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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

National Police Week

This week was National Police week. A recognition that started in 1962 as a way to pay respect to our dedicated Law Enforcement Officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty. Recognizing them has become more important than ever as they too often face violent attacks while keeping us safe. Just last night there was yet again another incident in the City of Rochester. A shot was fired at an Officer. This occurrence is becoming scarily common and our dedicated Law Enforcement officers deserve our support as they do their job with unwavering dedication.

On Wednesday, I attended the 2022 annual Police Memorial Service held by the Association of Rochester Police & Area Law Enforcement Retirees, Inc. I was appreciative to have the opportunity to honor all of our Law Enforcement Officers, those currently working, retired, sick or injured. We also importantly honored those Officers who have made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty. A sacrifice that is not taken lightly. One made by brave men and women, choosing service over self.

At a time when many in Law Enforcement may be questioning their decided career path or doubt their support within the community, I want them to know that it could not be farther from the truth. During the jury selection process of the Keith Williams trial, I have never seen such unwavering support of Law Enforcement from our community. Dozens upon dozens of potential jurors were excused because of their support for the police and all that they do each and every day. It was those feelings of support that would not allow them to be fair and impartial jurors. It was resounding!

As we see violence erupting before our eyes, witnessing unspeakable tragedy occurring to members of our community, both locally and to our fellow Americans, I think about the role that law enforcement has played. Had it not been for retired Buffalo Police Officer Aaron Salter, many more may have died. He gave the ultimate sacrifice, so that others could live. He shall forever be remembered as a law enforcement hero. But this could have been any Officer, at any time, at any given moment. They are all heroes...heroes like Officer Aaron Salter, Officer Daryl Pierson, and Officer Dennison Wright.



Homicide Update

So far in 2022:

City of Rochester Total: 25

Monroe County Total: 27

Monroe County Heroin Task Force Update

April 2022

Total Reported ODs: 50

Total Fatalities: 10

Year To Date 2022

Total Reported ODs: 216

Total Fatalities: 53

Thank you to every Law Enforcement Officer for everything you do to keep us safe, your dedication and service is a testament to your commitment to our community! Remember, you are all heroes and you are loved!

Sandra

Highlights from the MCDA's Office

James Hunter was convicted of Attempted Aggravated Murder of a Police Officer, Burglary in the First Degree, two counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the Second Degree and Criminal Possession of Stolen Property in the Fifth Degree for the attempted murder and shooting of Bryan Sheridan, a 15 year veteran of the Rochester Police Department. This case was prosecuted by First Assistant District Attorney Perry Duckles.

Charles H. Wilson was convicted of two counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the Second Degree in relation to an incident on May 28, 2020 where two loaded 9mm handguns were seized as well as 50 rounds of 9mm ammunition. The case was prosecuted by Senior Assistant District Attorney Gina Clark.

Terry Smith was indicted on two counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the Second Degree, Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the Third Degree and Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the Third Degree in relation to an incident in the City of Rochester on December 20, 2021. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Matthew Hogestyn of the Special Investigations Bureau.

Richard Green was indicted on Burglary in the Third Degree, Grand Larceny in the Fourth Degree and Criminal Mischief in the Fourth Degree in relation to an incident in the Town of Sweden on May 12, 2022. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Matthew Schiano of the General Felony Bureau.

Igor Boychuck was indicted on two counts of Strangulation in the Second Degree, two counts of Assault in the Third Degree and Criminal Mischief in the Fourth Degree in relation to an incident in the Town of Wheatland on March 13, 2022. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Drew Kroft of the Domestic Violence Bureau.

Shahiem Manley was indicted on two counts of Robbery in the Second Degree in relation to an incident in the City of Rochester on April 10, 2022. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Megan Hausner of the Major Felony Bureau

MCDA in the Community

On Wednesday, Monroe County District Attorney Sandra Doorley was honored to speak at the annual Police Memorial Service to honor our Law Enforcement Officers. This event honors our dedicated Officers both living and those who have passed.



The Monroe County District Attorney's Office celebrated Local Court Bureau Chief, Elizabeth Buckley and her bundle of joy due in July. We wish her all the best in this new chapter of her life!



MCDA in the News

<https://www.whec.com/rochester-new-york-news/james-hunter-attempted-murder-rochester-police-officer-guilty/6476186/?cat=565>

<https://13wham.com/news/local/james-hunter-trial-representing-himself-closing-arguments-officer-bryan-sheridan-shot-on-duty>



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