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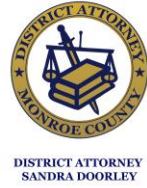
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### Weekly Newsletter



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

#### Back to School Safety

*As summer winds down and families prepare for the new school year, it's a season of excitement and endless to-do lists. From school supply shopping to shifting routines, there's a lot to think about. But one conversation should always be at the top of your list: safety.*

#### **Traffic Safety**

*Let's start with the basics. For parents and guardians of young students, please make sure your child knows the safest way to get to and from the bus stop. Go over the route with them and remind them every single day to stop, look both ways, and make eye contact with drivers before crossing the road. Even when the school bus stop sign is out and lights are flashing, an extra moment of caution can make all the difference.*

*We do our best to teach children about safety, but the real burden falls on those behind the wheel. To parents of teen drivers or anyone new to the road: have a serious conversation about school bus laws. When a school bus has flashing red lights or the stop-arm extended, it's not a suggestion — it's the law. Children should never have to worry about their safety just getting on or off a bus.*

*Keep in mind that many buses are equipped with cameras. Drivers who ignore bus stop signs or break school zone traffic laws face serious consequences, including tickets and prosecution.*

#### **A Word on Distracted Driving**

*Distracted driving remains one of the most dangerous habits on our roads. Whether it's a text message, a TikTok scroll, or changing a playlist, taking your eyes off the road for even a few seconds can lead to tragedy. No message is worth a life.*

#### **Experienced Drivers Aren't Exempt**

*It's not just teenagers, seasoned drivers can be guilty of rushing or taking risks, especially during busy morning commutes. Please, be cautious. The safety of our children and neighbors is far more important than arriving a few minutes early.*

## Homicide Update

To Date 2025:

City of Rochester Total:  
22

Monroe County Total: 26

### ***Crossing Guards***

*Whether you're walking or driving, respect and listen to school crossing guards. These dedicated individuals are out there, rain or shine, helping our kids get to school safely. Let's show them the appreciation and attention they deserve.*

### ***Stay Informed and Prepared***

*For additional resources and safety tips, visit:*

- [AAA School Safety Programs](#)
- [National Highway Traffic Safety Administration - School Bus Safety](#)

*Let's work together to make this school year a safe and successful one for all students, families, and educators.*

*Wishing everyone a smooth start to the year,*

*Sandra*

## **Highlights from the MCDA's Office**

32-year-old **Nicole Guilds** was convicted by a Monroe County jury of Endangering the Welfare of an Incompetent or Physically Disabled Person in the 1<sup>st</sup> Degree for the abuse of a 6-year-old physically and mentally disabled child. On December 6, 2023, the Monroe County Sheriff's Office was contacted by the parents of a 6-year-old child who received private duty nursing care from Nicole Guilds. The family turned over home surveillance footage of the defendant abusing their child. After a thorough investigation by the Monroe County Sheriff's Office, Nicole Guilds was arrested for the abuse of the child. Her nursing license was suspended at the time of the arrest. This case was prosecuted by Senior Assistant District Attorney Courtney Kleiman, of the Special Victims Unit. Nicole Guilds is scheduled to be sentenced on October 31, 2025 in front of Monroe County Court Judge Hahn.

20-year-old **Tajmeik Hawkins** was convicted by a Monroe County jury of Robbery in the 1<sup>st</sup> Degree and Robbery in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree. On December 26, 2024, Tajmeik Hawkins committed a gunpoint robbery on Oxford Street in the City of Rochester. This case was investigated by the Rochester Police Department and prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Stephen Ryck, of the Major Felony Bureau and Assistant District Attorney Philip Alvaro, of the Youth Part/Major Felony Bureau. Tajmeik Hawkins will be sentenced by New York State Supreme Court Justice Sinclair on September 30, 2025.

42-year-old **Everett Balkman** was convicted by a Monroe County jury of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree and Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree. On April 15, 2024, Rochester Police Officers conducted a legal traffic stop on Laurel Street. Everett Balkman was driving the vehicle where an illegal pistol was visible. Everett Balkman was immediately arrested for possession of the firearm. This case was prosecuted Assistant District Attorney Nico Gonzalez, of the Special Investigations Bureau. Everett Balkman will be sentenced on September 29, 2025, in front of New York State Supreme Court Justice Miller.

32-year-old **Katherine Johnson** was convicted by a jury of VTL 1192(3) (Driving While Intoxicated) and Leaving Scene of Property Damage Without Reporting. On January 9, 2024, the defendant reentered another vehicle and fled the scene, which resulted in a subsequent DWI investigation and arrest. This case was investigated by the Rochester Police Department and prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Taylor Smith and Assistant District Attorney Nicholas Guarino, both of the Local Courts Bureau. Katherine Johnson will be sentenced on October 22, 2025, in front of Rochester City Court Judge White.

27-year-old **Marquell Miller** pled guilty to the indictment, which included charges of Manslaughter in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree and two counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree. On July 3, 2024, Marquell Miller unintentionally fired a rifle on the second floor of his home on Rialto Street, with the bullet passing through the floor and struck Aaron Hurell, who died three days later. This case was investigated by the Rochester Police Department and prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Stephen Ryck, of the Major Felony Bureau. Marquell Miller will be sentenced by Monroe County Court Judge Morrison on October 16, 2025.

28-year-old **Abdi Mohamed** was sentenced by New York State Supreme Court Justice Argento to 16 and a half years in the New York State Department of Corrections plus 5 years of post-release supervision. He previously pled guilty to Assault in the 1<sup>st</sup> Degree for shooting an individual. On November 28, 2024, a Rochester man was shot eight times on Exchange Street in the City of Rochester. After being injured for hours, the victim was able to flag down a nearby jogger. After a thorough investigation by the Rochester Police Department, Abdi Mohamed was arrested for the shooting. This case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Adam VanHeyst, Deputy Chief of the Major Felony Bureau and Assistant District Attorney Kelly Pettrone, of the Special Investigations Bureau.

49-year-old **Marquis Hucks** was sentenced by Acting Monroe County Court Judge Patterson to 20 years to Life in the New York State Department of Corrections as a Persistent Violent Felony Offender. Marquis Hucks was convicted by a Monroe County jury of Robbery in the 1<sup>st</sup> Degree and Assault in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree for stabbing and robbing a Rochester man. On August 16, 2024, Rochester Police Officers responded to a Dunkin' Donuts parking lot, where they found a male victim stabbed in the shoulder. His bicycle was also stolen during the stabbing. The victim received first aid and was immediately transported to Strong Memorial Hospital for treatment. Two days later, Rochester Police Officers identified Marquis Hucks as the assailant responsible for assault and robbery. This case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Stephen Ryck, of the Major Felony Bureau.

**Michael Garcia** was indicted four counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree, Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the 1<sup>st</sup> Degree, and three counts of Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree in relation to the illegal possession of firearms and narcotics on July 15, 2025 and July 16, 2025. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Nico Gonzalez, of the Special Investigations Bureau.

**Eduardo Comendador** was indicted on Robbery in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree in relation to a robbery at a Tops Friendly Market on August 23, 2024. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Joseph Flores, of the General Felony Bureau.

**Kyle Thomas Drexler** was indicted on two counts of Driving While Ability Impaired by Drugs and Driving While Ability Impaired by the Combined Influence of Drugs or of Alcohol and any Drug or Drugs in relation to a vehicular incident on February 11, 2025. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Karen Chung, of the Vehicular Crimes Bureau.

**Michael Carroll** was indicted on Aggravated Unlicensed Operation of a Motor Vehicle in the 1<sup>st</sup> Degree, Driving While Intoxicated and Aggravated Driving While Intoxicated in relation to a vehicular incident on June 5, 2024. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Karen Chung, of the Vehicular Crimes Bureau.

**Amos Hill** was indicted on Assault in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree, two counts of Strangulation in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree, and two counts of Criminal Mischief in the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree in relation to a domestic assault on June 28, 2025. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney James Nguyen, of the Special Victims Unit.

**Keith Willis** was indicted on two counts of Sexual Abuse in the 1<sup>st</sup> Degree and Endangering the Welfare of a Child in relation to the abuse of a child on March 30, 2025. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Carrington Wells, of the Local Courts Bureau.

**Daveon Cooper** was indicted on Attempted Murder in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree, Assault in the 1<sup>st</sup> Degree, and two counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree in relation to a shooting on June 8, 2025. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Anthony Freeman, of the Non-Fatal Shooting Taskforce.

**Aaron Baerman** was indicted on Attempted Arson in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree and Criminal Mischief in the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree in relation to a fire on May 29, 2025. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Ryan Lamon, of Major Felony Bureau.

**Kiyue Diggs** and **Nazaire Rios** were indicted on Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree in relation to the illegal possession of a firearm on July 1, 2025. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Philip Alvaro, of the Youth Part/Major Felony Bureau.

**Peter Thousand** was indicted on two counts of Robbery in the 1<sup>st</sup> Degree, two counts of Robbery in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree, two counts of Assault in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree, and strangulation in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree in relation to two robberies on June 24, 2025 and July 24, 2025. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Patrick Gallagher, Chief of the Domestic Violence Bureau.

**Robert White** was indicted on two counts of Assault in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree in relation to the assault of a nurse at Highland Hospital on July 24, 2025. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Adan VanHeyst, Deputy Chief of the Major Felony Bureau.

**Kevin Anderson** was indicted on Driving While Intoxicated in relation to a vehicular incident on May 26, 2025. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Drew Kroft, of the Vehicular Crimes Bureau.

**Jerome Barksdale** was indicted on Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree in relation to the illegal possession of a firearm on July 3, 2025. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Michael Caranante, of the Special Investigations Bureau.

**Jeffrey Patton** was indicted on Assault in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree in relation to an assault with a dangerous instrument on July 28, 2025. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Stephen Ryck, of the Major Felony Bureau.

**Troy Dukes** was indicted on Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree in relation to the illegal possession of a firearm on August 5, 2025. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Aaron Rath, of the Special Investigations Bureau.

**Shaquise Moody** was indicted on Assault in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree in relation to an assault with a dangerous instrument on August 11, 2024. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Stephen Ryck, of the Major Felony Bureau.

**Marcus Dunbar** was indicted on Driving While Intoxicated, Driving While Intoxicated; BAC .08 or more, Aggravated Driving While Intoxicated: Per Se, and Aggravated Unlicensed Operation of a Motor Vehicle in the 1<sup>st</sup> Degree in relation to a vehicular incident on May 3, 2025. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Diane Orosz, of the Vehicular Crimes Bureau.

**Tyrese Beard** was indicted on three counts of Attempted Murder in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree, three counts of Assault in the 1<sup>st</sup> Degree, and Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree in relation to the shooting of three individuals on July 20, 2025. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Emily Chisholm, of the Non-Fatal Shooting Taskforce.

**Frank Morrison** was indicted on Aggravated Family Offense in relation to the violation of an order of protection on February 2, 2025. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney James Nguyen, of the Special Victims Unit.

**Andrew Murray** was indicted on Robbery in the 1<sup>st</sup> Degree in relation to an armed robbery on October 14, 2024. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Stephen Ryck, of the Major Felony Bureau.

**Isaac Jasper** was indicted on two counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree in relation to the illegal possession of a firearm on July 27, 2025. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Ryan Mulcahy, of the Special Investigations Bureau.

**Xavier Lowry** was indicted on Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree in relation to the illegal possession of a firearm on June 5, 2025. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Kelly Pettrone of the Special Investigations Bureau.

**Daquon Graham** was indicted on Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree and Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree in relation to the illegal possession of a firearm on July 21, 2025. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney James Nguyen, of the Special Victims Unit.

**Shaamir Brown** was indicted on Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree and Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree in relation to the illegal possession of a firearm on August 1, 2025. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Nico Gonzalez, of the Special Investigations Bureau.



**Tymir Beard** was indicted on Robbery in the 1<sup>st</sup> Degree in relation to an armed robbery on August 10, 2025. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Philip Alvaro, of the Youth Part/Major Felony Bureau.

**Maurice Davis** was indicted on Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree and Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree in relation to the illegal possession of a firearm on August 9, 2025. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Jennifer Kennedy, Deputy Chief of the Special Investigations Bureau.

## MCDA in the News

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<https://13wham.com/news/local/nurse-convicted-of-abusing-6-year-old-boy-with-special-needs-nicole-guilds-penfield-home-health-care-nonverbal-trach-surveillance-video>

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