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Weekly Newsletter



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

Message from Sandra Doorley

The People vs. Kelvin Vickers

Monday begins the anticipated trial of the People vs. Kelvin Vickers.

The community knows this man as the defendant who is accused of murdering Rochester Police Officer Anthony Mazurkiewicz and attempting to murder Rochester Police Officer Sino Seng.

On Monday we begin selecting a jury for this trial, which we anticipate lasting 4-5 weeks. Kelvin Vickers is charged with Aggravated Murder, four counts of Murder in the 1st Degree, Murder in the 2nd Degree, Attempted Aggravated Murder, two counts of Attempted Murder in the 2nd Degree, Assault in the 2nd Degree, fourteen counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree, Reckless Endangerment in the 1st Degree, and Arson in the 4th Degree in front of Monroe County Court Judge Hahn.

We will also argue that he is responsible for the murders of MyJel Rand and Richard Collinge days before the murder of Officer Mazurkiewicz and the attempted murder of Officer Seng. First Assistant District Attorney Perry Duckles and I plan to walk the jury through the days leading up to the murder of Officer Mazurkiewicz.

I have been preparing diligently for this trial. Every single person who has been hurt by Kelvin Vickers' violent actions deserves justice. This community needs to see the person who killed Officer Mazurkiewicz held accountable.

It is difficult to prepare for this trial and not be reminded of Rochester Police Officer Daryl Pierson. I never expected to try a case involving the murder of a police officer during my tenure, let alone two. Earlier this week, I attended a service honoring both men. Both men were dedicated and heroic public servants, but more importantly, they were fathers, husbands, and friends.

I believe that both Daryl and Tony are with me in my preparation, and I know that they will be with me during the trial.

Homicide Update

So far in 2023:

City of Rochester Total:
41

Monroe County Total: 45

When we talk about the service and sacrifice of law enforcement, we are talking about Anthony Mazurkiewicz and Daryl Pierson. They were not just police officers, they had families, friends, and a community they loved. Individuals like Officer Mazurkiewicz and Officer Pierson served the City of Rochester because they loved the City of Rochester. We must honor them and remember them for their service and sacrifice.

The next weeks will be strenuous and all-consuming. But I look forward to finding justice for the Rochester Police Department, for Officer Seno Sing, and for Lynn Mazurkiewicz and all of Tony's family, who miss him every single day.

Sandra

Highlights from the MCDA's Office

36-year-old **Ernest Hughey** was convicted by a jury of three counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree. On July 17, 2022, he shot a woman who was known to him. He was later found by the Rochester Police Department with the same illegally possessed weapon on September 16, 2022. Ernest Hughey will be sentenced on October 20, 2023, in front of Monroe County Court Judge Randall. This case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Tony Diperna, of the Special Investigations Bureau.

Damien Young was indicted and charged with Murder in the 2nd Degree in relation to the homicide of Angel Lopez. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Matthew Schwartz, Chief of the Major Felony Bureau.

Ronald Paniccia was indicted on Criminal Possession of Stolen Property in the 3rd Degree and Criminal Possession of Stolen Property in the 4th Degree in relation to the possession of a stolen motor vehicle on February 19, 2023. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Diana Ferretti, of the General Felony Bureau.

Devon Franklin was indicted on Criminal Possession of Stolen Property in the 4th Degree in relation to the possession of a stolen motor vehicle on August 24, 2023. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Mikael Pelkey, of the General Felony Bureau.

Jeffrey Moll was indicted on Burglary in the 2nd Degree in relation to a burglary in the City of Rochester on March 1, 2023. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Aliyah Fowler, of the Major Felony Bureau.

Ameriquay Scott-Whitaker was indicted on Reckless Endangerment in the 1st Degree and Criminal Possession of Stolen Property in the 4th Degree in relation to the possession of a stolen vehicle on August 25, 2023. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Mikael Pelkey, of the General Felony Bureau.

Xadiel Santana-Colon was indicted on Assault in the 2nd Degree in relation to an assault with a knife against an individual on August 29, 2023. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Matthew Schiano, of the Major Felony Bureau.

Kimberly Bonham was indicted on Grand Larceny in the 3rd Degree and Falsifying Business Records in the 1st Degree. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Ryan Lamon, of the Public Integrity/Economic Crimes Bureau.

Terrell Blake was indicted on Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree in relation to the possession of an illegal firearm on July 22, 2023. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Timothy Boucher, of the Special Investigations Bureau.

James Spivey, Jr. was indicted on Robbery in the 1st Degree in relation to the armed robbery of an individual on January 30, 2023. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Aliyah Fowler, of the Major Felony Bureau.

Mary Cordero and **Ricardo Lopez Ayala** were indicted on Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree in relation to the possession of an illegal firearm on March 17, 2023. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Stephen Ryck, of the Special Investigations Bureau.

Jay-von Mathis was indicted on five counts of Criminal Contempt in the 1st Degree, Aggravated Criminal Contempt, Stalking in the 3rd Degree, and Criminal Contempt in the 2nd Degree in relation to multiple violations of order of protections throughout March 2022 – August 2023. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Jonathan Francisco, of the Domestic Violence Bureau.

Richard Crowder, Jr. was indicted on Murder in the 2nd Degree and two counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree in relation to the death of Anthony Bonilla. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Matthew Schiano, of the Major Felony Bureau.

Jhyon Hall 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 possession of two illegal firearms on May 28, 2023. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Ryan Mulcahy, of the Special Investigations Bureau.

Thalieu Arroyo and **Naveair Stewart** were indicted on Murder in the 2nd Degree in relation to the homicide of Jevonte Huff. Both were also indicated on two counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree for an unrelated matter, and Thalieu Arroyo was also indicted on a third count additional count of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Rachel Clark, of the Non-Fatal Shooting Taskforce.

Warren Braswell was indicted on Burglary in the 1st Degree and two counts of Robbery in the 1st Degree in relation to an armed burglary and two armed robberies on December 22, 2021. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Aliyah Fowler, of the Major Felony Bureau.

John Porch was indicted on two counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree in relation to multiple illegal weapons possession on August 9, 2023. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Emily Chisholm, of the Major Felony Bureau.

Shon Todd was indicted on Murder in the 2nd Degree and Arson in the 2nd Degree in relation to the homicide of Lysandra Bagley. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Sara Vanstrydonck, Chief of the Special Victims Unit, and Assistant District Attorney Janna Koch, of the Vehicular Crimes Bureau.

Shaquille Turner was indicted on Attempted Murder in the 2nd Degree, Assault in the 1st Degree, and two counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree in relation to the shooting of an individual on July 26, 2023. He was also indicted on two counts of Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the 3rd Degree. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Rachel Clark, of the Non-Fatal Shooting Taskforce.

Alfred Daniels was indicted on Aggravated Criminal Contempt and Assault in the 3rd Degree in relation to a domestic violence incident on June 22, 2023. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Aaron Rath, of the Domestic Violence Bureau.

Jeremy Siplin was indicted on Criminal Possession of Stolen Property in the 3rd Degree and Criminal Possession of Stolen Property in the 4th Degree in relation to the possession of a stolen vehicle on August 24, 2023. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Diana Ferretti, of the General Felony Bureau.

Jayhviion Griner-Owens was indicted on three counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree, two counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 3rd Degree, and Criminal Possession of a Firearm, Rifle, or Shotgun In a Sensitive Location. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Bridget Morgan, of the Special Investigations Bureau.

MCDA in the Community

Monroe County District Attorney Sandra Doorley joined Mayor Malik Evans, County Executive Adam Bello, Amy Bach, CEO of Measures for Justice, and Sheriff Todd Baxter, to address the Greater Rochester Chamber of Commerce Board Meeting. The panelists discussed their solutions for the violence plaguing the community and took questions from the business leaders. Thank you to the Greater Rochester Chamber of Commerce for the opportunity to discuss the work that occurs in the Monroe County District Attorney's Office.



Monroe County District Attorney Sandra Doorley and Assistant District Attorney Patrick Gallagher, Chief of the Domestic Violence Bureau, attended the MOU signing for the Family Justice Center. Nearly 50 community partners signed on to be a part of our multidisciplinary collaborative to support survivors. We want survivors to walk through the doors of the Family Justice Center and have full access to co-located, wrap-around services needed on their journey to live a safe and empowered life. Services will include remote petition filing, forensic exams, evidence collection, civil and criminal legal services, and high-risk team activation. Plus, housing and financial support and basic needs like access to food, hygiene products, diapers, and so much more.



Assistant District Attorneys from our Local Courts Bureau visited Bivona Child Advocacy Center to receive training from experts in child abuse and understand what these phenomenal advocates do for the most vulnerable children in our community!



Crimestoppers

Assistant District Attorney Courtney Kleiman and Assistant District Attorney Angela Carson attended this week's Crime Stoppers for Good Day Rochester! The ADAs discussed how the Monroe County District Attorney's Office uses treatment and diversion courts. You can watch the entire segment in the link below!



<https://13wham.com/news/crime-stoppers/crime-stoppers-treatment-courts>

MCDA in the News

<https://www.whec.com/top-news/vickers-in-court-for-one-last-appearance-before-trial-begins/>

<https://www.democratandchronicle.com/story/news/2023/09/12/kelvin-vickers-trial-restrict-uniformed-police-presence-rochester-ny-anthony-mazurkiewicz-sino-seng/70825011007/>

<https://13wham.com/news/local/jury-selection-begins-in-trial-for-man-accused-of-killing-rochester-police-officer>

<https://www.rochesterfirst.com/crime/man-accused-of-killing-rpd-officer-in-court-for-final-hearing-ahead-of-trial/>

<https://www.whec.com/top-news/trial-for-man-accused-of-killing-of-rpd-officer-on-allowing-10-uniformed-officers-in-court-room/>

<https://13wham.com/news/local/rochester-sex-offender-indicted-for-allegedly-throwing-man-out-of-third-story-window-to-his-death>

<https://13wham.com/news/local/rochester-man-accused-of-killing-mother-of-his-children-indicted-on-murder-and-arson-charges>

<https://www.whec.com/top-news/damien-young-indicted-in-death-of-man-beaten-thrown-out-window-in-rochester/>



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