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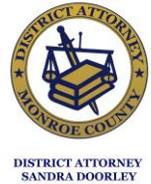
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Weekly Newsletter



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

Message from Sandra Doorley

What is the role of a prosecutor in Monroe County?

As you will see in this week's newsletter, the Monroe County District Attorney's Office had an incredibly busy week. Between grand jury risings, trials, and court appearances, our attorneys and support staff have very demanding positions.

At the Monroe County District Attorney's Office, I oversee an office of approximately 140, with 80 attorneys and 60 support staff. 20 of these attorneys are responsible for all the misdemeanors that come through our office. These cases are prosecuted in the town, village, and Rochester city courts and are punishable for up to 364 days in the Monroe County Jail. In 2020, these ADAs handled approximately 10,000 misdemeanor cases, in addition to traffic and other types of violations.

There are 7 attorneys who handle appeals and the rest of the 53 attorneys handle the felony cases that come into Monroe County. In 2020, our office took in over 4,200 felony cases. Felonies involve everything from grand larcenies to homicides. So how do these attorneys for 10,000 misdemeanors and 4,200 felonies manage these caseloads?

First of all, we all must define justice for each case. Justice is not a one-size-fits-all approach. Justice can mean a dismissal, community service, treatment, jail time or even life sentences in the New York State Department of Corrections. Each case, each victim and each defendant is treated as an individual, not as a number. We consider New York State law, a defendant's history, public safety, the harm caused to a victim, and every other factor and piece of evidence in the case.

The prosecutor "is the representative not of an ordinary party to a controversy, but of a sovereignty... whose interest, therefore, in a criminal prosecution is not that it shall win a case, but that justice shall be done." Berger v United States, 295 US 78 (1935). Simply put, my job, and the jobs of the Assistant District Attorneys is to do what is just and what is right.

Homicide Update

So far in 2021:

City of Rochester Total: 63

Monroe County Total: 71

Like the New York State laws that govern us, the role of the prosecutor is always evolving. But what does not change, is our commitment to doing the right thing.

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Highlights from the MCDA's Office

An indictment was unsealed charging **Kelly Goff** with Manslaughter in the 2nd Degree, Tampering with Physical Evidence in the 2nd Degree and two counts of Criminal Injection of a Narcotic Drug. This case was investigated by the Monroe County Heroin Task Force and the Brighton Police Department. This indictment states that on September 2, 2020, in the Town of Brighton, Mr. Goff was responsible for the overdose death of Tushar Ram by injecting him with a narcotic drug. This case is being prosecuted by ADA Jennifer Kennedy and ADA Jenna Markwitz, both of the Special Investigations Bureau.

Joseph Rivera, Jr. was indicted on Murder in the 2nd Degree in relation to the death of Heather Majors on July 10, 2021. Rivera was arrested for the homicide hours after he was released from custody on parole violations. This case is being prosecuted by ADA David Dys, Chief of the Non-Violent Felony Bureau and ADA Burak Sebetci, also of the Non-Violent Felony Bureau.

Tyquan Rivera was sentenced to 15 years in the Department of Corrections plus 3 years of post-release supervision. Rivera pled guilty to Criminal Sale of a Controlled Substance in the 3rd Degree on September 8, 2021. On September 12, 2019, Tyquan Rivera sold 40 decks of fentanyl to an undercover member of the New York State Police. In addition to pleading guilty to the drug sale, he also agreed to pay restitution in the amount of \$840.00. Rivera was sentenced as a Second Felony Drug Offender previously convicted of a Violent Felony. This case was prosecuted by ADA Matthew Schwartz, Chief of the Special Investigations Bureau and ADA Robin Catalano, Deputy Chief of the Special Investigations Bureau.

Shannon Rienholtz and **Kristin Krueger** were both indicted on Murder in the 2nd Degree for causing the death of James Wooden on Zoo Road in the City of Rochester between September 28, 2021, and September 29, 2021. This case is being prosecuted by ADA Monica O'Brien, Chief of the Elder Abuse Bureau.

Derrick Peace was sentenced to 48 years in the New York State Department of Corrections plus 10 years of post-release supervision. This sentence comes after a jury convicted Derrick Peace of two counts of Attempted Murder, Assault 1st, Assault 2nd and two counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree for shooting two women. On August 3, 2020, Derrick Peace approached two women who were sitting on a front porch in the City of Rochester. The defendant shot both women multiple times at close range with the intention to kill both victims. There were children inside the home during the time of the shooting during daylight hours. Both women were rushed to Strong Memorial Hospital where they experienced a lengthy recovery. This case was prosecuted by ADA Adam VanHeyst, of the Major Felony Bureau.

Kim George was indicted on Vehicular Assault in the 1st Degree, Vehicular Assault in the 2nd Degree, Operator Leave Scene of Accident Resulting in Serious Physical Injury, two counts of Driving While Intoxicated, Aggravated Driving While Intoxicated, Driving While Ability Impaired by Drugs and Driving While Ability Impaired by the Combined Influence of Drugs or Alcohol. All of these charges result from a vehicular incident on April 9, 2021. This case is being prosecuted by ADA Eric Hurd, of the DWI Bureau.

Breanna Jean Kelly pled guilty to the indictment charging her with Manslaughter in the 1st Degree for the stabbing death of Kevin Hines. On August 27, 2020, at a residence on Mazda Terrace in the City of Rochester, Breanna Jean Kelly stabbed her boyfriend Kevin Hines in the chest. He ultimately died from his injuries. Breanna Kelly was immediately arrested by the Rochester Police Department's Major Crimes Unit. This case was prosecuted by ADA Hillary Langdon, of the Special Victims Unit.

Michael Taylor was indicted on Rape in the 1st Degree, Rape in the 3rd Degree, two counts of Criminal Sexual Act in the 1st Degree, two counts of Criminal Sexual Act in the 3rd Degree, Sexual Abuse in the 1st Degree, Assault in the 2nd Degree and Criminal Obstruction of Breathing or Blood Circulation in relation to events that occurred on March 9, 2021. This case is being prosecuted by ADA Ralph Alloco, of the Special Victims Unit.

Markeem Burrows was convicted by a Monroe County jury on Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree and Menacing in the 2nd Degree. Mr. Burrows is a violent predicate felony offender, meaning he will face between 7 – 15 years in the New York State Department of Corrections. He will be sentenced in December in front of State Supreme Court Justice Moran. This case was prosecuted by ADA Greg Clark, of the Special Investigations Bureau.

Pedro Colon was indicted on Attempted Murder in the 2nd Degree, Assault in the 1st Degree, Attempted Kidnapping in the 2nd Degree and Assault in the 3rd Degree for events that occurred on September 1, 2021. This case is being prosecuted by ADA Jessica Wagner, of the Domestic Violence Bureau.

Tyler Pitcher was indicted on Attempted Murder in the 2nd Degree, Assault in the 1st Degree and Criminal Use of a Firearm in the 1st Degree in relation to an attempted murder on September 1, 2021. This case is being prosecuted by ADA Bianca D'Angelo, of the Major Felony Bureau.

Courtney Barber was indicted on Rape in the 1st Degree for an incident that occurred on September 18, 2021. This case is being prosecuted by ADA Sara Vanstrydonck, Chief of the Special Victims Unit

On October 13, 2021, **Eddie Welch** was indicted on Manslaughter in the 1st Degree in relation to the stabbing death of Richie Marcano on September 27, 2021. This case is being prosecuted by ADA Bianca D'Angelo, of the Major Felony Bureau.

MCDA in the Community

The Monroe County District Attorney's Office has adopted five large families to provide a full Thanksgiving Day dinner. If you are interested in adopting a family to help ensure everyone who wants a dinner in our community has one, please reach out to Primetime585 at

<https://www.facebook.com/Primetime-Learning-Academy-108869610926268/> or <https://twitter.com/PrimetimeBall>

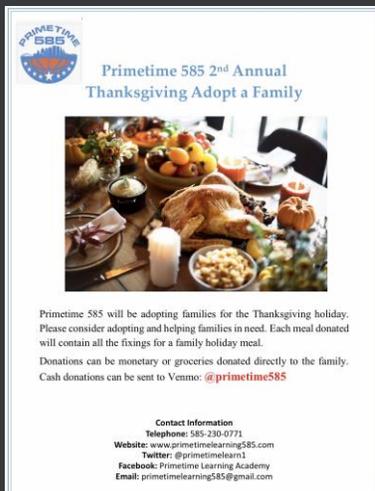
MCDA in the News

<https://13wham.com/news/local/monroe-county-da-she-broke-the-law-she-acknowledged-her-guilt>

<https://spectrumlocalnews.com/nys/rochester/public-safety/2021/10/12/man-who-shot-rpd-officer-in-2009-sentenced-to-15-years-on-drug-charges>

<https://13wham.com/news/local/rochester-nurse-charged-with-manslaughter-in-fatal-od>

<https://www.whec.com/rochester-new-york-news/2-women-indicted-on-murder-charges-in-deadly-zoo-road-stabbing/6267217/?cat=12713>



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Thanksgiving Adopt a Family

Primetime 585 will be adopting families for the Thanksgiving holiday. Please consider adopting and helping families in need. Each meal donated will contain all the fixings for a family holiday meal.
Donations can be monetary or groceries donated directly to the family. Cash donations can be sent to Venmo: @primetime585

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<https://13wham.com/news/local/car-stolen-with-baby-inside-in-rochester>

<https://www.rochesterfirst.com/news/local-news/rochester-woman-pleads-guilty-to-fatally-stabbing-her-boyfriend-in-2020/>

<https://13wham.com/news/local/man-who-shot-two-women-on-porch-sentenced-to-48-years>

Welcome to the DA's Office!

Please welcome our several new employees to the Monroe County District Attorney's Office! We have a number of amazing employees starting this week

Diana Orosz-Roy comes to the Monroe County District Attorney's Office with experience in medical malpractice and general civil litigation. Diane is joining the Local Courts Bureau and we are lucky to have her!

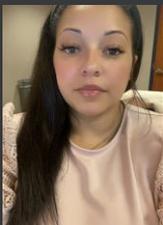
Kassandra Alberico is a new Assistant District Attorney who graduated from Villanova Law School in May. Kassandra joins us in the Local Courts Bureau in the town and village courts. Welcome, Kassandra!

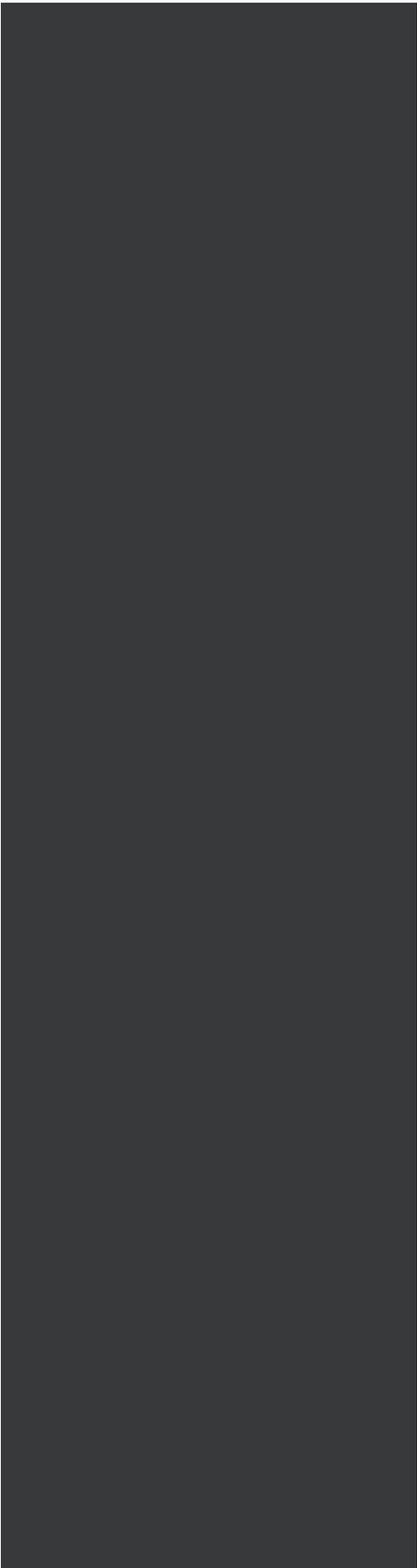
Ryan Mulcahy graduated from the University at Buffalo School of Law in 2021. A lifelong resident of Monroe County, Ryan is happy to join the Local Courts Bureau as an Assistant District Attorney in the community he calls home.

Carrington Wells joined the DA's Office after interning for several years. Carrington graduated from the University at Buffalo School of Law this year and we are excited to have her as our newest Assistant District Attorney in the Local Courts Bureau!

Laura Snyder started as a Legal Secretary for the Felony DWI Bureau. Welcome, Laura!

Ashley Miller joined our DWI Bureau as a Criminal Law Assistant this week. Welcome, Ashley!





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If you are a recent law school graduate or an experienced attorney and are interested in a career in criminal law and public service, apply with us today! More information is available on monroecounty.gov/da.