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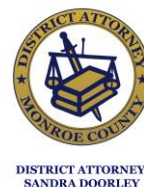
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Weekly Newsletter



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

Message from Sandra Doorley

Tonight on Dateline: The Bad Man

Tonight at 9:00PM on NBC, Dateline will feature a two hour special on the Brighton Ax Murder.



This special, hosted by NBC's Andrea Canning, will take an in-depth look into the 1982 murder of 29-year-old Cathleen Krauseneck and what it took to find justice for her family forty years later.

As I have shared before, with the assistance of Brighton Police Investigators, Monroe County District Attorney Investigators, and the excellent prosecutors in my office, James Krauseneck was convicted of Murder in the 2nd Degree for Cathy's murder and sentenced to 25 years to Life in the New York State Department of Corrections.



Dateline will explore the investigation, theories from Mr. Krauseneck's defense attorneys, and the fact that James Krauseneck left his three-year-old daughter alone in the house with her mother's body.



You will see interviews with myself, Assistant District Attorney Patrick Gallagher, Chief of the Domestic Violence Bureau, Assistant District Attorney Constance Patterson, of the Special Victims Unit, Brighton Police Investigators, and other familiar faces!

If you miss tonight's episode, you can stream it tomorrow with an NBC TV provide or a Peacock TV subscription. To see the promo of tonight's episode, follow this link: <https://www.nbcnews.com/dateline>.

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Homicide Update

So far in 2023:

City of Rochester Total: 1

Monroe County Total: 3

Highlights from the MCDA's Office

The trial of **Seth Larson** will continue into next week. Seth Larson is charged with Murder in the 2nd Degree, Tampering with Physical Evidence, and two counts of Concealment of a Human Corpse in relation to the murder of Lisa Shuler. This case is being prosecuted by First Assistant District Attorney Perry Duckles and Assistant District Attorney Michelle Crowley, Chief of the Grand Jury Bureau and Attorney Training.

A Monroe County Jury convicted 30-year-old **Rashad Albert-Brown** of Murder in the Second Degree for the murder of Tarrell McKnight on December 4, 2021. On December 3, 2021, a family party was held where both Rashad Albert-Brown and Tarrell McKnight were in attendance. A heated discussion between the two men turned into a minor, physical altercation. The following day, on December 4, 2021, Rashad Albert-Brown went back to the location of the party, demanding to see the victim. Once Tarrell McKnight arrived at the home, Rashad Albert-Brown shot him outside the house three times. Shortly after the shooting, the Rochester Police arrived at the scene and Tarrell McKnight was transported to Strong Memorial Hospital. He passed away the following day. The Rochester Police Department led the investigation and arrested Rashad Albert-Brown for the murder on January 20, 2022. The case was prosecuted by Special Assistant District Attorney Eleanor Biggers, of the Major Felony Bureau.

30-year-old **Michael Parnell** was convicted by a Monroe County jury of Attempted Murder in the 2nd Degree, Assault in the 1st Degree, Reckless Endangerment in the 1st Degree, and two counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree for triple shooting at a strip club on Anderson Avenue on July 17, 2021. On July 17, 2021, Rochester Police Officers responded to "The Barrel," a strip club on Anderson Avenue where they found two men shot outside and one man shot inside the club. Michael Parnell was identified as the shooter of all three men, and after a thorough investigation, Parnell was located and arrested on August 29, 2021. The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Christopher Bokelman, Deputy Chief of the Major Felony Bureau.

Robert Reen Jr. pled guilty to Manslaughter in the 1st Degree for causing the death of his younger brother, Jordan Reen, by shooting him on February 25, 2021. He will be sentenced to 25 years in the New York State Department of Corrections plus 5 years of post-release supervision on February 3, 2023, in front of New York State Supreme Court Justice Alex Renzi. The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Christopher Bokelman, Deputy Chief of the Major Felony Bureau.

Alfonso Davis was indicted on Criminal Possession of a firearm, rifle or shotgun in a sensitive location and Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 3rd Degree for allegedly bringing a loaded firearm to the Frederick Douglas Greater Rochester International Airport on September 27, 2022. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Jennifer Kennedy, of the Special Investigations Bureau.

Wayne Simmons was indicted on Predatory Sexual Assault Against a Child in relation to the sexual abuse of a child on or about and between 2013 and 2019. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Hillary Langdon, of the Special Victims Unit.

Raphael Lachapelle 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 an illegal gun possession on June 3, 2022. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Gina Clark, of the Special Investigations Bureau.

Chazerae Burnice was indicted on Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree and three counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 3rd Degree in relation an illegal gun possession on October 15, 2022. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Matthew Hogestyn, of the Special Investigations Bureau.

Michael Scott was indicted on two counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree in relation to illegal weapons possession on September 23, 2022. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Gina Clark, of the Special Investigations Bureau.

Lorenzo Hardy was indicted on Assault in the 2nd Degree and Assault in the 3rd Degree in relation to two separate domestic assaults on December 24, 2022. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Patrick Gallagher, Chief of the Domestic Violence Bureau.

Bennie Davis, Frederick Holiday, Ishmael Seay, and Nadyor Snow were indicted on three counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree in relation to illegal weapons possession on August 12, 2022. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Gina Clark, of the Special Investigations Bureau.

MCDA in the Community

Monroe County District Attorney Sandra Doorley joined Karen Iglesia of Primetime585 and select high school athletes from Monroe County at Niagara University to learn about NU and get a feel for a college environment. These young athletes met with university administrators and school counselors to see if Niagara could be a good fit for the students. The night ended with a NU basketball game. Thank you to Father Maher and Niagara University!



Opioid Command Center Dashboard

Monroe County District Attorney Sandra Doorley joined County Executive Adam Bello, Sheriff Todd Baxter, and Public Health Director Michael Mendoza to unveil the Opioid Command Center Dashboard. This dashboard is a useful tool that provides real-time data regarding opioid overdoses and fatalities. This will be beneficial for the law enforcement and medical community. This dashboard is an important step toward data transparency.



Take a look at the entire dashboard at:

<https://www.arcgis.com/apps/dashboards/78fbd36980894e6fa17a22f2ad675904>

MCDA in the News

<https://www.whec.com/top-news/dateline-special-on-brighton-ax-murder-airs-friday-night/>

<https://cnycentral.com/news/local/former-syracuse-mayoral-candidate-charged-for-bringing-loaded-gun-into-airport-in-2022>

<https://13wham.com/news/local/man-convicted-of-attempted-murder-for-2021-rochester-strip-club-shooting-anderson-avenue-barrel>

<https://www.rochesterfirst.com/news/local-news/rochester-man-convicted-for-actions-during-strip-club-triple-shooting/>

<https://www.whec.com/top-news/man-convicted-on-multiple-charges-for-strip-club-shooting-in-2021/>

<https://www.rochesterfirst.com/crime/shooter-guilty-of-murder-after-deadly-argument-in-rochester/>

<https://wham1180.iheart.com/content/2023-01-18-rochester-man-guilty-of-murder-in-2021-homicide/>

<https://www.newsbreak.com/news/2895316108881/shooter-found-guilty-of-murder-after-deadly-argument-in-rochester>

<https://nypost.com/2023/01/19/a-bad-man-hurt-mommy-cathy-kausenecks-family-recalls-ax-murder-and-justice-finally-served-decades-later/>



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