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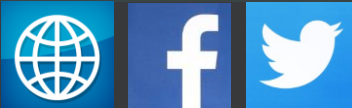


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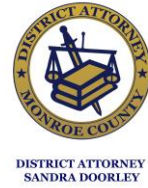
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Weekly Newsletter



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

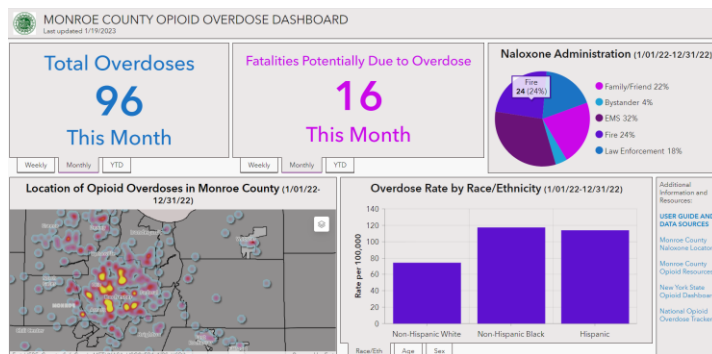
Message from Sandra Doorley

Monroe County Opioid Dashboard

Last Friday I joined Monroe County Executive Adam Bello to unveil the communitywide Opioid/Fentanyl Data Center. This public dashboard pulls together real-time information from law enforcement, emergency medical providers and other partners to result in the most encompassing and accurate numbers that this community has seen.

While I have shared the Monroe County Heroin Task Force numbers for years, we always knew that we were missing many non-fatal overdoses, and even some fatalities. At the time, the task force only had numbers to overdoses where law enforcement was called to the scene. While the dashboard is not the final number released by the Medical Examiner's Office, it shares the most accurate data available.

The dashboard also features national EMS data, and overdose heat map, non-fatal opioid overdoses by week, month, and year to date, overdose rate by race/ethnicity, age, and sex, and narcan uses reported by EMS.



As law enforcement continues to do our part in the prosecution of drug dealers and distributors, it is important to have a centralized hub for the entire community. This dashboard is an excellent step to further collaborate across government agencies, law enforcement, and healthcare providers. I look forward to further combined efforts to attack opioid addiction from all angles to make our community a safer place for all.

Homicide Update

So far in 2023:

City of Rochester Total: 5

Monroe County Total: 7

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

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Highlights from the MCDA's Office

A Monroe County Jury convicted 41-year-old **Seth Larson** of Murder in the 2nd Degree, Tampering with Physical Evidence, and Concealment of a Human Corpse for the murder of Lisa Shuler. On May 25, 2021, Irondequoit police officers found the body of 37-year-old Lisa Shuler at her home on Culver Road. Her body had been dismembered. Police began searching for her boyfriend, Seth Larson, who had fled the area. On Monday, May 31, 2021, a civilian located human remains around Durand Lake. Those remains were also identified as Lisa Shuler. Seth Larson was located in West Virginia on June 3, 2021, when he went to a hospital in Weston, West Virginia. Larson informed local police that he was a person of interest in Irondequoit and was apprehended by Lewis County Sheriff's Department. He was extradited to Monroe County where he was charged with Lisa's murder. This case was investigated by the Irondequoit Police Department, with help from the New York State Police, the Monroe County District Attorney's Office Investigators, the Monroe County Sheriff's Office, the United States Marshall's, and the Lewis County Sheriff's Department of West Virginia. The case was prosecuted by First Assistant District Attorney Perry Duckles and Assistant District Attorney Michelle Crowley, Chief of the Grand Jury Bureau and Director of Attorney Training.

A Monroe County Jury convicted 18-year-old **Anttwan Brown**, 30-year-old **Tyron Bryant**, and 19-year-old **Diamonte Scott** of Murder in the 2nd Degree and two counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree for the murder of Tymir Thomas. On September 11, 2021, Rochester Police Officers responded to Handy Street for the report of a man shot. Upon arriving at the scene, they located 20-year-old Tymir Thomas inside a vehicle, with gunshot wounds to his lower body. He was immediately transported to Strong Memorial Hospital but died from his injuries. After a thorough investigation, the Rochester Police Department identified Anttwan Brown, Tyron Bryant, and Diamonte Scott as the suspects in the murder. All three men were arrested for the murder on December 1, 2021. The case was prosecuted by Special Assistant District Attorney Michael Caranante, of the Major Felony Bureau.

35-year-old **James Jacobs** was sentenced to 7 and 1/3 to 22 years in the New York State Department of Corrections for Aggravated Vehicular Homicide and Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the Second Degree. On March 20, 2022, James Jacobs caused the death of Stephen Kneeland by striking him head-on with his vehicle while intoxicated. On March 20, 2022, around 9:45 PM, James Jacobs, who is a North Carolina resident, was heading eastbound on West Ridge Road in the Town of Parma when he crossed over the solid yellow lane marking into oncoming traffic. Jacobs struck Stephen Kneeland head-on, killing him instantly. Stephen's wife and children were traveling in the vehicle in front of him. The family was heading home to Lockport after a swim meet. Following the crash, police found a loaded firearm under the passenger seat of James Jacobs' vehicle. This case was investigated by the Monroe County Sheriff's Office and New York State Police. The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Kelly Pettrone, of the Felony DWI Bureau.

Douglas Mawson was sentenced by New York State Court Justice Alex Renzi to 25 years in the New York State Department of Corrections plus 15 years of post-release supervision. He pled guilty to Criminal Sexual Act in the 1st Degree for the sexual abuse of a child under the age of thirteen. The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Hillary Langdon, Deputy Chief of the Special Victims Unit.

Bryasia Love was arraigned on Murder in the 2nd Degree and Assault in the 2nd Degree for the alleged murder of her 1-year-old son, A'Mias Love and the assault of her two year old daughter. A Preliminary Hearing was scheduled for January 31, 2023. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Sara Vanstrydonck, Chief of the Special Victims Unit, and Assistant District Attorney Constance Patterson, also of the Special Victims Unit.

Detric Marshall was arraigned on Murder in the 2nd Degree for the stabbing death of his 70-year-old father, Charles Marshall. A Preliminary Hearing was scheduled for January 31, 2023. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Rachel Clark, Deputy Chief of the Domestic Violence Bureau.

Corey Desbrough was convicted by a jury of Driving While Intoxicated and Unsafe Lane Change in front of Rochester City Court Judge Barrett. This case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Shivangi Tomar and Assistant District Attorney Ryan Lamon, both of the Local Courts Bureau.

Carl Cooper Jr. was convicted by a jury of Criminal Contempt in the 2nd Degree in front of Rochester City Court Judge Morris. This case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Mikki Pelkey and Assistant District Attorney Kaylee Rizzari, both of the Local Courts Bureau.

Congratulations Chief Peters!

The Monroe County District Attorney's Office Violent Felony Offense Investigator Scott Peters has been named the newest Irondequoit Police Chief! Scott joined the DA's Office as an investigator after retiring from the Rochester Police Department, where he spent 25 years. Congratulations to the soon to be Chief Peters, Irondequoit is lucky to have you!



MCDA Education

The Monroe County Local Courts Bureau enjoyed a presentation from Lisa Nolan, of the Willow Domestic Violence Center. Lisa presented on domestic violence with an emphasis on connecting with survivors. Willow offers a 24/7 hotline, emergency housing and countless other services to survivors of domestic violence.



MCDA in the News

<https://13wham.com/news/local/irondequoit-man-convicted-of-murdering-girlfriend-seth-larson-lisa-shuler>

<https://www.democratandchronicle.com/story/news/2023/01/24/seth-larson-found-guilty-in-death-of-lisa-shuler-in-irondequoit-ny/69835152007/>

<https://truecrimedaily.com/2023/01/24/rochester-new-york-seth-larson-found-guilty-killing-dismembering-girlfriend-hiding-body/>

<https://www.whec.com/top-news/jury-convicts-irondequoit-man-in-girlfriends-murder/>

<https://www.rochesterfirst.com/crime/closing-arguments-for-trial-for-irondequoit-man-accused-of-gruesome-murder-of-girlfriend/>

<https://wham1180.iheart.com/content/2023-01-24-rochester-man-sentenced-in-fatal-parma-crash/>

<https://www.whec.com/top-news/man-is-heading-to-prison-for-at-least-seven-years-for-crash-that-killed-swim-dad/>

<https://www.rochesterfirst.com/news/driver-sentenced-in-fatal-parma-crash-stephen-kneeland-james-jacobs-west-ridge-road/>

<https://13wham.com/news/local/man-sentenced-for-fatal-crash-in-parma>

<https://www.whec.com/top-news/three-men-found-guilty-of-2021-murder/>

<https://www.democratandchronicle.com/story/news/2021/09/13/tymir-thomas-shot-to-death-in-car-on-handy-st-in-rochester-ny/8314362002/>

<https://13wham.com/news/local/three-men-convicted-of-2021-murder-on-handy-street-rochester>

<https://www.democratandchronicle.com/story/news/2023/01/26/bryasia-love-charged-in-death-of-one-year-old-son-and-assault-of-daughter-rochester-ny/69845468007/>

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<https://13wham.com/news/local/rochester-woman-arrested-for-1-year-old-sons-murder>

<https://www.rochesterfirst.com/rochester/rpd-and-monroe-county-district-attorneys-office-to-speak-about-murder-of-one-year-old-boy/>

<https://www.whec.com/top-news/man-in-70s-stabbed-to-death-on-dayton-street/>

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<https://www.democratandchronicle.com/story/news/2023/01/26/detric-marshall-charged-in-death-of-his-father-charles-marshall-in-rochester-ny/69845010007/>

<https://13wham.com/news/local/rochester-man-pleads-not-guilty-to-fathers-fatal-stabbing>



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