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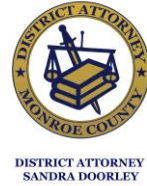
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Monroe County District Attorney's Office Weekly Newsletter



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

Message from Sandra Doorley

Community Spirit

I see a community becoming numb at the announcement of a new homicide. I see a community devastated by guns and senseless violence. I see a community in desperate need of hope.

Together this holiday season, it is more important than ever for the community to come together to shine a light during these seemingly dark times. I am pleased that the employees at the Monroe County District Attorney's Office and I participate in several community initiatives to come together as one.

Last week, my office donated enough money to provide seven full Thanksgiving Day meals for seven large families. Organized by Karen Iglesia, co-founder of Primetime585, this effort to provide full Thanksgiving dinners served over 4,000 members in this community. We went shopping and delivered these dinners to families throughout the City of Rochester. As Karen said it best when she proclaimed that it is not just about the donations, but it was about our time. It was great to go into the community to deliver these meals and remind everyone that we care about and we support them.



The Monroe County District Attorney's Office is also supporting Cameron Community Ministries and the Boys and Girls Club of Rochester this holiday season. Cameron Community Ministries is an outreach community center in the Lyell-Otis neighborhood in Rochester. Each year, we fulfill Christmas lists for the children who participate in many of the programs at the center. Cameron Community Ministries offer many programs, including youth after-school and summer programs, free hot meal programs that serve lunch daily, an emergency food pantry, and a clothing house that serves community members. Cameron truly offers some of the most impactful resources in this neighborhood

Homicide Update

So far in 2022:

City of Rochester Total:
74

Monroe County Total: 77

Monroe County Heroin Task Force Update

October 2022

Total Reported ODs: 47

Total Fatalities: 13

Year To Date 2022

Total Reported ODs: 500

Total Fatalities: 110

and we are fortunate to have Cameron Community Ministries in our community.

Finally, the Boys and Girls Club of Rochester will be hosting its annual breakfast with Santa on December 17, where children from the community can see Santa and receive a present. We have a collection box at the Monroe County District Attorney's Office and if interested, you may purchase gifts from their amazon wish list at <https://a.co/cLxcEaB>.

There are many opportunities for us to come together this holiday season and every day of the year. I plan to continue to see the light and the good during these difficult times. I believe in the spirit of this community and will continue to fight for it every way I can.

Sandra

Highlights from the MCDA's Office

New York State Supreme Court Justice Renzi sentenced 52-year-old **Kirk Ashton** to an aggregate number of years after being found guilty of 11 counts of Sexual Abuse in the 1st Degree, 17 counts of Course of Sexual Conduct Against a Child, and 18 counts of Endangering the Welfare of a Child, totaling **63 years** in the New York State Department of Corrections. Unfortunately, due to New York State law, he will cap out at twenty years in the New York State Department of Corrections. Kirk Ashton was convicted of these charges for the ongoing sexual abuse of 21 victims. The victims were students at Northwood Elementary School at the time of the abuse, ranging from 2014-2021, when Ashton served as Principal of the school. This case was investigated by the New York State Police, the Greece Police Department, the Monroe County District Attorney's Office, and Bivona Child Advocacy Center. This case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Sara Vanstrydonck, Chief of the Special Victims Unit, and former Assistant District Attorney Amanda Balling, who served as the Deputy Chief of the Special Victims Unit.

Treveon Gates was indicted on Murder in the 2nd Degree, five counts of Criminal Sale of a Controlled Substance in the 3rd Degree, seven counts of Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the 3rd Degree, Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 3rd Degree, and two counts of Criminally Using Drug Paraphernalia in the 2nd Degree. These charges are in relation to the death of Gerald Wayne Irvin on April 18, 2022 and several drug related events throughout 2021 and 2022. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Jennifer Hyatt, Deputy Chief of the Special Investigations Bureau and Assistant District Attorney Matthew Hogestyn, also of the Special Investigations Bureau.

Lequan Hill was indicted on Murder in the 2nd Degree for the stabbing death of Antoine Parris on November, 3 2022. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Michael Harrigan, Chief of the General Felony Bureau.

Timothy Williams was indicted on Attempted Murder in the 2nd Degree, two counts of Assault in the 1st Degree, Assault in the 2nd Degree, and Stalking in the 1st Degree in relation to the assault of a woman on October 22, 2022 and the attempted murder of the same woman on November 10, 2022. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Patrick Gallagher, of the Domestic Violence Bureau.

Jerome Walker was indicted on 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 an illegal weapon possession on May 27, 2022. . This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Bridget Morgan, of the Special Investigations Bureau.

Dominic McIntyre was indicted on Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree in relation to the possession of an illegal firearm in the Town of Irondequoit on October 10, 2022. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Bridget Morgan, of the Special Investigations Bureau.

Jeremiah Brown and **Amarelis Smith** were indicted on Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree in relation to the possession of an illegal firearm on November 4, 2022. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Timothy Boucher, of the Special Investigations Bureau.

MCDA in the Community

Monroe County District Attorney Sandra Doorley joined Mrs. Chodak's Government and Criminal Law class at Pittsford Sutherland High School to discuss the role of the prosecutor and the criminal justice system. Thank you to the students for the excellent questions and discussion.



Members of the Monroe County District Attorney's Office participated in Movember – Moustaches for Bro's – raising funds and awareness for various aspects of men's health, including mental health, prostate cancer, and testicular cancer. Led by Assistant District Attorney Christopher Bokelman, Deputy Chief of the Major Felony Bureau, participants on the team raised over \$2,000 to help fund medical research, groundbreaking tests and trials, life-changing men's health programs, and innovative treatments addressing mental health and suicide prevention, prostate cancer, and testicular cancer.



MCDA in the News

<https://www.whec.com/top-news/news10nbc-investigates-heres-the-transcript-of-a-parolee-released-one-week-before-he-was-charged-with-murder/>

<https://www.democratandchronicle.com/story/news/2022/11/23/kirk-ashton-former-hilton-principal-sentenced-for-abuse-of-students/69673282007/>

<https://13wham.com/news/local/former-hilton-csd-principal-sentenced-for-sexual-abuse>

<https://www.rochesterfirst.com/crime/former-hilton-principal-sentenced-to-63-years-for-sexually-abusing-students/>

<https://13wham.com/news/local/ashton-sentenced-to-63-years-but-will-only-serve-20>

<https://www.whec.com/top-news/former-hilton-principal-convicted-of-inappropriately-touching-students-got-thousands-in-separation-agreement/>

<https://13wham.com/news/local/meal-delivery-is-about-more-than-just-the-food-rochester-volunteers-say>



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