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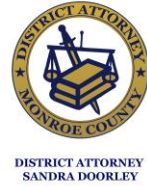
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**Weekly Newsletter**



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

*My Final Newsletter*

*This week marks a milestone. Four years of weekly newsletters from the Monroe County District Attorney's Office. It also marks the end of this chapter for me, as it is my final week serving as your District Attorney.*

*Four weeks ago, I shared my decision to retire with the community. If you haven't yet, I encourage you to read the letter I wrote reflecting on my career, my passion for this work, and the reasons behind my retirement. Today, I want to take a moment to reflect on these newsletters, the conversations, the stories, and the connections they've allowed me to make with all of you.*

*Each week, I shared convictions, pleas, sentences, and indictments. These weren't just headlines about high-profile cases; they were updates on every case that could matter to someone in our community. Beyond the facts, this was my way to shine a light on the dedication, skill, and heart of the many Assistant District Attorneys who work tirelessly every day.*

*But more than anything, the newsletter gave me a platform to speak candidly about what matters to me. Whether highlighting cases, sharing important data, or honoring the strength and resilience of victims, I cherished the chance to offer insight into the justice system and to share my own perspective on the challenges and triumphs we face together.*

*Thank you for reading, for subscribing, and for being part of this journey. It has been my hope that these newsletters brought you not only information but understanding about the work of this office and the broader criminal justice system. I sincerely hope that the next District Attorney will continue this tradition in their own way.*

*As we head into Labor Day weekend, I wish you all safety and joy. And to the parents whose children are starting school next week, savor these moments. It will be a new season of life before you know it.*

*With gratitude and warmth,*

*Sandra*

## Homicide Update

To Date 2025:

City of Rochester Total:  
22

Monroe County Total: 26

### September Felony Trials

#### **September 4 – People vs. Taquida Hendrix**

*This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Kevin Sunderland, Chief of the Local Courts Bureau and Assistant District Attorney Janna Jehlen, of the Special Victims Unit.*

*The defendant is charged with Murder in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree, Arson in the 1<sup>st</sup> Degree, Assault in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree in front of New York State Supreme Court Justice Miller.*

#### **September 8 – People vs. Brandon Decapua**

*This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Sara Vanstrydonck, Chief of the Special Victims Unit.*

*The defendant is charged with Burglary in the 1<sup>st</sup> Degree as a sexually motivated Felony, three counts of Sexual Abuse in the 1<sup>st</sup> Degree, three counts of Attempted Rape in the 1<sup>st</sup> Degree, and Public Lewdness in front of New York State Supreme Court Justice Renzi.*

#### **September 8 – People vs. Malcolm Bryant**

*This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Jonathan Jirik, of the Major Felony Bureau.*

*The defendant is charged with Murder in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree, Attempted Murder in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree, and two counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree in front of New York State Supreme Court Justice Argento.*

#### **September 8 – People vs. Kyelon Marbury**

*This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Adam VanHeyst, Deputy Chief of the Major Felony Bureau, and Assistant District Attorney Michael Harrigan, Chief of the Major Felony Bureau.*

*The defendant is charged with Attempted Murder in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree, two counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree, and Murder in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree in front of Monroe County Court Judge Hahn.*

#### **September 8 – People vs. Damon Maddox**

*This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Robin Catalano, Chief of the Special Investigations Bureau.*

*The defendant is charged with two counts Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree, Criminal Possession of a Firearm, and two counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree in front of New York State Supreme Court Justice Argento.*

**September 8 – People vs. Davon Kendrick**

*This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Jessica Wagner, of the Special Victims Unit.*

*The defendant is charged with two counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree in front of Monroe County Court Judge Randall.*

**September 8 – People vs. Finesse Hall**

*This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Aaron Rath, of the Special Investigations Bureau.*

*The defendant is charged with Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree in front of Monroe County Court Judge Ansaldi.*

**September 10 – People vs. Jessica Ferriter**

*This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Diane Orosz-Roy, of the Vehicular Crimes Bureau.*

*The defendant is charged with Driving While Intoxicated in front of New York State Supreme Court Justice Renzi.*

**September 15 – People vs. Jose Acevedo**

*This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Aliyah Fowler, of the Non-Fatal Shooting Taskforce.*

*The defendant is charged with Murder in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree and two counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree front of New York State Supreme Court Justice Dinolfo.*

**September 15 – People vs. Joseph Berardi**

*This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Kaylee Rizzari, of the Special Victims Unit.*

*The defendant is charged with Predatory Sexual Assault Against a Child and Endangering the Welfare of a Child in front of Monroe County Court Judge Dollinger.*

**September 15 – People vs. David Brock**

*This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Stephen Ryck and Assistant District Attorney Jonathan Jirik, both of the Major Felony Bureau.*

*The defendant is charged with Assault in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree in front of New York State Supreme Court Justice Argento.*

**September 15 – People vs. Alizet Espinosa**

*This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Aaron Rath, of the Special Investigations Bureau.*

*The defendant is charged with Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree in front of Monroe County Court Judge Randall.*

**September 15 – People vs. Jacob Lesure**

*This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Nico Gonzalez, of the Special Investigations Bureau.*

*The defendant is charged with Criminal Possession of Weapon in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree and Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree in front of Monroe County Court Judge Morrison.*

**September 16 – People vs. Rodney Lowman**

*This defendant will face back-to-back jury trials for different indictments beginning September 16. The first case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Jessica Wagner, of the Special Victims Unit.*

*The defendant is charged with two counts of Criminal Sexual Act in the 1<sup>st</sup> Degree, two counts of Criminal Sexual Act in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree, three counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree, and Reckless Endangerment in the 1<sup>st</sup> Degree in front of New York State Supreme Court Justice Moran.*

*The second case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Drew Kroft and Assistant District Attorney Diane Orosz-Roy, both of the Vehicular Crimes Bureau.*

*The defendant is charged with Manslaughter in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree and Operator Leave Scene of Incident Resulting in Death, also in front of New York State Supreme Court Justice Moran.*

**September 22 – People vs. Elijah Mickle**

*This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Aaron Rath, of the Special Investigations Bureau.*

*The defendant is charged with two counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree in front of New York State Supreme Court Justice Renzi.*

**September 22 – People vs. Christopher Dickerson**

*This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Courtney Kleiman, of the Special Victims Unit.*

*The defendant is charged with two counts of Rape in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree, two counts of Aggravated Patronizing a Minor for Prostitution in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree, and Endangering the Welfare of a Child in front of New York State Supreme Court Justice Argento.*

**September 22 – People vs. Amadi Rivers**

*This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Jennifer Kennedy, Deputy Chief of the Special Investigations Bureau.*

*The defendant is charged with Criminal Possession of Weapon in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree and Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree in front of New York State Supreme Court Justice Sinclair.*

**September 22 – People vs. Santos Rodriguez**

*This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Armando Benitez, of the Special Victims Unit.*

*The defendant is charged with Burglary in the 1<sup>st</sup> Degree, Aggravate Criminal Contempt, Strangulation in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree, Burglary in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree, Criminal Mischief in the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree, Criminal Contempt in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree, and Criminal Contempt in the 1<sup>st</sup> Degree in front of Monroe County Court Judge Ansaldi.*

**September 23 – People vs. Jeffery Duncan**

*This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Stephen Ryck of the Major Felony Bureau.*

*The defendant is charged with Assault in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree in front of New York State Supreme Court Justice Schiano.*

**September 24 – People vs. Devin Miller**

*This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Diana Ferretti, of the Vehicular Crimes Bureau.*

*The defendant is charged with Driving While Intoxicated, 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 front of Monroe County Court Judge Hahn.*

**September 29 – People vs. Jerry Jurado**

*This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Kenisha Flowers, of the Special Victims Unit.*

*The defendant is charged with Attempted Murder in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree, Assault in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree, Grand Larceny in the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree, two counts of Criminal Obstruction of Breathing or Blood Circulation, and Unauthorized Use of a Vehicle in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree in front of New York State Supreme Court Justice Renzi.*

**September 29 – People vs. Jason Roldan**

*This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Amy Crosier, of the Public Integrity/Economic Crimes Bureau.*

*The defendant is charged with Criminal Possession of Weapon in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree and two counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree in front of New York State Supreme Court Justice Argento.*

**September 29 – People vs. Eric Leslie**

*This case is being prosecuted Assistant District Attorney Michael Harrigan, Chief of the Major Felony Bureau.*

*The defendant is charged with Murder in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree and four counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree in front of New York State Supreme Court Justice Dinolfo.*

**September 29 – Rego Ellis, Jr.**

*This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Kelly Pettrone, of the Special Investigations Bureau.*

*The defendant is charged with Criminal Possession of Weapon in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree and Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree in front of New York State Supreme Court Justice Sinclair.*

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

26-year-old **Christopher Long, Jr.** was sentenced by New York State Supreme Court Justice Walsh to the maximum sentence allowed by law, 8 and 1/3 to 25 years in the New York State Department of Corrections. He was previously convicted by a Monroe County jury of Aggravated Vehicular Homicide, two counts of Manslaughter in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree, two counts of Vehicular Manslaughter in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree, Driving While Intoxicated, and Driving While Intoxicated; BAC .08 or more for causing the death of Aleci Lopez and Skylar Swift. On November 22, 2024, New York State Troopers responded to a report of a motor vehicle crash near the Culver Road Exit on I-490. Upon arrival, they found a single-car crash involving a vehicle crashed into a tree. There were four individuals inside the car, which was driven by Christopher Long, Jr. 18-year-old Skylar Swift was pronounced dead at the crash site. 23-year-old Aleci Lopez suffered serious injuries and was immediately transported to Strong Memorial Hospital, where she was pronounced dead. Following a thorough investigation by the New York State Police, it was determined that Christopher Long, Jr., who was intoxicated, was driving the vehicle east when he left the roadway, struck a barrier, overturned and struck a utility pole, before crashing into a tree near the Culver Road exit. He was arrested for causing the deaths of the victims. The case was prosecuted by Senior Assistant District Attorney Drew Kroft, of the Vehicular Crimes Bureau.

**Ashley Wolff** was indicted on Driving While Intoxicated and Aggravated Unlicensed Operation of a Motor Vehicle in the 1<sup>st</sup> Degree in relation to a vehicular incident on March 16, 2024. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Karen Chung, of the Vehicular Crimes Bureau.



**Yhashora McKnight** was indicted on Driving While Intoxicated in relation to a vehicular incident on November 18, 2024. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Drew Kroft, of the Vehicular Crimes Bureau.

**Tristan Kidd** 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 the same indictment, **Elizabeth Rackthai** was indicted on Menacing in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree and Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Nico Gonzalez, of the Special Investigations Bureau.

**Umesh Subba** was indicted on Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree and two counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree in relation to the illegal possession of a firearm on August 4, 2024. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Aaron Rath, of the Special Investigations Bureau.

**Kyjion McCray** was indicted on four counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree, two counts of Reckless Endangerment in the 1<sup>st</sup> Degree, Assault in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree, and Assault in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree in relation to a shooting between August 2, 2025 and August 3, 2025. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Jessica Wagner, of the Special Victims Unit.

**Abdirahman Abdi** was indicted on two counts of Burglary in the 1<sup>st</sup> Degree, Assault in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree, Criminal Contempt in the 1<sup>st</sup> Degree, and Aggravated Criminal Contempt in the 1<sup>st</sup> Degree in relation to a violent burglary and violation of an order of protection on August 9, 2025. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Courtney Kleiman, of the Special Victims Unit.

**Xavier Davidson** 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 11, 2025. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Nico Gonzalez, of the Special Investigations Bureau.

**Roland Petit Phare** was indicted on Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree, Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree, and Driving While Intoxicated in relation to a traffic stop and illegal possession of a firearm on August 12, 2025. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Michael Caranante, of Special Investigations Bureau.

**Kasandra Toledo-Echevarria** was indicted on Assault in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree in relation to an assault with a dangerous instrument on February 2, 2025. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Jonathan Jirik, of the Major Felony Bureau.

**Omar Derow** was indicted on Arson in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree in relation to a building fire on November 18, 2024. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Jonathan Jirik, of the Major Felony Bureau.

**Tyrese Anderson** 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 10, 2025. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney James Nguyen, of the Special Victims Unit.

**John Granison** was indicted on Robbery in the 1<sup>st</sup> Degree in relation to an armed robbery on August 16, 2025. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Christopher Folk, of the Major Felony Bureau.

**Ruben Ortiz** was indicted on Murder in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree, two counts of Tampering with Physical Evidence, and Concealment of a Human Corpse in relation to the homicide of Luis Leon, Jr. on August 9, 2025. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Gregory Clark, Chief of the Public Integrity/Economic Crimes Bureau.

**James Marshal Bonacci** was indicted on Grand Larceny in the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree in relation to a property theft on August 12, 2025. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Terance Calcagno, of the General Felony Bureau.

## MCDA in the News

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