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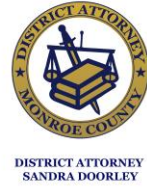
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Weekly Newsletter



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

2025 Homicides

Today, the homicide count in the City of Rochester is down 50% compared to April 25 of last year. Overall, in Monroe County, homicides have decreased by 36% compared to this time last year. Our definition of homicides includes all murders as well as vehicular homicides that result in a Manslaughter in the 2nd Degree charge and higher felony homicide charges. I am pleased with this decrease and believe it was the result of the diligent work of our law enforcement partners and evidence-based crime prevention strategies.

Closely related to these homicide figures are our shooting statistics. At the State of the City Address this week, Mayor Evans shared that shooting incidents have dropped by 53% from 2021 to 2024. Injuries from gunfire have decreased by 51%, and fatal shootings have declined by 49% in the City of Rochester. During this time, arrests for illegal gun possession have not decreased, which suggest that we are successfully removing more illegally possessed guns from our community before they can be used in shootings and homicides.

Crime trends are important. Data and statistics are important. But every individual homicide remains more important.

Anne Mancuso
Mary Liccini
Jeremiah Maddox
Jesse Jamison
Jabiel Henderson
Robert Prescott
Jameel Allen
Sandra Blanding
Ali Saleh

Every name listed above represents more than just a number or statistic; each one is a heart-wrenching reminder of a life tragically cut short, leaving behind families who are now bordered with the heavy weight of grief and loss.

To all the families enduring the painful anguish of losing a loved one to homicide, we want you to know that we stand with you in your sorrow. We are committed to doing everything in our power to ensure that justice is served and your voices are heard.

Homicide Update

To Date 2025:

City of Rochester Total: 7

Monroe County Total: 9

I genuinely hope that the recent decline in homicides and gun violence is a trend that continues. We will persist in collaborating with our law enforcement partners to develop effective crime prevention strategies and to hold those who commit acts of violence accountable for their actions.

Together, we can work toward a safer community for all.

Sandra

Highlights from the MCDA's Office

The trial for the **People vs. Bradford Clark, Jr.** is ongoing. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Ryan Lamon, of the Major Felony Bureau. The defendant is charged with Murder in the 2nd Degree and two counts of Criminal Possession of the Weapon in the 2nd Degree in front of Acting Monroe County Court Judge Patterson.

The trial for the **People vs. Cordae Terry** is ongoing. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Jonathan Jirik, of the Major Felony Bureau. The defendant is charged with Robbery in the 1st Degree in front of Monroe County Court Judge Ansaldi.

The trial for the **People vs. Eliezar Ortiz** will continue into next week. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Emily Chisholm and Assistant District Attorney Aliyah Fowler, of the Non-Fatal Shooting Taskforce. The defendant is charged with three counts of Attempted Murder in the 2nd Degree, two counts of Assault in the 1st Degree, and two counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree in front of Monroe County Court Judge Dollinger.

On Monday, jury selection will begin for the **People vs. Robert Petit**.

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

The defendant is charged with eleven counts of Sexual Abuse in the 1st Degree and six counts of Endangering the Welfare of a Child in front of New York State Supreme Court Justice Sinclair.

On Monday, jury selection will begin for the **People vs Justin Melton**. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Jennifer Kennedy, Deputy Chief of the Special Investigations Bureau.

The defendant is charged with three counts of Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the 3rd Degree and Criminal Possession of a controlled Substance in the 4th Degree in front of Monroe County Court Judge Ansaldi.

On Monday, jury selection will begin for the **People vs. Keniel Simpson**. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Christopher Folk, of the Major Felony Bureau.

The defendant is charged with Falsely Reporting an Incident in the 2nd Degree in front of Monroe County Court Judge Randall.

On Monday, jury selection will begin for the **People vs. Tressan Woods**. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Terance Calcagno, of the General Felony Bureau.

The defendant is charged with Criminal Possession of Stolen Property in the 3rd degree and Unauthorized Use of a Vehicle in the 3rd Degree in front of New York State Supreme Court Justice Argento.

On Monday, the bench trial will begin for the **People vs. Leeanna McGee**. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Stephen Ryck, of the Major Felony Bureau.

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

34-year-old **Guy Mustgray, II** was sentenced by Monroe County Court Judge Julie Hahn to 20 years in the New York State Department of Corrections plus 5 years of post-release supervision for his involvement in the death of Michael DiCesare. The defendant previously pled guilty to Manslaughter in the 1st Degree. On December 25, 2023, Rochester Police Officers located Michael DiCesare on the corner of Bay Street and Portland Avenue. Upon the Officers' arrival, the victim was found seriously injured from a violent robbery and immediately transported to Strong Memorial Hospital. On February 4, 2024, Michael DiCesare died from his injuries. After an investigation conducted by the Rochester Police Department, it was determined that Brucewayne Beaman and Guy Mustgray, II were responsible for the robbery and subsequent homicide. Brucewayne Beaman was previously sentenced to 25 years in the New York State Department of Corrections. The case was prosecuted by Special Assistant District Attorney Aliyah Fowler, of the Major Felony Bureau.

35-year-old **Passion Anderson** pled Not Responsible by Reason of Mental Disease or Defect for the death of her one-year-old son, William Nicholas. New York State Supreme Court Justice Victoria Argento issued an examination order. In the meantime, the defendant will be housed at the Rochester Psychiatric Center. This case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Sara Vanstrydonck, Chief of the Special Victims Unit.

29-year-old **Anne Collins** was sentenced to six months in the Monroe County Jail, ten years of sex offender probation, sexual offender registration and an order of protection. She previously 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.

DVSJA Update

Recently, we consented on the resentencing of another Domestic Violence Survivors Justice Act Resentencing.

In 2017, Jennifer Pryor was convicted of Manslaughter in the 1st Degree for the death of her husband, Roger Pryor on March 11, 2016. There was never a question that Ms. Pryor stabbed her husband, killing him. There was also never a question that Ms. Pryor suffered abuse at the hands of her husband for years.

After a thorough review of the case by Monroe County District Attorney Sandra Doorley, the office determined that Ms. Pryor's application met the necessary requirements for resentencing, including:

- Subjected to substantial physical, sexual or psychological abuse inflicted by an Intimate partner, family member or member of the same household,
- The abuse was a significant contributing factor to the participation in the crime, and
- A sentence under current law would be, or in the case of resentencing the original sentence is, unduly harsh.

New York State Supreme Court Justice Sinclair resentenced Jennifer Pryor to 5 years in the New York State Department of Corrections plus 5 years of post-release supervision under the DVSJA statute. After already serving eight years in the New York State Department of Corrections, Ms. Pryor was released. Jennifer Pryor took responsibility for the homicide, expressed regret for her actions, and articulated appreciation for all she has learned. The Monroe County District Attorney's Office wishes the best for Jennifer Pryor and the family of Roger Pryor.

MCDA in the Community

The Monroe County District Attorney's Office attended the Monroe County United Way Captains Kickoff!

This year, the DA's Office will be participating in the campaign. The 2025 theme is Changemaker, the Need for Change is Now. In Monroe County's first in-person kick-off since the COVID-19 pandemic, we are committed to giving back to our community!



MCDA in the News

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<https://13wham.com/news/local/man-sentenced-for-fatal-christmas-day-2023-beating-in-rochester-guy-mustgray-bay-street-and-portland-avenue-manslaughter-michael-dicesare-brucewayne-beaman-robbery>

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<https://13wham.com/news/local/rochester-woman-pleads-guilty-in-violent-carjacking-over-10-cents-allison-smith-four-guys-north-clinton-avenue-shawntae-hall-ceyaira-barker>