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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

Supreme Court Ruling on the Proper-cause Requirement

On Thursday, the Supreme Court issued a ruling concerning New York's proper-cause requirement in N. Y. Penal Law Ann. §400.00(2)(f). With that ruling there have been some misconceptions circulating in the public that I feel are important to clarify and correct.

This ruling specifically strikes down a portion of the law that requires the applicant of a pistol permit to show proper-cause in order to "have and carry" a concealed "pistol or revolver." The person applying would have needed to "demonstrate a special need for self-protection distinguishable from that of the general community." Previous to this ruling any applicants who could not prove their special need for self-protection would receive a "restricted" license for public carry. This "restricted" license would allow limited use for things like hunting, target shooting or employment.

With this new ruling removing the proper-cause requirement, anyone who provides all of the proper information and passes the required background checks is able to receive a permit to carry a concealed pistol or revolver. **To be clear, concealed carry was not invalidated, New York is still not an open carry State.** It is important that licensed gun owners know the facts and prevent a situation where they unknowingly break the law and face possible consequences.

If anyone has any questions please feel free to reach out to my office at districtattorney@monroecounty.gov.

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Homicide Update

So far in 2022:

City of Rochester Total: 33

Monroe County Total: 34

Monroe County Heroin Task Force Update

May 2022

Total Reported ODs: 40

Total Fatalities: 11

Year To Date 2022

Total Reported ODs: 256

Total Fatalities: 64

Highlights from the MCDA's Office

Anthony Dixon was indicted on Conspiracy in the 2nd Degree in relation to an incident in the City of Rochester. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Jennifer Kennedy and Deputy Chief Jennifer Hyatt, both of the Special Investigations Bureau.

Germain Dixon was indicted on Conspiracy in the 2nd Degree, two counts of Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the 3rd Degree and Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree in relation to an incident in the City of Rochester. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Jennifer Kennedy and Deputy Chief Jennifer Hyatt, both of the Special Investigations Bureau.

Zuri Johnson was indicted on Conspiracy in the 2nd Degree, Operating as a Major Drug Trafficker/Profiteer Possesses 75K or More, Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the 1st Degree, two counts of Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the 3rd Degree and two counts of Criminally Using Drug Paraphernalia in the 2nd Degree in relation to an incident in the City of Rochester. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Jennifer Kennedy and Deputy Chief Jennifer Hyatt, both of the Special Investigations Bureau.

Jamal Dixon was indicted on Conspiracy in the 2nd Degree, Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the 3rd Degree and Tampering with Physical Evidence in relation to an incident in the City of Rochester. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Jennifer Kennedy and Deputy Chief Jennifer Hyatt, both of the Special Investigations Bureau.

Kenneth Brown was indicted on Conspiracy in the 2nd Degree, six 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 an incident in the City of Rochester. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Jennifer Kennedy and Deputy Chief Jennifer Hyatt, both of the Special Investigations Bureau.

Paris Danner was indicted on Conspiracy in the 2nd Degree and Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree in relation to an incident in the City of Rochester. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Jennifer Kennedy and Deputy Chief Jennifer Hyatt, both of the Special Investigations Bureau.

Kenneth Jackson was indicted on Conspiracy in the 2nd Degree, Operating as a Major Drug Trafficker/Profiteer Possesses 75K or More, Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the 1st Degree, two counts of Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the 3rd Degree and Criminally Using Drug Paraphernalia in the 2nd Degree in relation to an incident in the City of Rochester. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Jennifer Kennedy and Deputy Chief Jennifer Hyatt, both of the Special Investigations Bureau.

Zulaika Cruz was indicted on Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the 1st Degree, Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the 2nd Degree, four counts of Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the 3rd Degree and three counts of Criminally Using Drug Paraphernalia in the 2nd Degree in relation to an incident in the City of Rochester. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Jennifer Kennedy and Deputy Chief Jennifer Hyatt, both of the Special Investigations Bureau.

Cristino Cruz, Jr. was indicted on Conspiracy in the 2nd Degree, Operating as a Major Drug Trafficker/Profiteer Possesses 75K or More, Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the 1st Degree, Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the 2nd Degree, four counts of Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the 3rd Degree and three counts of Criminally Using Drug Paraphernalia in the 2nd Degree in relation to an incident in the City of Rochester. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Jennifer Kennedy and Deputy Chief Jennifer Hyatt, both of the Special Investigations Bureau.

Albert Rice was indicted on Conspiracy in the 2nd Degree, two counts of Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the 3rd Degree, Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree and Criminally Using Drug Paraphernalia in the 2nd Degree in relation to an incident in the City of Rochester. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Jennifer Kennedy and Deputy Chief Jennifer Hyatt, both of the Special Investigations Bureau.

Joseph McKinney was indicted on Conspiracy in the 2nd Degree in relation to an incident in the City of Rochester. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Jennifer Kennedy and Deputy Chief Jennifer Hyatt, both of the Special Investigations Bureau.

Crystal Snow was indicted on Conspiracy in the 2nd Degree, Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the 1st Degree, two counts of Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the 3rd Degree and two counts of Criminally Using Drug Paraphernalia in the 2nd Degree in relation to an incident in the City of Rochester. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Jennifer Kennedy and Deputy Chief Jennifer Hyatt, both of the Special Investigations Bureau.

Nivea Machado was indicted on Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the 1st Degree, two counts of Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the 3rd Degree and Criminally Using Drug Paraphernalia in the 2nd Degree in relation to an incident in the City of Rochester. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Jennifer Kennedy and Deputy Chief Jennifer Hyatt, both of the Special Investigations Bureau.

Rakeem Lane was indicted on Murder in the 2nd Degree and two counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree in relation to an incident in the City of Rochester on April 9, 2022. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Matthew Schwartz, Chief of the Major Felony Bureau.

Isiah Williams was indicted on Attempted Aggravated Murder, Menacing a Police Officer or Peace Officer and two counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree in relation to an incident in the City of Rochester on May 19, 2022. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Michael Harrigan, Chief of the General Felony Bureau.

MCDA in the News

<https://www.whec.com/rochester-new-york-news/news10nbc-investigates-supreme-court-ruling-guns/6508029/?cat=565>



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