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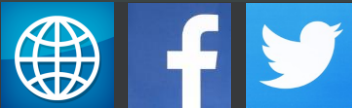


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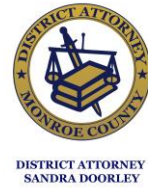
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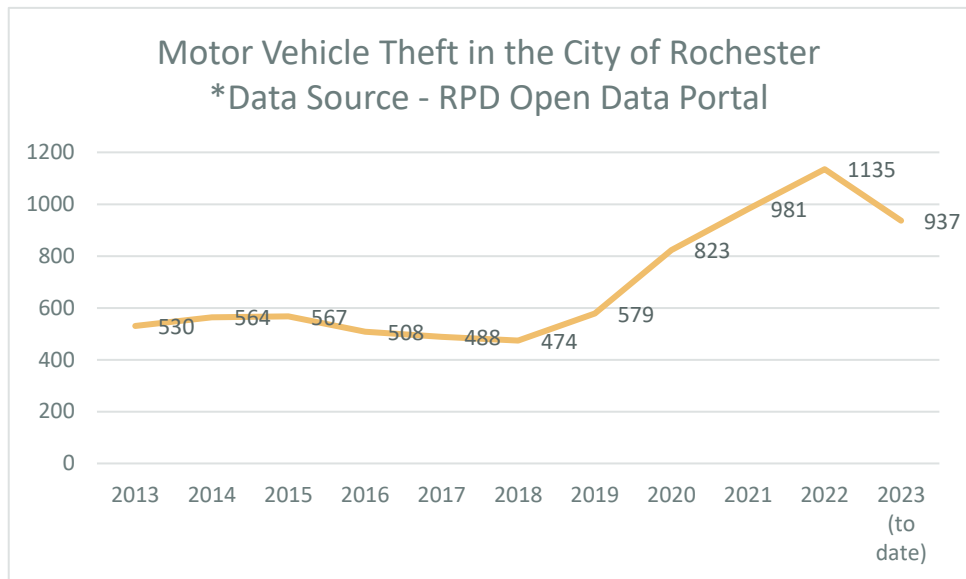


Welcome to the weekly newsletter from Monroe County District Attorney Sandra Doorley.

Message from Sandra Doorley

How Do We Handle Stolen Car Cases?

If you watch the news, especially if you own a Kia or Hyundai, you are aware that car thefts are hitting record highs in Monroe County.



As you can see, 2023 is already set to beat every record. Below are the number of non-violent, stolen vehicle cases that my office handles.

MVT Stats	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
New Cases	305	318	336	242	481	607

So how do we handle these cases?

Stolen Cars

In a case where an individual steals a car they target in a parking lot, they typically are charged with Grand Larceny and/or Criminal Possession of Stolen Property. If they are found driving the stolen vehicle without a license, they may be charged with Aggravated Unlicensed Operation of a Motor Vehicle. These cases are prosecuted by our General Felony Bureau and the dispositions can

Homicide Update

So far in 2023:

City of Rochester Total:
10

Monroe County Total: 13

range from probation to prison based on the defendant's history and the circumstances of the case.

Smash and Grabs

We have seen the videos and heard about small and big businesses alike being victims of these crimes. Since the beginning of the trend over the past months, there have been a few arrests. One individual who was arrested is a 16-year-old responsible for 7 separate smash and grabs around the city. He was charged with Burglary in the 3rd Degree, Criminal Mischief in the 2nd Degree, Grand Larceny in the 3rd Degree, and Grand Larceny in the 4th Degree. These charges for a 16-year-old are typically transferred to Family Court. Our Office is arguing a 30-day motion to keep this defendant in Criminal Court based on the number of offenses. If you have any information about the other smash and grabs occurring in our community, please reach out to law enforcement so we can hold these offenders accountable to the best of our ability!

Carjacking Cases

Carjacking cases are violent and scary crimes and we prosecute these offenses as such. Last Friday, we indicted two violent carjacking cases.

Maliq McCullough was indicted on Robbery in the 1st Degree and Robbery in the 2nd Degree for holding a knife to the neck of a Rochester City School District Employee, stealing her vehicle, and later crashing it into a school bus while fleeing from police. This is a very serious incident met with serious charges. Robbery in the 1st Degree is a Class B Violent Felony. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Megan Hausner, of the Major Felony Bureau.

Clyde Gladney was indicted on three counts of Robbery in the 1st Degree, Robbery in the 2nd Degree, Assault in the 1st Degree, and two counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree for shooting a victim during a carjacking. Gladney is charged with multiple violent felonies and this case will also be prosecuted as such. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Burak Serbetci, of the Major Felony Bureau.

Carjacking cases are violent and can quickly turn deadly. We have seen murders beginning with carjacking cases. Your life is never worth it!

As you can see, there are various types of car theft cases we prosecute. In every case, we look at the facts and the circumstances. During this time of rampant car thefts, be aware of your surroundings and always lock your doors!

Sandra

Highlights from the MCDA's Office

The trial of the **People vs. Piero Scala** continues into next week. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Michael Robertson, Deputy Chief of the Special Victims Unit and Assistant District Attorney Kristina Hinkley, of the Domestic Violence Bureau. The defendant is charged with Murder in the 2nd Degree and two counts of Criminal Possession of Stolen Property in the 5th Degree in relation to the death of Cathy O'Brien. This case is in front of Monroe County Court Judge Miller.

New York State Supreme Court Justice Argento sentenced 44-year-old **Jackie Ray Robinson** to 40 years to Life in the New York State Department of Corrections. This sentence follows a jury conviction of Murder in the 2nd Degree, two counts of Assault in the 1st Degree, Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree, and Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 3rd Degree for the murder of Chad Wilson and shooting of Jerome Mason. On March 12, 2022, after 12:00AM Rochester Police Officers responded to Jackie Ray's Tavern on Bay Street in the City of Rochester, where they found Chad Wilson shot several times in the upper body. He was immediately transported to Strong Memorial Hospital, where he died from his injuries days later. A second victim was shot the same night. He was taken to Strong Memorial Hospital in a private vehicle. He later recovered from his injuries. After a thorough investigation, the Rochester Police Department identified Jackie Ray Robinson, manager of Jackie Ray's Tavern, as the shooter of both victims. Jackie Ray Robinson was charged with Chad Wilson's murder and the assault of the second victim, Jerome Mason. The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Christopher Bokelman, Chief of the Public Integrity/Economic Crimes Bureau.

Criminal Youth Part and Family Court Judge Stacey Romeo sentenced 18-year-old **Zayvion Perry** to 25 years in the New York State Department of Corrections plus 5 years of post-release supervision for his role in the death of Steven Amenhauser. Judge Romeo also denied the defendant's request for Youthful Offender status. On January 27, 2023, 18-year-old Zayvion pled guilty to Manslaughter in the 1st Degree for his role in Steven Amenhauser's death. On March 12, 2021, Rochester Police Officers, Rochester Firefighters, and Emergency Medical Responders were called to Lyell Avenue where 53-year-old Steven Amenhauser, who was sitting on a chair inside his apartment, had been doused in flammable liquid and was lit on fire. The victim then ran outside, when bystanders put out that fire. He was then transported to Strong Memorial Hospital by the first responders. Steven Amenhauser died three days later, with burns over 70% of his body, including 3rd Degree burns. Zayvion Perry, who was 16 years old at the time, and Adriel Riley, who was 14 years old at the time, were arrested for Steven Amenhauser's death. Adriel Riley was convicted by Judge Romeo of Murder in the 2nd Degree and Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree for Steven Amenhauser's death. The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Rachel Clark, Deputy Chief of the Domestic Violence Bureau, and Assistant District Attorney Matthew Schiano,

of the Youth Part/Major Felony Bureau. Adriel Riley will be sentenced on April 19 in front of Judge Romeo.

Sincere Vazquez was indicted on Murder in the 2nd Degree and two counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree in relation to the shooting death of Anthony Stephenson-Sutton on March 10, 2023. This case is being prosecuted by First Assistant District Attorney Perry Duckles.

Dashaun Tubbs was indicted on Murder in the 2nd Degree and two counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree in relation to the shooting death of Si'Deic Robinson on January 14, 2023. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Jennifer Kennedy, of the Special Investigations Bureau.

Master Bevel, Jr. was indicted on Manslaughter in the 2nd Degree and Operator Leave Scene of Incident Resulting in Death in relation to the vehicular death of Edgar Santa-Cruz on December 22, 2022. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Janna Koch, of the Vehicular Crimes Bureau.

Lamont Valion was indicted on Attempted Murder in the 2nd Degree, Assault in the 1st Degree, two counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2ⁿ Degree, Falsifying Business Records in the 1st Degree, and Falsely Reporting an Incident in the 3rd Degree in relation to an attempted murder on February 17, 2023. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Eleanor Biggers, of the Major Felony Bureau and Assistant District Attorney Emily Chisholm, also of the Major Felony Bureau.

Calvin Campbell was indicted on Assault in the 2nd Degree in relation to a domestic related stabbing on February 13, 2023. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Jonathan Francisco, of the Domestic Violence Bureau.

Jorge Mendoza was indicted on two counts of Burglary in the 1st Degree, Assault in the 2nd Degree, Burglary in the 2nd Degree, Criminal Mischief in the 4th Degree, Criminal Contempt in the 2nd Degree and Petit Larceny. These charges come in relation to an armed burglary and domestic assault on March 3, 2022 and domestic related burglary on February 12, 2023. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Jonathan Francisco, of the Domestic Violence Bureau.

Darvon Harring was indicted on Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree, Escape in the 2nd Degree, and Resisting Arrest in relation to an incident that occurred on March 6, 2023. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Karen Chung, of the Domestic Violence Bureau.

Robert Buckman was indicted on two counts of Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the 3rd Degree, Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree, and three counts of Criminally Using Drug Paraphernalia in the 2nd Degree in relation to illegal narcotics possession and an illegal weapon possession on February 23, 2023. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Matthew Hogestyn, of the Special Investigations Bureau.

Diaquwashainnett Torrales was indicted on two counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree and Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 3rd Degree in relation to an illegal weapons possession on April 15, 2022. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Matthew Hogestyn, of the Special Investigations Bureau.

Isaiah Benjamin, Elihu Campbell, Starquean Daniels and Jovan Smith were 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 26, 2022. **Starquan Daniels** was also indicted on an additional count of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree in relation to an additional illegal firearm possession on November 26, 2022. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Matthew Hogestyn, of the Special Investigations Bureau.

Tavar Johnson was indicted on Robbery in the 2nd Degree in relation to a robbery that occurred on September 9, 2022. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Bianca D'Angelo, Deputy Chief of the Major Felony Bureau.

Robert Manley was indicted on eleven counts of Aggravated Driving While Intoxicated with a Child Passenger and Driving While Intoxicated for driving a school bus under the influence on November 7, 2022. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Drew Kroft, of the Vehicular Crimes Bureau.

Trequal Rivers was indicted on two counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree and Reckless Endangerment in the 1st Degree in relation to an incident that occurred on March 6, 2023. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Karen Chung, of the Domestic Violence Bureau.

Tyrell Wright was indicted Attempted Arson in the 2nd Degree in relation to an event on July 27, 2021. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Jaqueline Moyer, of the Domestic Violence Bureau.

Olivia Elizabeth Draper was indicted on Vehicular Assault in the 2nd Degree and two counts of Driving While Intoxicated in relation to a vehicular assault on November 5, 2022. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Anthony DiPerna, of the Vehicular Crimes Bureau.

Miriam Carson was indicted on Aggravated DWI With a Child Passenger and Driving While Intoxicated in relation to a vehicular incident on September 11, 2022. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Kelly Pettrone, of the Vehicular Crimes Bureau.

Trevis Baker was indicted on two counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree, two counts of Menacing in the 2nd Degree and Endangering the Welfare of a Child in relation to an illegal weapon possession on March 19, 2023. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Gregory Clark, of the Major Felony Bureau.

Thomas Pearson was indicted on Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree and Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the 7th Degree in relation to an illegal weapon possession on February 23, 2023. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Bridget Morgan, of the Special Investigations Bureau.

Javar Collier was indicted on two counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree, Reckless Endangerment in the 1st Degree, and Criminal Contempt in the 1st Degree in relation to a domestic related shooting on July 29, 2022. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Jonathan Francisco, of the Domestic Violence Bureau.

Non-Fatal Shooting Initiative

Governor Kathy Hochul announced the new initiative to help police and prosecutors in five jurisdictions solve non-fatal shootings, including Monroe County.

The new grant funding will support dedicated teams of police, prosecutors and crime analysts who work together to solve non-fatal shooting cases from the point at which they are reported, as is more commonly seen in homicide investigations. This collaboration will enable teams to secure crime scenes and gather and preserve evidence immediately, increasing the odds of identifying those responsible for non-fatal shootings.

As we shared few weeks ago, The Monroe County District Attorney's Office welcomed back Assistant District Attorney Adam VanHeyst and Assistant District Attorney Merrick Sadler to work on the Rochester Non-Fatal Shooting Taskforce. Adam and Merrick have already started their new positions in this collaborative effort.

MCDA in the News

<https://13wham.com/newsletter-daily/gov-hochul-announces-new-initiative-to-help-solve-non-fatal-shootings-in-rochester>

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<https://www.rochesterfirst.com/crime/accused-lyell-avenue-burger-king-killer-pleads-not-guilty/>

<https://www.rochesterfirst.com/crime/master-bevel-indicted-for-fatal-december-hit-and-run-on-s-goodman-st/>

<https://wham1180.iheart.com/content/2023-03-27-rochester-man-indicted-in-fatal-december-hit-and-run/>

<https://13wham.com/news/local/rochester-bar-manager-sentenced-for-fatal-shooting-jackie-ray-robinson>

<https://www.whec.com/top-news/zayvion-perry-18-sentenced-to-25-years-in-prison-for-setting-local-man-on-fire-in-2021/>

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