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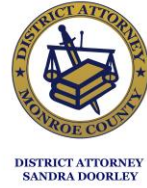
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Weekly Newsletter



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

A Week of Devastation

A shooting in broad daylight at what was supposed to be a fun barbecue with friends, family, and neighbors. Seven people were shot. 25-year-old Tyasia Manning and 34-year-old Phylicia Council were killed.

A 17-year-old, Jaden Scott, passed away this week after being shot on Nassau Street on Friday.

38-year-old Christopher Austin was stabbed and killed on Friday night at a Mobil station on North Street.

5-year-old Malakai Stovall died after a house fire on Portland Avenue, which investigators determined to be an arson.

46-year-old Lashawnda Leggett died following a hit-and-run at a parking lot on West Avenue

A 14-year-old was stabbed near Reynolds Street and had to be sent to the hospital.

During a traffic stop, a driver fled from Rochester Police Officers. The driver then sped directly toward the officers. Thankfully, nobody was injured although this could have resulted in another tragedy for the Rochester Police Department.

A 61-year-old woman was forcibly removed from her vehicle and a Rochester Police Officer suffered injuries while trying to follow the stolen car.

A 35-year old man was stabbed in the upper body on Burbank Street on Sunday afternoon, he was taken to the hospital for his injuries.

A resident was robbed on Post Avenue at gunpoint as their car was stolen.

A 20-year-old man was stabbed multiple times and a 22-year-old man was stabbed at least once following a fight near Dewey Avenue and Driving Park Avenue. Both men are expected to survive.

Homicide Update

To Date 2024:

City of Rochester Total:
28

Monroe County Total: 32

A 34-year-old man was stabbed on Augustine Street and was transported to the hospital for his injuries.

This is only a preview of the violence we have seen over the past week, and Rochester Police Officers responded to all of these incidents. There have been arrests for some of these crimes, but most are still being investigated.

These officers are exhausted, our community is exhausted. Six people died, including a 5-year-old. My office will continue to do our part to hold violent offenders accountable the best we can. But in the meantime, I pray for peace and safety.

Sandra

Highlights from the MCDA's Office

*The People vs. **Kwame Acosta** will continue into next week.*

The defendant is charged with Murder in the 2nd Degree, Attempted Murder in the 2nd Degree, Assault in the 2nd Degree, Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree, and Criminal Possession of a Firearm in front of Monroe County Court Judge Morrison.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Elizabeth Buckley, Chief of the Local Courts Bureau.

Ana Padilla-Diaz was indicted on Aggravated Driving While Intoxicated With a Child Passenger and Driving While Intoxication in relation to a vehicular incident on December 29, 2023. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Kelly Pettrone, of the Vehicular Crimes Bureau.

Jeffrey Parris was indicted on two counts of Driving While Intoxicated in relation to a vehicular incident on May 7, 2024. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Jonathan Jirik, of the Vehicular Crimes Bureau.

Nasib Mohamad was indicted on Burglary in the 1st Degree, Robbery in the 1st Degree, and Attempted Robbery in the 1st Degree in relation to an armed home burglary on July 15, 2024. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Ellie Laloudakis, of the Major Felony Bureau.

Shaheem Britt was indicted on two counts of 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 firearm on February 10, 2024. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Tony DiPerna, of the Special Investigations Bureau.

Oscar Rivera was indicted on two counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree and two counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 3rd Degree in relation to the illegal possession of firearms on July 11, 2024. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Jennifer Kennedy, Deputy Chief of the Special Investigations Bureau.

Kenneth Hightower, Diamante Huggins, and Brad Yates were indicted on Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the 3rd Degree, Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the 4th Degree, and two counts of Criminally Using Drug Paraphernalia in the 2nd Degree. Kenneth Hightower was also indicted on four counts of Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the 3rd Degree and Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the 4th Degree. Diamante Huggins was also indicted on two counts of Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the 3rd Degree, and Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the 5th Degree. Brad Yates was also indicted on Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the 3rd Degree and Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the 4th Degree. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Jennifer Kennedy, Deputy Chief of the Special Investigations Bureau.

Jonathan McClain was indicted on two counts of Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the 3rd Degree and two counts of Criminally Using Drug Paraphernalia in the 2nd Degree in relation to the illegal possession of narcotics on April 24, 2024. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Michael Caranante, of the Special Investigations Bureau.

Porcha Mizell and Hassann Ross were indicted on two counts of Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the 3rd Degree and Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the 5th Degree in relation to the possession of illegal narcotics on March 28, 2024. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Jennifer Kennedy, Deputy Chief of the Special Investigations Bureau.

Kevon McCloud and Jaime Zambrana were indicted on Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the 2nd Degree, two counts of Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the 3rd Degree, and two counts of Criminally Using Drug Paraphernalia in the 2nd Degree. Jaime Zambrana was also indicted on an additional count of Criminal Sale of a Controlled Substance in the 3rd Degree. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Jennifer Kennedy, Deputy Chief of the Special Investigations Bureau.

Laron Perkins was indicted on Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree in relation to the illegal possession of a firearm on June 24, 2024. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Michael Caranante, of the Special Investigations Bureau.

Byron McMullen 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 firearm on July 13, 2024. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Karen Chung, of the Special Victims Unit.

Stephan Hall was indicted on Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree, Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the 3rd Degree, and two counts of Criminally Using Drug Paraphernalia in the 2nd Degree in relation to the illegal possession of narcotics and a firearm on July 17, 2024. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Jennifer Kennedy, Deputy Chief of the Special Investigations Bureau.

Fantasia Oliver-Dennison was indicted on Assault in the 2nd Degree in relation to an assault on May 14, 2024. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Ellie Laloudakis, of the Major Felony Bureau.

Nathaniel Hart was indicted on Robbery in the 1st Degree in relation to an armed robbery on July 18, 2024. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Matthew Schiano, of the Major Felony Bureau.

Joseph Kuzma was indicted on two counts of Driving While Ability Impaired by Drugs relation to a vehicular incident on September 3, 2023. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Diana Ferretti, of the Vehicular Crimes Bureau.

Marlon Lindsey was indicted on Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree in relation to the illegal possession of a firearm on June 22, 2024. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Jennifer Kennedy, Deputy Chief of the Special Investigations Bureau.

Earl Benson was indicted on two counts of Driving While Intoxicated in relation to a vehicular incident on April 7, 2024. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Diana Ferretti, of the Vehicular Crimes Bureau.

Nicholas Stumpf was indicted on Grand Larceny in the 4th Degree in relation to a theft from a hardware store on September 23, 2023. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Terance Calcagno, of the General Felony Bureau.

Jamie Prescott was indicted on two counts of Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the 3rd Degree, Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the 4th Degree, and three counts of Criminally Using Drug Paraphernalia in the 2nd Degree in relation to the possession of illegal narcotics on April 25, 2024. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Bridget Morgan, of the Special Investigations Bureau.

Cassandra Dieter and **Ronald Paniccia** were indicted on two counts of Criminal Possession of Stolen Property in the 3rd Degree, Criminal Mischief in the 2nd Degree, and Unauthorized Use of a Vehicle in the 3rd Degree in relation to the possession of a stolen vehicle on April 18, 2024. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Terance Calcagno, of the General Felony Bureau.

Emanuel Negassa was indicted on Burglary in the 3rd Degree in relation to a burglary at a Wegmans on July 16, 2023. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Nicholas Gonzalez, of the General Felony Bureau.

Appeal of Kirk Ashton Denied

The appeal that was argued in front of the 4th Department on behalf of Kirk Ashton, was denied. The ex-principal's 46 count conviction remains and the defendant will continue his sentence in the New York State Department of Corrections. This appeal was handled by Assistant District Attorney Martin McCarthy, Special Counsel to the District Attorney. The prosecution in the original court case was handled by Assistant District Attorney Sara Vanstrydonck, Chief of the Special Victims Unit, and former Assistant District Attorney Amanda Balling.

NYPTI

Monroe County District Attorney Sandra Doorley, and several Assistant District Attorneys from Monroe County, joined prosecutors from across the State at the annual New York Prosecutors Training Institute Summer College, hosted by Syracuse University College of Law. The theme of these courses was "Focus on Forensics." Continuing legal education and programs through NYPTI ensure that the Assistant District Attorneys in the office stay up-to-date on trends in prosecution and evolving science. Thank you to NYPTI for this year's informative courses!



MCDA in the News

<https://www.democratandchronicle.com/story/news/2024/08/01/police-look-for-help-to-identify-man-at-rochester-ny-park-mass-shooting/74629046007/>

<https://13wham.com/news/local/twice-convicted-felon-charged-with-second-degree-murder-in-rochester-stabbing>

<https://www.whec.com/top-news/large-police-presence-including-command-van-friday-night-at-clifford-and-north/>

<https://www.democratandchronicle.com/story/news/2024/07/28/christopher-austin-killed-at-rochester-ny-mobil-herbert-montgomery-charged/74579613007/>

<https://www.democratandchronicle.com/story/news/2024/08/01/malakai-stovall-dies-from-injuries-sustained-in-rochester-ny-arson-fire/74598577007/>

<https://www.rochesterfirst.com/news/top-stories/appeal-denied-in-kirk-ashton-sex-abuse-case/>

<https://www.democratandchronicle.com/story/news/2024/07/27/kirk-ashton-appeal-denied-despite-claims-of-snoozing-juror/74569972007/>

<https://m.13wham.com/news/local/appeal-denied-for-former-hilton-csd-principal-convicted-of-child-sex-abuse-kirk-ashton-northwood-elementary-school-juror-jury-readback>

<https://www.whec.com/top-news/former-hilton-principal-kirk-ashtons-appeal-denied-in-sex-abuse-case/>



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