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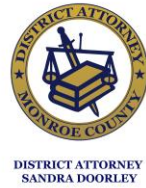
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Weekly Newsletter

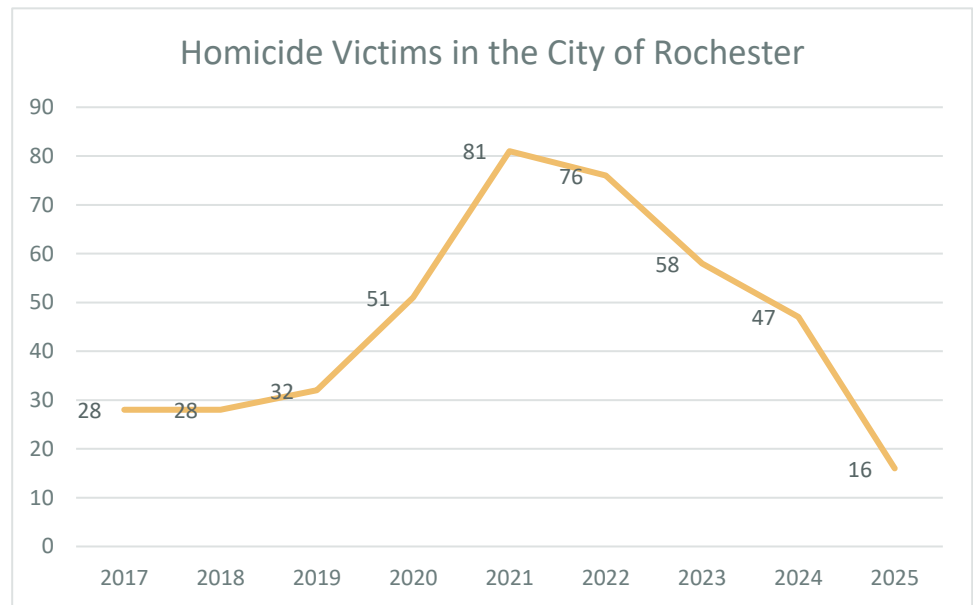


Welcome to the weekly newsletter from Monroe County District Attorney Sandra Doorley.

2025 Quarter 2 Data Update

Please see below for our data for the first half of 2025. As promised, I will continue to update this information quarterly. Please let me know what new data points you would like me to share!

Homicides



Source – Rochester Police Department Open Data Portal

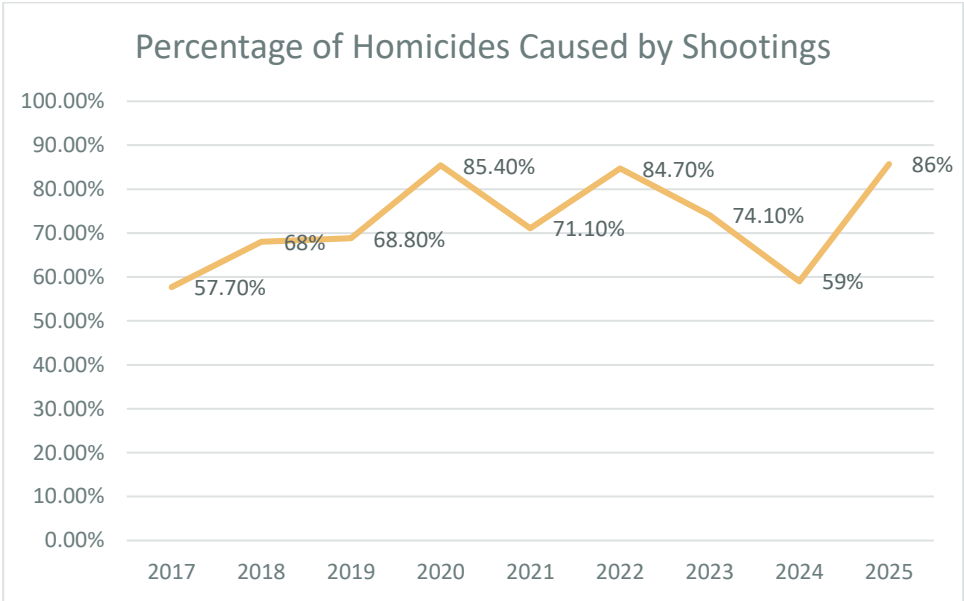
If we keep up the current homicide trend, we could be back to pre-2020 homicides numbers in the City of Rochester. Every single homicide is tragedy, a life lost, and a family ruined.

Homicide Update

To Date 2025:

City of Rochester Total:
16

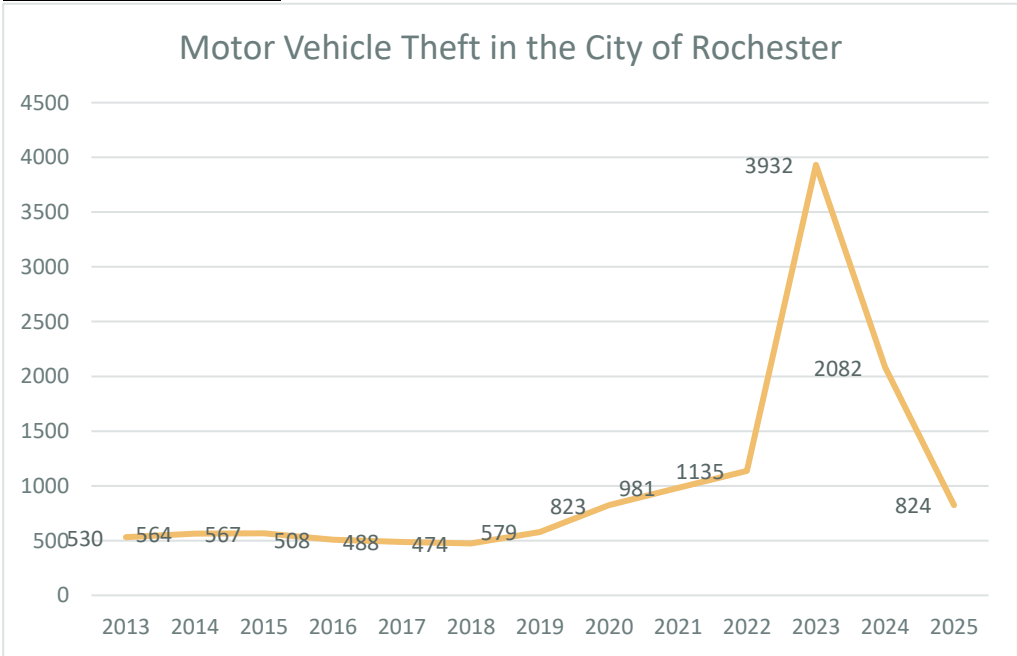
Monroe County Total: 18



Source – Rochester Police Department Open Data Portal

Gun violence continues to be the leading cause of homicides within our city.

Motor Vehicle Thefts



Source – Rochester Police Department Open Data Portal

We will continue to focus on huge increase of stolen motor vehicles in the City of Rochester, and throughout our entire community, that took place over the past two years. Although we are down compared to 2023 and 2024, we are still well above averages from 2013-2022.

Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree



Source – Monroe County District Attorney's Office internal case data

These are the arrests for Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree that are not attached to homicide cases. Arrests so far this year are down around 20% from this time last year.

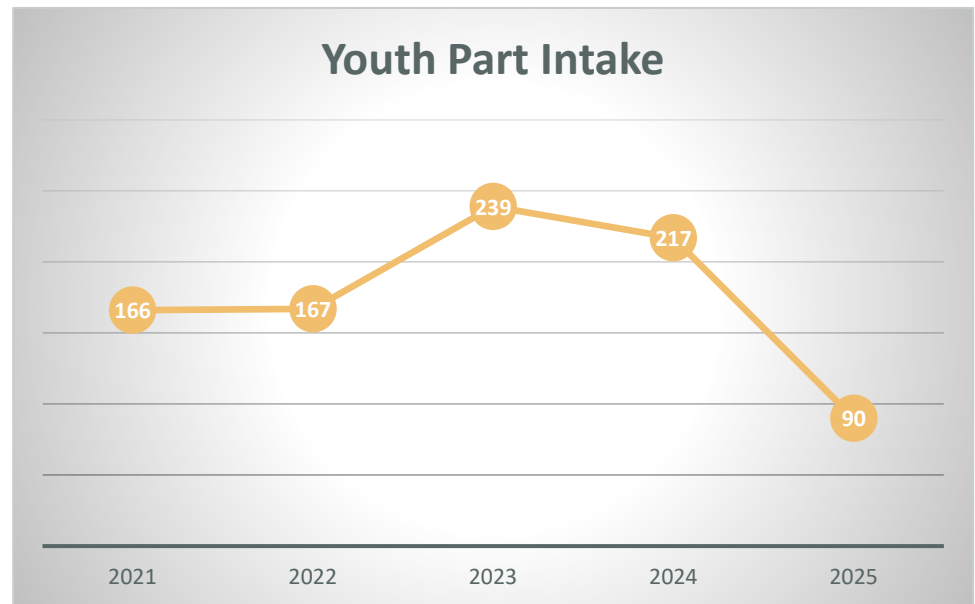
Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree Bail Status

Year	Arrests	Released at Arraignment W/ Non-Monetary Conditions	Bail Set in the Amount of 5K or less
2018	301	3%	25%
2019	339	7%	35%
2020	498	33%	63%
2021	487	17%	35%
2022	670	21%	29%
2023	600	20%	32%
2024	632	22%	50%
2025	279	18%	29%

Listed above is the percentage of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree arrests where non-monetary bail is being set at arraignments. I also noted the percentage of cases where cash bail was set at \$5,000 or less. Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree is a class C violent felony.

Youth Part Cases

There is always a lot of interest in youth part and juvenile prosecution. Listed below are the number of cases we are seeing into Youth Criminal Part through June 30, 2025. This number is slightly lower at this point than the past two years.



Source – Monroe County District Attorney's Office internal case data

I want to know; what data do you want to see? What can I share that is of interest to you?

Please email DistrictAttorney@monroecounty.gov to share what you would like to see during our data updates!

Sandra

Highlights from the MCDA's Office

Anthony Constanza was arraigned in Irondequoit Town Court in front of visiting Perinton Town Justice Gary Muldoon. The defendant was arraigned on charges of Official Misconduct and violations of Irondequoit Town Codes, including Conflicts of Interest, Recusal and Abstention, and Prohibition on Use of Municipal Position for Personal or Private Gains. These charges are in relation to actions he took on April 9, 2024, during his time as the Irondequoit Town Assessor. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Greg Clark, Chief of the Public Corruption/Economic Crimes Bureau and Assistant District Attorney Caroline Rodriguez, also of the Public Corruption/Economic Crimes Bureau.

17-year-old **Alvin Nickson, Jr.** pled guilty to Manslaughter in the 1st Degree for shooting and killing Rodney Corbit. On September 27, 2024, 52-year-old Rodney Corbit was rushed to Strong Memorial Hospital for multiple gunshot wounds. Days later, he died from his injuries. After a thorough investigation by the Rochester Police Department, Alvin Nickson, Jr. was arrested for the homicide. This case was investigated by the Rochester Police Department prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Adam VanHeyst, Deputy Chief of the Major Felony Bureau and Assistant District Attorney Bridget Morgan, of the Special Investigations Bureau. The defendant will be sentenced on August 26, 2025, in front of Monroe County Court Judge Dollinger.

Paolo Smith was sentenced to 3-9 years in the New York State Department of Corrections by New York State Supreme Court Justice Sinclair. He previously pled guilty to Manslaughter in the 2nd Degree and Operator Leave Scene of Incident Resulting in Death, the top counts of the indictment. 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 investigated by the Rochester Police Department prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Mikael Pelkey, of the Special Victims Unit and Assistant District Attorney Diane Orosz-Roy, of the Vehicular Crimes Bureau.

The People vs. **Christopher Long, Jr.** will continue into next week. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Drew Kroft, of the Vehicular Crimes Bureau. The defendant is charged with Aggravated Vehicular Homicide, two counts of Manslaughter in the 2nd Degree, two counts of Vehicular Manslaughter in the 2nd Degree, Driving While Intoxicated, and Driving While Intoxicated; BAC .08 or more in front of New York State Supreme Court Justice Walsh.

On Monday, jury selection begins for the People vs. **Mark Burdick**. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Emily Chisholm, of the Non-Fatal Shooting Taskforce. The defendant is charged with Murder in the 2nd Degree in front of New York State Supreme Court Justice Sinclair.

On Monday, a bench trial begins for the People vs. **Julian J. Byrd**. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Karen Chung, of the Vehicular Crimes Bureau. The defendant is charged with Driving While Intoxicated, Obstructing Governmental Administration in the 2nd Degree, Unlawful Fleeing A Police Officer In a Motor Vehicle in the 3rd Degree, and Reckless Driving in front of Monroe County Court Judge Dollinger.

Brandon Lagant was indicted on Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree in relation to the illegal possession of a firearm on June 20, 2024. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Ryan Mulcahy, of the Special Investigations Bureau.

Jordan Guzman was indicted on Assault in the 2nd Degree in relation to an assault with dangerous instrument on June 13, 2025. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Philip Alvaro, of the Youth Part/Major Felony Bureau.

Keandre Wade was indicted on Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree, Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 3rd Degree, and Reckless Endangerment in the 1st Degree in relation to the illegal possession of a firearm on June 30, 2025, and driving toward a police officer, nearly hitting the officer, on June 19, 2025. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Jennifer Kennedy, Deputy Chief of the Special Investigations Bureau.

Michael Brongo was indicted on two counts of Assault in the 2nd Degree and Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 4th Degree in relation to an assault against two Gates Police Officers on June 23, 2025. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Ryan Lamon, of the Major Felony Bureau.

Andrew Smith was indicted on two counts of Sexual Abuse in the 1st Degree and Endangering the Welfare of a Child in relation to the sexual abuse of a child. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Mikael Pelkey, of the Special Victims Unit.

Justin Diaz and **Cody Garrison** were indicted on two counts of Robbery in the 2nd Degree in relation to the robbery of the victim's motor vehicle on July 2, 2025. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Ryan Lamon, of the Major Felony Bureau.

Ronnie Mann, Jr. was indicted on Driving While Intoxicated and Aggravated Unlicensed Operation of a Motor Vehicle in the 1st Degree in relation to a vehicular incident on July 27, 2024. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Karen Chung, of the Vehicular Crimes Bureau.

Jovanny Cortez was indicted on two counts of Sexual Abuse in the 1st Degree, two counts of Predatory Sexual Assault Against a Child, and Course of Sexual Conduct Against a Child in the 2nd Degree in relation to the ongoing sexual abuse of a child. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Kaylee Rizzari, of the Special Victims Unit.

Tameerah Butler was indicted on Assault in the 2nd Degree and Unlawful Fleeing A Police Officer in a Motor Vehicle in the 3rd Degree in relation to an assault against an Irondequoit Police Officer on June 21, 2025. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Ryan Lamon, of the Major Felony Bureau.

Eric Rowe-Calvin was indicted on Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree in relation to the illegal possession of a firearm on June 17, 2025. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Mathew Hogestyn, of the Non-Fatal Shooting Taskforce.

Aviana Whalen was indicted on Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree in relation to the illegal possession of a firearm on April 1, 2025. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Nico Gonzalez, of the Special Investigations Bureau.

Derrick Van Epps was indicted on Attempted Murder in the 2nd Degree as a Hate Crime and Assault in the 2nd Degree as a Hate Crime in relation to the stabbing of a young man on June 23, 2025. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Stephen Ryck, of the Major Felony Bureau.

Jamal Ashford was indicted on Robbery in the 1st Degree and Robbery in the 2nd Degree in relation to an armed robbery of an individual on June 21, 2025. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Jonathan Jirik, of the Major Felony Bureau.

Artis Anderson, Jr. was indicted on Burglary in the 1st Degree, Assault in the 2nd Degree, Aggravated Criminal Contempt, Criminal Contempt in the 1st Degree, and Grand Larceny in the 4th Degree in relation to a violent home burglary at the home of a woman who had an order of protection against the defendant. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Kaylee Rizzari, of the Special Victims Unit.

Devon Davis was indicted on Burglary in the 2nd Degree in relation to a home burglary in June 28, 2025. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Christopher Folk, of the Major Felony Bureau.

Josue Gonzalez was indicted on Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree in relation to the illegal possession of a firearm on April 17, 2025. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Aaron Rath, of the Special Investigations Bureau.

MCDA in the News

<https://www.whec.com/top-news/irondequoit-town-supervisor-candidate-set-to-be-arraigned-on-tuesday/>

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<https://www.rochesterfirst.com/crime/irondequoit-town-supervisor-candidate-pleads-not-guilty-to-misconduct/>

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<https://13wham.com/news/local/man-who-hit-killed-woman-with-vehicle-outside-rochester-bar-sentenced-for-manslaughter-west-avenue-drunk-driver-lashawnda-leggett-paolo-smith-fatal-crash-hit-and-run>

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<https://www.rochesterfirst.com/news/local-news/jury-trial-begins-for-driver-in-fatal-november-crash/>

<https://13wham.com/news/local/man-indicted-for-attempted-murder-as-hate-crime-for-alleged-attack-on-hiker-in-perinton-derrick-van-epps-indian-hill-trail-dylan-ghaemi-unprovoked-assault>

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