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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

Our Young People are in Crisis

I have made it clear that over the past two years, we are in a time of unprecedented gun violence. A heartbreaking trend is the amount of violence being perpetrated by and against teenagers.

Just this week, 16-year-old Jaquise Davis was shot and killed in front of his home in the City of Rochester. At 16 years old, Jaquise had his entire life in front of him. Jaquise had friends and family who cared about him. According to his family and teachers, Jaquise was a kind and hardworking young man. He went to school and had people in his life who loved him.

Of the 48 homicides in the past year, six individuals between the ages of 14-18 have been killed. Additionally, at least thirty individuals between the ages of 3-18 have been shot. These are kids. Well-behaved kids or kids with records – it doesn't matter, the Monroe County District Attorney's Office will seek justice for all of them.

What can we do besides react?

We can support organizations that are prioritizing children and offering safe places and opportunities inside and outside of school. One of the most active organizations right now is Primetime585. Primetime585, founded by Karen and Gerard Iglesia, provides free camps to young athletes who cannot afford the high cost of summer sports camps. What is not listed on their website is the fact that Karen is everywhere in Monroe County, specifically the City of Rochester, uplifting these young men and women and bolstering their confidence. They provide somewhere for these young people to confide and share their stories. Whether these teenagers have a criminal history or straight A's in school, Karen is there to lend an ear and use her network of support to better their lives and give them opportunities.

Another group working day-in and day-out is Rise Up Rochester, which offers support to victims and families of violence while spreading violence prevention awareness and education. The Executive Director, Wanda Ridgeway, knows better than most the impacts of this senseless violence. Devastatingly, Jaquise was her great-nephew.



Homicide Update

So far in 2022:

City of Rochester Total: 48

Monroe County Total: 49

Monroe County Heroin Task Force Update

June 2022

Total Reported ODs: 58

Total Fatalities: 12

Year To Date 2022

Total Reported ODs: 238

Total Fatalities: 76

There are so many in this community ready to help and provide these young men and women with the tools they need to succeed. As a community, we need to also remember the emotional toll this work takes on the volunteers or employees of organizations. We must give them support, as they support our community.

To learn more about these organizations, follow the links below for their websites.

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<https://www.primetime585.org>

<https://www.riseuprochester.net/>



Highlights from the MCDA's Office

Joseph Rivera Jr. was convicted by a Monroe County Jury of Murder in the 2nd Degree for the murder of Heather Majors. On July 10, 2021, Heather Majors was stabbed at least 77 times with a hatchet and taken to Strong Memorial Hospital, where she died from her injuries two days later. After a thorough investigation, the Rochester Police Department identified Joseph Rivera, Jr. as the suspect in the murder. He was arrested and charged with Murder in the 2nd Degree in September, after being released from Monroe County Jail on a parole hold. The case was prosecuted by Senior Assistant District Attorney Burak Serbetci, of the Felony DWI Bureau and Assistant District Attorney Michelle Crowley, Director of Attorney Training and Chief of the Grand Jury Bureau.

Kelvin Vickers was arraigned in front of Monroe County Court Judge Julie Hahn on Aggravated Murder, Murder in the Second Degree, Attempted Aggravated Murder, Attempted Murder in the Second Degree, two counts of Assault in the Second Degree and two counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the Second Degree for the murder of Rochester Police Officer Anthony Mazurkiewicz, the attempted murder of Rochester Police Officer Sino Seng, and the assault of 15-year-old Tamaia Walker. The case is being prosecuted by Monroe County District Attorney Sandra Doorley and Assistant District Attorney Matthew Schwartz, Chief of the Major Felony Bureau. His next court date is scheduled for November 4.

Nathaniel Jeanpierre III was indicted on a least one felony charge in relation to the homicide of 68-year-old Michael Nairy at the House of Mercy. Once this case rises, he will be arraigned in a superior court. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Megan Hausner of the Major Felony Bureau.

Christopher Williams Jr. was arraigned in Rochester City Court for two fatal shootings on Roycroft Drive in the City of Rochester. His next court date is August 16 in Rochester City Court for a Preliminary Hearing.

MCDA in the News

<https://www.democratandchronicle.com/story/news/2022/08/10/kelvin-vickers-accused-killing-rochester-police-officer-anthony-mazurkiewicz-pretrial/65398659007/>

<https://www.rochesterfirst.com/crime/rochester-man-found-guilty-for-2021-hatchet-murder/>

<https://www.democratandchronicle.com/story/news/2021/09/22/joseph-rivera-charged-in-death-of-heather-majors-in-rochester-ny/5603490001/>

<https://13wham.com/news/local/man-convicted-of-killing-woman-with-hatchet-in-rochester>

<https://spectrumlocalnews.com/nys/rochester/public-safety/2022/08/10/man-accused-of-killing-rochester-police-officer-back-in-court>

<https://spectrumlocalnews.com/nys/rochester/public-safety/2021/07/10/rpd--woman-suffers-life-threatening-injuries-believed-to-be-caused-by-hatchet>

<https://www.whec.com/archive/man-pleads-not-guilty-for-deadly-stabbing-at-house-of-mercy/>

<https://www.whec.com/archive/heavy-police-presence-on-roycroft-drive/>

<https://www.rochesterfirst.com/crime/rochester-parolee-charged-in-the-killing-of-2-men-on-sixth-st-and-roycroft-dr/>



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