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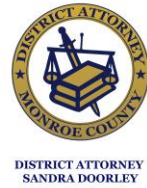
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Weekly Newsletter



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

New York State Budget

Last week, the New York State Budget was finally passed. While I can't speak to every detail of the budget, I am relieved that changes were made to the discovery laws that we, as prosecutors, deal with on a daily basis.

As Monroe County's District Attorney, I see firsthand the dedication of our Assistant District Attorneys in their daily work to uphold justice and keep our communities safe. These changes to the discovery laws are an important step toward a more just and efficient legal process, one that balances public safety while respecting the rights of everyone.

For years, my colleagues and I have raised concerns about the post-2020 discovery laws, especially with the tight timelines and lack of resources. The budget amendments will now recognize the good faith efforts that prosecutors make to provide all relevant information as quickly as possible.

There are also changes that help to prevent the manipulation of the speedy trial clock while ensuring that justice is not delayed. The budget amendments give judges the discretion to determine whether prosecutors have made a genuine effort, instead of relying on rigid timelines that do not take individual cases and circumstances into account.

These revisions also bring balance to a system that has created struggles and burdens for prosecutors since 2020. By clarifying disclosure requirements, these budget amendments recognize the challenges prosecutors face and gives us the tools to do our jobs more effectively.

Every day, we are advocating for justice, public safety, and the fair application of the law. These amendments are a positive step, showing us that state leaders are listening and working toward real solutions. This is how meaningful reform should happen, by collaborating with those directly affected and creating policies that strengthen the pursuit of justice.

Homicide Update

To Date 2025:

City of Rochester Total:
10

Monroe County Total: 12

I want to thank Governor Hochul and the Legislature for these important changes. I also appreciate the hard work of my fellow District Attorneys from DAASNY, who advocated for these revisions. My colleagues and I are committed to continuing our work and advocacy for the citizens of New York State.

Sandra

Highlights from the MCDA's Office

The trial for the **People vs. Alberto Pomaes** will begin on Monday. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Patrick Gallagher, Chief of the Domestic Violence Bureau. The defendant is charged with Burglary in the 1st Degree, Strangulation in the 2nd Degree, twenty-four counts of Aggravated Family Offense, eleven counts of Criminal Contempt in the 1st Degree, three counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree, Aggravated Criminal Contempt, and Unlawful Imprisonment in the 1st Degree in front of Monroe County Court Judge Ansaldi.

The trial for the **People vs. Tayvren Love** will begin on Monday. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Christopher Folk, of the Major Felony Bureau. The defendant is charged with Assault in the 1st Degree and three counts Assault in the 2nd Degree in front of New York State Supreme Court Justice Schiano.

The trial for the **People vs. Jay Wynne** will begin on Monday. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Jonathan Jirik, of the Major Felony Bureau. The defendant is charged with two counts of Robbery in the 1st Degree, three counts of Robbery in the 2nd Degree, and Assault in the 2nd Degree in front of Monroe County Court Judge Ansaldi.

18-year-old **Nahziiryahzihn Ali** was convicted by a Monroe County jury of Assault in the 1st Degree and Assault in the 2nd Degree for stabbing a 15-year-old victim on October 30, 2024 on an RTS bus in the Town of Greece. This case was investigated by the Greece Police Department and prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Kaylee Rizzari, of the Special Victims Unit. The defendant will be sentenced in front of Monroe County Court Judge Ansaldi on July 17, 2025.

20-year-old **Shalom Mathews** pled guilty to Attempt Assault in the 2nd Degree and Stalking in the 3rd Degree. This plea is the result of the defendant threatening a St. John Fisher staff member with a knife and an unrelated incident in the town of Brighton. This case was investigated by the Monroe County Sheriff's Office and prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Jessica Wagner, of the Special Victims Unit. The defendant will be back in court on November 24, 2025, in front of New York State Supreme Court Justice Schiano.

Monroe County Court Judge Morrison sentenced 23-year-old **Jose Colon** to 17 years in the New York State Department of Corrections plus 5 years of post-release supervision. He previously pled guilty to Robbery in the 1st Degree for shooting a Rochester man during a carjacking on May 30, 2024. On May 30, 2024, Rochester Police Officers responded to a report of a person shot on North Clinton Avenue in the City of Rochester. Upon arrival, a man was found with a gunshot wound. He was immediately transported to Strong Memorial Hospital, where he recovered from his injuries. The victim was shot during the theft of his car. After a thorough investigation by the Non-Fatal Shooting Taskforce, which includes Rochester Police Investigators, Monroe County District Attorney Investigators, and Assistant District Attorneys, it was determined that Jose Colon stole the victim's car and shot him. The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Emily Chisholm, of the Non-Fatal Shooting Taskforce.

Monroe County Court Judge Dollinger sentenced 26-year-old **Miguel Clemons** to multiple concurrent life sentences, totaling 20 years to Life in the New York State Department of Corrections. He was previously convicted by a jury 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 Rochester man with the intent to kill him on December 26, 2023. Miguel Clemons was sentenced as a mandatory persistent violent felony offender. 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. Shavar Brooks was also convicted by a jury for Attempted Murder in the 2nd Degree, Assault in the 1st Degree, and two counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree. He was sentenced to 23 years to Life in the New York State Department of Corrections. The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Adam VanHeyst, Deputy Chief of the Major Felony Bureau, and Special Assistant District Attorney Jonathan Jirik, also of the Major Felony Bureau.

Skyler Dones Pelemon was indicted on two counts of Aggravated Driving While Intoxicated with a Child Passenger, Driving While Intoxicated, Driving While Intoxicated; BAC .08 or more, Aggravated Driving While Intoxicated: Per Se, and two counts of Endangering the Welfare of a Child in relation to a vehicular incident on September 17, 2024. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Karen Chung, of the Vehicular Crimes Bureau.

Luke Calla was indicted on Strangulation in the 2nd Degree, Criminal Obstruction of Breathing, and Assault in the 3rd Degree in relation to a domestic incident on October 24, 2024. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Kenisha Flowers, of the Special Victims Unit.

Daniel Messina was indicted on two counts of Aggravated Family Offense in relation to multiple violations of an order of protection. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Kenisha Flowers, of the Special Victims Unit.

Austin Haynes was indicted on Assault in the 2nd Degree, Attempted Assault in the 2nd Degree, Criminal Mischief in the 3rd Degree, and Harassment in the 2nd Degree in relation to an assault against Strong Memorial Hospital staff on April 17, 2025, and April 18, 2025. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Michael Harrigan, Chief of the Major Felony Bureau.

Santos Rodriguez was indicted on Burglary in the 1st Degree, Aggravated Criminal Contempt, Strangulation in the 2nd Degree, Burglary in the 2nd Degree, Criminal Mischief in the 4th Degree, Criminal Contempt in the 2nd Degree, and Criminal Contempt in the 1st Degree. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Armando Benitez, of the Special Victims Unit.

Jose Quinones was indicted on Assault in the 2nd Degree in relation to an assault on April 23, 2025. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Philip Alvaro, of the Youth Part/Major Felony Bureau.

Jasmine Washington-Allen was indicted on Aggravated Unlicensed Operation of a Motor Vehicle in the 1st Degree and Driving While Intoxicated in relation to a vehicular incident on May 29, 2021. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Diane Orosz-Roy, of the Vehicular Crimes Bureau.

Najee Shipp was indicted on Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree and Criminal Possession of a Firearm in relation to the illegal possession of a weapon on October 3, 2024. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Ryan Mulcahy, of the Special Investigations Bureau.

National Police Week

May 11, 2025 –May 17, 2025

As National Police Week comes to a close, we honor every fallen Law Enforcement Officer. Thank you to the Rochester Police Department for putting together this picture of our fallen officers, especially Rochester Police Officer Daryl Pierson and Rochester Police Officer Anthony Mazurkiewicz. The Monroe County District Attorney's Office stands with you this week, and every week.



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MCDA in the News

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