alexander

30-year-old Robert Colon
30-year-old Tony Youngblood
29-year-old Johnny Blackshell Jr.
24-year-old Mason Earle
22-year-old Kelvin Vickers

While this legislation is brought forward with defendants in mind, it does not consider public safety, and does not consider victims. This legislation is a slap in the face to public safety, existing sentencing guidelines, and all victims of crime.

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Highlights from the MCDA's Office

The Trial for the People vs. **Timothy Williams** will continue into next week. The defendant is charged with three counts of Murder in the 2nd Degree in front of New York State Supreme Court Justice Moran. This case is being prosecuted by Monroe County District Attorney Sandra Doorley and Assistant District Attorney Lisa Gray, Chief of the Appeals Bureau.

A Monroe County Jury convicted 33-year-old **Henry Phelps III** 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. 25-year-old **Marique Simkin** was also convicted 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. 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. Henry Phelps III and Marique Simkin will be sentenced on January 22, 2024, in front of New York State Supreme Court Justice Schiano.

35-year-old **Jerrod Dozier** pled guilty to Manslaughter in the 1st Degree for the shooting death of Terry Howard. On the night of November 12, 2022, Terry Howard was shot multiple times in a parked vehicle in a driveway on Norton Street. Also in the vehicle, were the victim's wife and his two young children. Terry Howard was quickly transported to Rochester General Hospital, where he died from his injuries. The Rochester Police Department conducted a thorough investigation and quickly identified Jerrod Dozier as the shooter. He was arrested the following day. Jerrod Dozier will be sentenced to 22 years in the New York State Department of Corrections plus 5 years of post-release supervision. The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Gregory Clark, Chief of the Public Integrity/Economic Crimes Bureau. Jerrod Dozier will be sentenced on January 30, 2024, in front of Monroe County Court Judge Vacca.

Rasheen Ross was convicted by a jury of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree and Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 3rd Degree for the illegal possession of a gun on February 23, 2018. This is Rasheen Ross' second conviction after the first came back on appeal. As a mandatory persistent felony offender, he faces up to 16 years to Life. This case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Matthew Schiano, of the Major Felony Bureau.

Detaevious Wynn 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 the 3rd Degree in relation to a stolen vehicle on May 13, 2023. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Diana Ferretti, of the General Felony Bureau.

Evan Vanskiver was indicted on Criminal Possession of Stolen Property in the 4th Degree, and Unauthorized Use of a Vehicle in the 3rd Degree relation to a stolen vehicle on February 18, 2023. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Diana Ferretti, of the General Felony Bureau.

Sarha Schuler was indicted on Criminal Possession of a Forged Instrument in the 2nd Degree, Identity Theft in the 1st Degree, Identity Theft in the 2nd Degree, and Grand Larceny in the 4th Degree. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Christopher Folk, of the Public Integrity/Economic Crimes Bureau.

Ervin Finkley was indicted on Assault in the 2nd Degree, in relation to an assault on another person on November 3, 2023. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Camille Ingino, of the Major Felony Bureau.

John Hudgeon III was indicted on Assault in the 2nd Degree and Criminal Mischief in the 2nd Degree in relation to a domestic assault on September 8, 2023. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Jessica Wagner, of the Domestic Violence Bureau.

Jameson Muntz and Kathryn Parina were indicted on Assault in the 2nd Degree and Unlawful Imprisonment in the 1st Degree in relation to the assault of a woman on October 13, 2023. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Camille Ingino, of the Major Felony Bureau.

Michael Scott, Jr. was indicted on Murder in the 2nd Degree and Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree in relation to the death of Demetrius Rucker on August 4, 2023. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Timothy Boucher, of the Special Investigations Bureau.

Devante Hall was indicted on Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree, in relation to the illegal possession of a weapon on October 5, 2023. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Tony DiPerna, of the Special Investigations Bureau.

Jayhvion Griner-Owens was indicted on three counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree, two counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 3rd Degree, and Criminal Possession of a Firearm, Rifle, Shotgun, In A Sensitive Location in relation to the illegal possession of a firearm on July 3, 2023 and July 25, 2023. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Michael Caranante, of the Special Investigations Bureau.

Roberto Saladana-Burgos 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 weapon on June 11, 2023. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Jennifer Kennedy, Deputy Chief of the Special Investigations Bureau.

MCDA in the Community

Last week, the Monroe County District Attorney's Office donated enough money to provide eight full Thanksgiving Day meals for families in our community. Organized by Karen Iglesia, co-founder of Primetime585, this effort to provide full Thanksgiving dinners served over 855 families in this community. We went shopping and delivered these dinners to families throughout the City of Rochester. Karen said it best when she proclaimed that it is not just about the donations, but it was about our time. It was great to go into the community to deliver these meals and remind everyone that we care and support them.



Monroe County District Attorney Sandra Doorley joined Sheriff Todd Baxter, Bob Duffy, and various members of the community at a meeting of the Consortium for Safe Communities. This consortium is a diverse group imploring elected officials to address public safety concerns impacting our community.



Members of the Monroe County District Attorney's Office participated in Movember— raising funds and awareness for various aspects of men's health, including mental health, prostate cancer, and testicular cancer. Led by Assistant District Attorney Ryan Lamon, of the Public Integrity/Economic Crimes Bureau, participants on the team raised over \$1,300 to help fund medical research, groundbreaking tests and trials, life-changing men's health programs, and innovative treatments addressing mental health and suicide prevention, prostate cancer, and testicular cancer.



MCDA in the News

<https://www.rochesterfirst.com/crime/jury-selection-starts-tuesday-in-the-trial-of-1984-murder-suspect/>

<https://13wham.com/news/local/opening-statements-begin-in-trial-of-timothy-williams-man-accused-of-raping-killing-14-year-old-rochester-girl-wendy-jerome-nearly-40-years-ago>

<https://www.whec.com/top-news/testimony-to-start-thursday-in-cold-case-murder-of-14-year-old-in-1984/>

<https://www.whec.com/top-news/mother-of-1984-murder-victim-testifies-against-accused-killer/>

<https://13wham.com/news/local/testimony-begins-in-trial-of-man-accused-of-raping-and-killing-14-year-old-girl-in-rochester-in-1984-timothy-williams-wendy-jerome-sandra-doorley-mike-mazzeo>

<https://13wham.com/news/local/man-pleads-guilty-for-fatal-shooting-witnessed-by-victims-wife-and-kids-norton-street-rochester-parked-car-vehicle-jerrod-dozier-terry-howard-driveway-ambush>

<https://www.rochesterfirst.com/crime/rochester-man-pleads-guilty-to-fatal-shooting-on-norton-st/>

<https://wham1180.iheart.com/content/2023-11-22-parolee-pleads-guilty-in-norton-st-homicide/>

<https://www.democratandchronicle.com/story/news/2023/11/30/henry-phelps-marique-simkin-guilty-double-homicid-state-st-rochester-ny/71756457007/>

<https://www.rochesterfirst.com/news/local-news/two-rochester-men-found-guilty-of-murders-on-state-street/>



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