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Weekly Newsletter



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

Message from Sandra Doorley

District Attorneys Association of the State of New York

On Wednesday and Thursday, Assistant District Attorney Michelle Crowley, Chief of the Grand Jury Bureau and Director of Attorney Training, and Assistant District Attorney Lisa Gray, Special Counsel to the District Attorney, and I attended the annual District Attorney's Association of the State of New York Conference (DAASNY) in New York City. At this conference, prosecutors from across the state discussed trends in prosecution and best practices.

DAASNY was founded in 1909 as an organization for prosecutors in New York that provides the exchange of information and views with respect to the conduct of our offices, the New York State criminal justice system, and criminal law and procedure. These conferences have become very necessary, as the criminal justice system is always changing and there is constantly new legislation that impacts our offices and the way we do business.

This week, several important topics that required our attention. There was much discussion about discovery and how our offices are managing the heavy discovery burden required on every case from traffic tickets and violations, to misdemeanors and felonies, in a relatively short time frame. Here in Monroe County, we have increased our support staff and have made the necessary steps to comply with our discovery requirements. The Governor's budget proposal included a significant fund increase for discovery, pretrial services, and more prosecutors. This was a welcome announcement during the conference. The governor also announced that the FY2023 Enacted Budget "ensures that cases will not be automatically dismissed when prosecutors make belated discovery disclosures in good faith... In addition, automatic discovery will no longer apply to traffic infractions and other administrative tickets."

Other notable discussion topics at the conference included the current state of treatment courts and new legislation regarding animal cruelty. Recently, the New York State Legislature banned all chemical testing on animals. The Legislature also has made it so pet shops can no longer sell dogs, cats, and rabbits. If you are an animal lover like myself, this is good news!

Homicide Update

So far in 2023:

City of Rochester Total: 6

Monroe County Total: 9

These conferences are very useful and it is beneficial to see what the elected District Attorneys are doing around New York State. I am grateful to be a part of this organization and I look forward to seeing what comes out of this year's legislative session.

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Highlights from the MCDA's Office

32-year-old **Courtney Barber** was convicted by a Monroe County jury of Attempted Rape in the 1st Degree for the sexual assault of a 17-year-old young woman on September 18, 2021. On September 18, 2021, a student at the University of Rochester was sexually assaulted by Courtney Barber on the Genesee Valley Park path. Multiple good Samaritans heard the victim, ran toward the assault, and scared off Courtney Barber. Another good Samaritan immediately alerted the University of Rochester Department of Public Safety. After running off, Barber was quickly detained by the University Of Rochester Department Of Public Safety. This case was investigated by the Rochester Police Department and the University Of Rochester Department Of Public Safety. This case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Patrick Gallagher, Chief of the Domestic Violence Bureau.

Before jury selection, **Willie Gibson, Jr.** pled guilty to two counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree and one count of Assault in the 2nd Degree for shooting multiple bullets into a residence on Lime Street in the City of Rochester and striking an innocent 51-year-old grandmother located inside the home. On April 3, 2022, after engaging in a verbal dispute with one of the occupants of the Lime Street residence, Willie Gibson, Jr. fired multiple bullets into his intended target's home. One of those bullets struck a 51-year-old grandmother located inside the home and penetrated her chest. To date, the bullet fragment remains lodged in the victim's chest. The victim's 3-year-old grandson was also present inside the home during the shooting. Willie Gibson Jr., who was under Parole supervision on the date of this incident due to prior burglary and gun possession convictions, was located and arrested by the Rochester Police Department within hours of the shooting. This case was investigated by the Rochester Police Department, with assistance from the Monroe County Crime Lab. The case was prosecuted by Senior Assistant District Attorney Anthony Freeman, of the Major Felony Bureau.

Johnathan Williams was convicted by a jury of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree. On August 17, 2021, Irondequoit Police Officers observed a vehicle with blacked out windows and no front license plate. They initiated a traffic stop and the defendant pulled into a driveway. After doing so he immediately exited his vehicle, disobeyed repeated commands to get back in the vehicle, and then disobeyed repeated commands to put his hands behind his back so officers could secure him. During an inventory search of the vehicle officers located a loaded semiautomatic pistol with two 30 round magazines, a substantial amount of synthetic marijuana, a scale, and \$2500 cash. Johnathan Williams will be sentenced on March 14, 2023, in front of Monroe Court Judge Dollinger.

Rajab Banahi was indicted three counts of Murder in the 1st Degree and Aggravated Criminal Contempt in relation to the stabbing deaths of Ali Banahi, Mastoora Banahi, and Masuda Banahi on January 11, 2023. The case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Patrick Gallagher, Chief of the Domestic Violence Bureau and Assistant District Attorney Michael Harrigan, Chief of the General Felony Bureau.

Lajason Lovett was indicted on Murder in the 2nd Degree in relation to the death of Corey Dubois on September 8, 2022. The case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Ralph Alloco, of the Special Victims Unit.

Isaac Hubbert was indicted on Criminal Contempt in the 1st Degree and four counts of Aggravated Family Offense in relation to domestic related events and violations of an Order of Protection. The case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Jessica Wagner, of the Domestic Violence Bureau.

Richard Davis was indicted on two counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree in relation to an illegal weapon possession on September 19, 2022. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Megan Hausner, of the Major Felony Bureau.

Macarthur Chisolm was indicted on Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the 3rd Degree, Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree, and Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 3rd Degree in relation to illegal narcotics possession and an illegal weapon possession on November 16, 2021. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Matthew Hogestyn, of the Special Investigations Bureau.

Jared Harris was indicted on Attempted Criminal Sexual Act in the 1st Degree, two counts of Attempted Strangulation in the 2nd Degree, Unlawful Imprisonment in the 2nd Degree, Burglary in the 2nd Degree, and Endangering the Welfare of a Child in relation to a sexual assault on January 9, 2023 and a separate burglary on the same date. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Kevin Sunderland, of the Special Victims Unit.

Jayquan Minns was indicted on Sexual Abuse in the 3rd Degree, two counts of Criminal Sexual Act in the 2nd Degree, Criminal Sexual Act in the 1st Degree, Rape in the 1st Degree, and Rape in the 2nd Degree in relation to a sexual assault on June 14, 2022. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Constance Patterson, of the Special Victims Unit.

Kurt Kozlowski was indicted on Aggravated Driving While Intoxicate With a Child Passenger and Driving While Intoxicated in relation to a vehicular incident on August 20, 2022. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Kelly Pettrone, of the Felony DWI Bureau.

Peter Barbosa 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 weapon possession on November 29, 2022. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Matthew Hogestyn, of the Special Investigations Bureau.

Albert Rice and **Tavian Rice** were indicted on Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree and Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 3rd Degree. Tavian Rice was also indicted on Driving While Intoxicated. These charges are in relation to an illegal weapon charge on August 21, 2022. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Bridget Morgan, of the Special Investigations Bureau.

MCDA in the Community

Assistant District Attorney Monica O'Brien, Deputy Chief of the Local Courts Bureau, was proud to participate in World Read Aloud Day at John James Audubon School #33. She read to a third grade class who asked great questions about her favorite books and the job of a prosecutor. Keep reading!



The Assistant District Attorneys in the Local Courts Bureau received a presentation from Madeleine Laskowycz from Recovery Monitoring Solutions Corporation. This organization serves criminal justice communities by delivering a full range of substance-abuse related services. Thanks, Madeleine!



MCDA in the News

<https://www.whec.com/top-news/parolee-pleads-guilty-to-shooting-involving-a-51-year-old-grandmother/>

<https://13wham.com/news/local/parolee-pleads-guilty-for-2021-shooting-that-injured-woman-on-lime-street-in-rochester>

<https://www.rochesterfirst.com/crime/man-pleads-guilty-after-shooting-into-rochester-house-hitting-grandmother/>

<https://spectrumlocalnews.com/nys/rochester/news/2023/01/26/rpd--mother-charged-in-connection-with-death-of-1-year-old-son>

<https://13wham.com/news/local/man-convicted-of-attempting-to-rape-ur-student-at-genesee-valley-park-university-of-rochester>

<https://www.rochesterfirst.com/crime/man-convicted-of-attempted-rape-in-relation-to-u-of-r-incident/amp/>

<https://www.rochesterfirst.com/crime/third-victim-dies-in-kathy-drive-stabbing-henrietta-rajab-a-banahi-ali-mastoor-masuda/>



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