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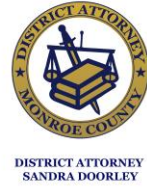
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Weekly Newsletter



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

August Felony Trials

August 11 – People vs. Tajmeik Hawkins

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Philip Alvaro, of the Major Felony Bureau.

The defendant is charged with Robbery in the 1st Degree and Robbery in the 2nd Degree in front of New York State Supreme Court Justice Sinclair.

August 11 – People vs. Harold Scott

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

The defendant is charged with Assault in the 2nd Degree, two counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree, Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the 3rd Degree, and Bribing A Witness in front of Monroe County Court Judge Bailey Turner.

August 12 – People vs. Prince Hawar Rolle

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

The defendant is charged with three counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree and three counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 3rd Degree in front of New York State Supreme Court Justice Miller.

August 18 – People vs. Nicole Guilds

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

The defendant is charged with Endangering the Welfare of an Incompetent or Physically Disabled Person in the 1st Degree in front of Monroe County Court Judge Julie Hahn.

Homicide Update

To Date 2025:

City of Rochester Total:
18

Monroe County Total: 22

August 19 – People vs. Elias Velez

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

The defendant is charged with Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree and Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 3rd Degree in front of New York State Supreme Court Justice Schiano.

August 19 – People vs. Everett Balkman and Keith Balkman

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

The defendants are charged with Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree and Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 3rd Degree. Keith Balkman is also charged with Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the 3rd Degree and Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the 4th Degree. All charges are in front of New York State Supreme Court Justice Miller.

August 19 – People vs. Kenneth Williams

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 2nd Degree in front of Monroe County Court Judge Bailey Turner.

August 25 – People vs. Korey Weaver

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

The defendant is charged with three counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree and three counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 3rd Degree in front of New York State Supreme Court Justice Sinclair.

August 25 – People vs. Michael Scott

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

The defendant is charged with Burglary in the 2nd Degree, Criminal Contempt in the 1st Degree, and Endangering the Welfare of a Child in front of New York State Supreme Court Justice Renzi.

August 25 – People vs. Joshua Clemens

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Ryan Lamon, of the Major Felony Bureau.

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

August 25 – People vs. David Binion, III

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

The defendant is charged with Criminal Contempt in the 1st Degree in front of Monroe County Court Judge Hahn.

August 26 – People vs. Hassaun McClary

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

The defendant is charged with Strangulation in the 2nd Degree, Criminal Mischief in the 4th Degree, and Assault in the 3rd Degree in front of New York State Supreme Court Justice Sinclair.

August 26 – People vs. Andrew Smith

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 Controlled Substance in the 2nd Degree in front of New York State Supreme Court Justice Moran.

August 26 – People vs. Louis Dublin, III

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Joseph Flores, of the General Felony Bureau.

The defendant is charged with Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree in front of Monroe County Court Judge Bailey Turner.

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Highlights from the MCDA's Office

A Monroe County Jury convicted 26-year-old **Shaiquan Reeves** of all seven counts in the indictment, including Robbery in the 1st Degree, two counts of Robbery in the 2nd Degree, two counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree, Grand Larceny in the 4th Degree, and Assault in the 2nd Degree for a car-jacking and subsequent shooting of a 61-year-old woman in the City of Rochester. On October 5, 2024, Shaiquan Reeves stole a running, unattended car near Tremont Street in the City of Rochester. The lawful owner of the car attempted to retrieve his stolen vehicle. As the confrontation began, Shaiquan Reeves fired multiple bullets from an illegally possessed, loaded pistol in an attempt to keep the stolen vehicle. One of those fired shots struck an unarmed 61-year-old woman in both legs. The victim required hospitalization at Strong Memorial Hospital. After a thorough investigation by the Non-Fatal Shooting Taskforce, which includes Rochester Police Investigators, Monroe County District Attorney Investigators, and Assistant District Attorneys, it was determined that Shaiquan Reeves stole the vehicle and shot the second victim. The case was prosecuted by Special Assistant District Attorney Anthony Freeman, of the Non-Fatal Shooting Taskforce. Shaiquan Reeves will be sentenced on September 10, 2025, in front of New York State Supreme Court Justice Renzi.

21-year-old **Niger Johnson** was convicted by a Monroe County jury of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree and Reckless Endangerment in the 2nd Degree. On July 28, 2024, Rochester Police Officers responded to Maplewood Park for reports of gunfire. Two women were killed in the gunfire, Tyasia Manning and Phylicia Council, and five others were injured. Although the homicides remain unsolved, Niger Johnson was present and was identified as carrying an illegally possessed firearm and fired his gun toward the fleeing crowd. This case was investigated by the Rochester Police Department and prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Robin Catalano, Chief of the Special Investigations Bureau. Niger Johnson will be sentenced on September 30, 2025, in front of Monroe County Court Judge Douglas Randall.

33-year-old **Justin Porter** pled guilty to Manslaughter in the 1st Degree for the homicide of Brandon Wyand. On August 20, 2024, Rochester Police Officers were called to the corner of Joseph Avenue and Seabrook Steet for a report of an assault. They located Brandon Wyand, who had been stabbed in the upper body. The victim was transported to Strong Memorial Hospital, where he later died from his injuries. After a swift investigation, Justin Porter was arrested for the stabbing. This case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Gregory Clark, Chief of the Public Integrity/Economic Crimes Bureau. Justin Porter is expected to be sentenced to 20 years in the New York State Department of Corrections plus 5 years of post-release supervision on September 3, 2025, in front of New York State Supreme Court Justice Dinolfo.

18-year-old **Theodice Parks** pled guilty to Assault in the 1st Degree in violation of NYS Penal Law 120.10(4) for driving a stolen Kia, and in furtherance of or flight from that felony offense, causing a serious physical injury that resulted in the death of 92-year-old Thomas Chase. On August 22, 2024, Rochester Police Officers responded to a call for a report of shots fired in the area of Clifford Avenue and Maria Street in the City of Rochester. Upon their arrival, they found a suspect matching the description of the person believed to be involved, 20-year-old **Trevan Simmons**. Simmons fled on foot, dropped an illegal firearm in a backyard, and jumped into the back of a stolen Kia, operated by 18-year-old Theodice Parks, with 20-year-old **Theophilus Parks** in the front passenger seat. As they fled, Theodice Parks, an unlicensed driver, almost struck a police officer with the stolen Kia, and then lead the Rochester Police Department on a pursuit at high speeds, at times going off road, weaving through traffic, and ignoring numerous traffic devices. Theodice Parks only stopped when he collided with the vehicle of Thomas Chase who was making a proper left-hand turn from East Avenue to Elmwood Avenue in the Town of Brighton, while going approximately 100 mph in a posted 40 mph speed zone. Mr. Chase was killed upon impact. At the scene of the violent crash, Rochester Police Officers apprehended Theodice Parks, Theophilus Parks, and Trevan Simmons with the assistance of the New York State Police and Brighton Police Department. Theophilus Parks previously pled guilty to Assault in the 1st Degree, two counts of Criminal Possession of Stolen Property in the 3rd Degree, and Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle, and Trevan Simmons pled guilty to Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree for the possession of the illegal firearm. Theodice Parks will be sentenced to a determinate sentence between 20-25 years in the New York State Department of Corrections, as determined by Justice Healy. The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Merrick Sadler, Chief of the Vehicular Crimes Bureau and Assistant District Attorney Diane Orosz-Roy, also of the Vehicular Crimes Bureau.

42-year-old **Terry Britt** was sentenced by Monroe County Court Judge Randall to 1 and 1/3 – 4 years in the New York State Department of Corrections. He previously 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 was also sentenced to 3 and ½ years plus 2 and ½ years in the New York State Department of Corrections to run concurrently. For this sentence, he also pled guilty to Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree in an unrelated matter. The vehicular crime 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. The gun possession was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Nico Gonzalez, of the Special Investigations Bureau.

40-year-old **Evan Guzman** was sentenced by New York State Supreme Court Justice Dinolfo to 25 years in the New York State Department of Corrections plus 5 years of post-release supervision. The defendant previously pled guilty to Manslaughter in the 1st Degree, for causing the death of Ted Morris. On July 5, 2021, Rochester Police Officers responded to an apartment on Resolute Circle around 8:00AM for a welfare check. Upon arrival, they found 52-year-old Ted Morris, who was deceased with multiple stab wounds. Following a swift investigation by the Rochester Police Department, Evan Guzman was identified for stabbing the victim. Within hours from the discovery of a deceased Mr. Morris, Evan Guzman was arrested. Detectives determined that Evan Guzman knocked on Ted Morris' door earlier in the morning. As soon as the victim opened the door, Evan Guzman stabbed him then fled the scene. This case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Bianca D'Angelo, Chief of the General Felony Bureau.

What is Harm on Harm?

Recent news cases, such as the arrest of Oleksandr Levytskyy for multiple incidents of harassment, have raised important questions about bail reform and the arguments that may be presented in these situations. In this particular case, even though victims were involved, the charges did not qualify for bail consideration. We often present the "harm on harm" argument at arraignments, especially in relation to domestic violence charges.

This argument allows for a judge to consider bail when a defendant is arrested for a felony or Class A misdemeanor involving harm to a person or property, particularly if they have been previously released under similar circumstances or are pending arraignment for a related offense. While this argument appears applicable to Levytskyy's situation, his specific charges do not meet the threshold of a Class A Misdemeanor or higher, which unfortunately means that monetary bail cannot be imposed.

The concept of "harm on harm" helps us advocate for the protection of victims, businesses and the wider community from repeat offenders. However, the limitations of this argument underline a significant challenge: not every individual who poses a threat can be subjected to bail conditions under current laws. We will continue to do our best to be creative and protect our community.

MCDA in the News

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