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Weekly Newsletter

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

Before I share this week's message, I need to speak from the heart about something that has deeply shaken our community.

On Sunday, we received heartbreaking news that 5-year-old Zy'Jae St. Pierre fell into the Genesee River near the Andrew Street Bridge.

I ask you to join me in lifting Zy'Jae and his loved ones in prayer. Pray for his mother, whose world has been turned upside down. Pray for the first responders, law enforcement officers, and volunteers who are tirelessly searching the river and surrounding areas. And above all, pray for sweet Zy'Jae. Please hold this family close in your thoughts and continue to surround them with love, faith, and strength.

End of School Year & Summer Safety

As we approach the close of another school year, I want to congratulate this year's seniors on reaching this important milestone. It's a time full of excitement from prom nights to graduation ceremonies, and a moment for families to celebrate hard work and new beginnings.

But alongside the celebrations, it's important to have open and honest conversations about safety. This is a critical time when teenagers face many decisions that can impact their futures. As parents and guardians, our priority is to keep our children safe and supported.

Let's be clear — **there is no safe illegal drug**. Too often, the dangers of drugs are underestimated, especially with substances like fentanyl, making any substance use potentially deadly. Drug dealers prioritize profit over people, and no teenager or family should pay the price for that.

With the legalization of recreational cannabis a few years ago, marijuana is often seen as "safer," but it is not risk-free—especially for teenagers. First of all, it remains illegal to use for all under the age of 21. The developing brain is particularly vulnerable, and marijuana use can affect memory, judgment, and coordination. It can also increase the risk of accidents and impact mental health. It's important for parents and teens to understand these risks and make informed choices.

Homicide Update To Date 2025: City of Rochester Total

City of Rochester Total: 13

Monroe County Total: 15

Alcohol remains the most commonly used substance at end-of-year gatherings, but it too comes with serious risks. Drinking and driving, or doing any drugs and driving, is one of the most dangerous choices a young person can make, putting themselves and everyone in harm's way. Our office sees a rise in DWI cases during this season, underscoring the importance of safe decision-making.

I encourage all parents and teens to have heartfelt conversations about the realities and risks surrounding parties and celebrations. This time of year should be joyful and memorable. Let's make sure safety and responsibility are part of that experience.

I share this message not to alarm but to empower families to prepare for these situations. Enjoy these moments, celebrate your achievements, and let's all work together to keep our community safe.

Congratulations to all the graduates and their families!

Sandra

Highlights from the MCDA's Office

61-year-old Roger Wiggins was convicted by a Monroe County Jury of Murder in the 2nd Degree for the death of his ex-girlfriend, Tracy Henton-Williams. On June 11, 2018, first responders arrived to Buffalo Road in the Town of Gates after receiving reports of a woman with stab wounds who tumbled from a moving vehicle. The victim, who was identified as Tracy Henton-Williams, was assisted by multiple Good Samaritans before being transported by ambulance to Strong Memorial Hospital, where she died from her injuries. After a swift investigation by the Gates Police Department, it was determined that Tracy Henton-Williams was sitting in the passenger seat of a vehicle driven by her ex-boyfriend, Roger Wiggins. The defendant, while driving, stabbed Tracy in the neck and in the chest. She then tumbled from the moving vehicle, which was traveling approximately 40 miles per hours, to the side of Buffalo Road Roger Wiggins was located hours later at the Canadian border by Canadian Border Services who contacted the Gates Police Department. Gates Police traveled to pick-up Wiggins and transported him back to Monroe County where he was charged with Murder in the 2nd Degree. On June 12, 2018, Gates Police Investigators were contacted by the North Tonawanda Police Department stating that items belonging to Tracy Henton-Williams were discovered by employees at the Buffalo Recycling Facility. Among these items were a black shirt and two knives with the victim's and the defendant's DNA. Police were able to locate video from the plaza where these items were dumped and found the defendant discarding the items and purchasing new clothes. The case was prosecuted by First Assistant District Attorney Perry Duckles and Second Assistant District Attorney Michelle Crowley.

18-year-old **Anthony Barnes, Jr.** pled guilty to the top count, Manslaughter in the 2nd Degree, for recklessly causing the death of 14-year-old Jazzmeir Mouzon-Henton. On May 3, 2024, Rochester Police Officers responded to a report of a motor vehicle crash on Bloss Street. Upon arrival, they found a single-car crash involving an overturned stolen vehicle. There were multiple children and teenagers inside the car, which was driven by Anthony Barnes, Jr. One of the passengers, 14-year-old, Jazzmeir Mouzon-Henton, suffered serious injuries and was immediately transported to Strong Memorial Hospital, where he died from his injuries days later. Following a thorough investigation by the Rochester Police Department, Anthony Barnes, Jr., who was 17-year-old at the time of the crash, was arrested for causing the death of the victim. The defendant was driving the stolen car, which overturned as a direct result of his reckless driving. Anthony Barnes, Jr. will be sentenced to 5-15 years in the New York State Department of Corrections, the maximum sentence allowed by New York State Law.

Monroe County Court Judge Dollinger sentenced 18-year-old **Raphael Marquez** to 23 years in the New York State Department of Corrections plus 5 years of post-release supervision. He previously pled guilty to Manslaughter in the 1st Degree for his role in the homicide of James Jackson, Jr. On August 30, 2024, shortly after 6:00PM, Rochester Police Officers responded to reports of shots fired on Cuba Place in the City of Rochester. Upon arrival, officers located a vehicle crashed into a pole. The driver, 39-year-old James Jackson, Jr., was shot in the upper body in the driver's seat. He was pronounced dead at the scene. After a thorough investigation, the Rochester Police Department identified Raphael Marquez as the shooter. Timothy Brooks was also arrested for his role in the victim's death, he is scheduled for trial on November 12, 2025. The case was prosecuted by Special Assistant District Attorney Emily Chisholm, of the Non-Shooting Fatal Taskforce.

42-year-old **Paolo Smith** pled guilty to Manslaughter in the 2nd Degree and Operator Leave Scene of Incident Resulting in Death. On August 1, 2024, Paolo Smith recklessly caused the death of Lashawnda Leggett by hitting her with his car, then fled the scene. This case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Mikael Pelkey, of the Special Victims Unit, and Assistant District Attorney Diane Orosz-Roy, of the Vehicular Crimes Bureau. This case was investigated by the Rochester Police Department. Paolo Smith is expected to be sentenced to 3-9 years in the New York State Department of Corrections on July 9, 2025, in front of New York State Supreme Court Justice Sinclair.

42-year-old **Terry Britt** pled guilty to Operator Leave Scene of Incident Resulting in Serious Injury for hitting a 12-year-old child with his car and leaving the scene on April 16, 2025. He will be sentenced in front of Monroe County Court Judge Randall on August 5, 2025, to the maximum sentence of 1 and 1/3 – 4 years in the New York State Department of Corrections. This case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Merrick Sadler, Chief of the Vehicular Crimes Bureau, and Assistant District Attorney Diana Ferretti, also of the Vehicular Crimes Bureau.

Frankie Belford was indicted on Assault in the 2nd Degree and two counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree in relation to a shooting on May 6, 2024. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Matthew Hogestyn, of the Non-Fatal Shooting Taskforce.

Carla Thomas was indicted on three counts of Burglary in the 1st Degree, Assault in the 1st Degree, Assault in the 2nd Degree, Assault in the 3rd Degree, and Endangering the Welfare of a Child in relation to a violent burglary and assault against an individual on May 11, 2025. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Armando Benitez, of the Special Victims Unit.

Katina Randolph was indicted on Assault in the 2nd Degree and **Jermaine Diaz** was indicted on Assault in the 3rd Degree in the same indictment. This is related to the same assault that occurred on May 17, 2025. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Stephen Ryck, of the Major Felony Bureau.

Jordin Fico was indicted on Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree in relation to the illegal possession of a firearm on May 16, 2025. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Nico Gonzalez, of the Special Investigations Bureau.

Peter Scott was indicted on Manslaughter in the 1st Degree in relation to the homicide of Brintev Valeri on December 27, 2024. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Michael Caranante, of the Special Investigations Bureau.

Charles Lockhart was indicted on three counts of Rape in the 1st Degree, three counts of Strangulation in the 2nd Degree, Assault in the 3rd Degree, and Criminal Mischief in the 4th Degree in relation to a sexual assault on May 20, 2025. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Kaylee Rizzari, of the Special Victims Unit.

Jamier Battle was indicted on Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree in relation to the illegal possession of a firearm on May 21, 2025. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Kelly Pettrone, of the Special Investigations Bureau.

Jesus Camacho AKA "Boogie," Rey Cruz-Colon, Marcus Hall, and Natalie Martinez were indicted on Burglary in the 2nd Degree, Criminal Mischief in the 3rd Degree, and Criminal Possession of Stolen Property in the 3rd Degree in relation to a burglary on May 21, 2025. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Adam VanHeyst, Deputy Chief of the Major Felony Bureau.

Ezekiel Charles was indicted on Couse of Sexual Conduct Against a Child in the 1st Degree in relation to the sexual abuse of a child. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Janna Jehlen, of the Special Victims Unit.

Dean Henion was indicted on Attempted Murder in the 2nd Degree, Attempted Assault in the 1st Degree, Assault in the 2nd Degree, Aggravated Criminal Contempt, and two counts of Criminal Contempt in the 1st Degree in relation to the attempted murder of a woman on May 16, 2025, and the violation of an order of protection on January 11, 2025. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Kenisha Flowers, of the Special Victims Unit.

Brandon Chavez-Perez was indicted on Robbery in the 2nd Degree and Attempted Robbery in the 2nd Degree in relation to an armed robbery on May 19, 2025. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Philip Alvaro, of the Major Felony Bureau.

Jesus Feliciano was indicted on Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree in relation to the illegal possession of a firearm on May 22, 2025. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Kaylee Rizzari, of the Special Victims Unit.

Francheska Avilas and **Aniyha Gonzalez** were indicted on two counts of Robbery in the 2nd Degree in relation to a robbery of an individual on May 21, 2025. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney James Nguyen, of the Special Victims Unit.

John Albert Lacy, Jr. was indicted on Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 3rd Degree, Criminal Possession of Stolen Property in the 3rd Degree, Criminal Possession of Stolen Property in the 4th Degree, Unauthorized Use of a Vehicle in the 3rd Degree, and Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the 7th Degree. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Nicholas Reeder, of the General Felony Bureau.

Rego Ellis, Jr. was indicted on Burglary in the 1st Degree, Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 3rd Degree, and Menacing in the 2nd Degree in relation to a domestic related armed burglary on May 9, 2025. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Mikael Pelkey, of the Special Victims Unit.

MCDA in the Community

This past weekend was the annual Stroll for Strong Kids Fundraiser to benefit Golisano Children's Hospital. The children's hospital is very important to the community, but especially to the Monroe County District Attorney's Office family, where Juliet Marianetti spent much of her life. In honor of Juliet, who passed away in October. Her mom, MCDA employee Calli Marianetti ran in the 5K and walked the Stroll.







MCDA in the News

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