

# Monroe County District Attorney Sandra Doorley

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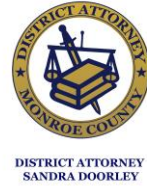


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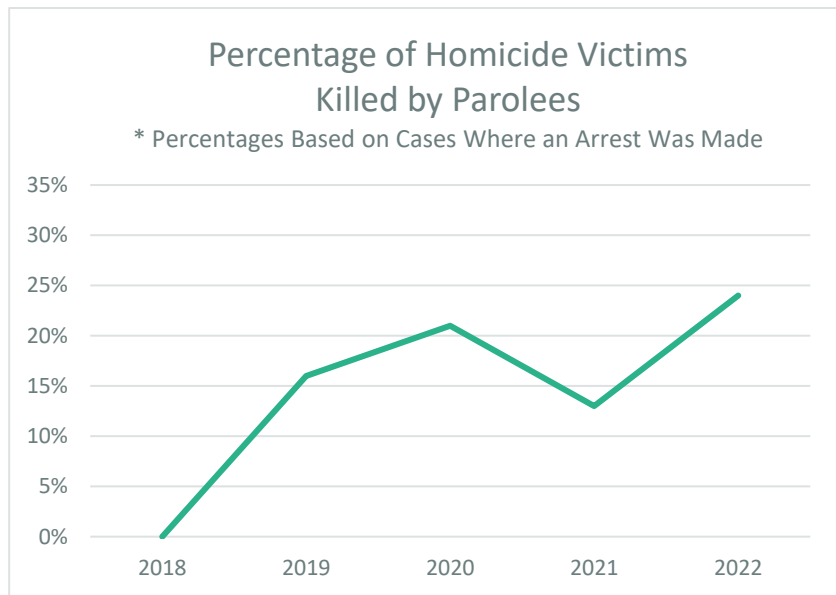
Welcome to the weekly newsletter from Monroe County District Attorney Sandra Doorley.

## Message from Sandra Doorley

### *Parolees and Homicides*

*Every day, members of my staff work diligently to collect data and identify trends. As my office, and law enforcement offices across New York State have quickly realized, our system is intricate and there are multiple factors to analyze for every case, making data collection timely and complex. This is one of the many reasons we have partnered with Measures for Justice to make the data easily accessible.*

*What is not complicated, is finding out if a defendant was on parole at a time of an offense. I pulled the homicide arrests from the past five years and this is what we discovered:*



- 2018 – 0% of victims killed by parolees
- 2019 – 16% of victims killed by parolees
- 2020 – 21% of victims killed by parolees
- 2021 – 13% of victims killed by parolees
- 2022 – 24% of victims killed by parolees to date

## Homicide Update

So far in 2022:

City of Rochester Total:  
58

Monroe County Total: 59

## Monroe County Heroin Task Force Update

August 2022

Total Reported ODs: 55

Total Fatalities: 12

Year To Date 2022

Total Reported ODs: 404

Total Fatalities: 93

*Correlation does not equal causation. But it is hard to ignore five years of data when law enforcement is doing everything in our power to halt violence in our community.*

*As more arrests come in, I will continue to keep track of this data and the increase of parolees committing homicides that we see.*

*Sandra*

## Highlights from the MCDA's Office

New York State Supreme Court Justice Renzi sentenced 22-year-old **Joseph Rivera Jr.** to 25 years to Life in the New York State Department of Corrections for the murder of Heather Majors. Rivera was convicted by a jury of Murder in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree on August 10, 2022. 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

Monroe County Court Judge Vacca sentenced 28-year-old **Olajuwon Holt** to 25 years to life in the New York State Department of Corrections after he was convicted of Murder in the Second Degree for the murder of Paris Washington. On the afternoon of Friday, June 19, 2020, Rochester Police Officers responded to 31 Bardin Street for the report of a victim shot. Officers responded and identified the victim deceased in his garage, as 29-year-old Paris Washington. After an investigation by the Rochester Police Department, the Monroe County Crime Analysis Center and the New York State Division of Parole, Olajuwon Holt was identified as being in the area at the time of the murder through his GPS ankle monitoring device. Olajuwon Holt and Randall Scott were indicted by the Monroe County Grand Jury for the murder. Holt was on parole for a prior conviction of Assault in the Second Degree at the time of the murder. The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Rachel Clark, Deputy Chief of the Domestic Violence Bureau.

On July 13, 2022, Monroe County District Attorney Sandra Doorley conducted a bench trial before Hon. Nicole E. Bayly in Wheatland Town Court. **Racheael Lodadio**, initially pulled over for speeding, was unable to successfully complete Standardized Field Sobriety Tests, and had a Blood Alcohol Content of .13. The Court considered the evidence presented at trial, which included testimony from a Monroe County Sheriff's Deputy. On September 13, 2022, Justice Bayly convicted Lodadio of DWI under VTL 1192(2) and DWI under VTL 1193(3). Lodadio will be sentenced on November 9, 2022. District Attorney Sandra Doorley is currently covering Wheatland Town Court as the prosecuting attorney.

26-year-old **Elijah Greer** was convicted by a Monroe County Jury of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree and three counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 7<sup>th</sup> Degree. On October 15, 2021, Rochester Police Officers were called to the area of Scramtom Street and N Clinton Avenue in the City of Rochester. Upon arriving, the Rochester Police Officers approached Elijah Greer and viewed what was suspected to be a gun. Once approached, Greer ran from the officers. He was quickly apprehended and was found to be in possession of an illegal gun, fentanyl, methamphetamine, and cocaine. This case was prosecuted by Senior Assistant District Attorney Timothy Boucher of the Special Investigations Bureau.

**Christopher Williams, Jr.** was indicted on two counts of Murder in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree and four counts of Criminal Possession in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree in relation to the shooting death of Marcus Bennett on July 16, 2022, and the shooting death of Kenneth Johnson on August 9, 2022. This case is being prosecuted by First Assistant District Attorney Perry Duckles.

**Travis Collier** was indicted on five counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree and two counts of Assault in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree. These charges are in relation to a shooting on June 18, 2022, a shooting on August 11, 2022, and an illegal weapons possession on August 18, 2022. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Michael Caranante, of the Major Felony Bureau.

**Abdul Kareem-Knox** was indicted on Assault in the 1<sup>st</sup> Degree and Criminal Mischief in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree in relation to an assault on July 15, 2022. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Rachel Clark, Deputy Chief of the Domestic Violence Bureau.

**Eric Saurini** was indicted on Burglary in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree, three counts of Grand Larceny in the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree, three counts of Criminal Possession of Stolen Property in the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree and Identity Theft in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree in relation to a burglary and thefts between October 8, 2021 and October 12, 2021. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Anthony Freeman, of the Major Felony Bureau.

**Larry Rucker** was indicted on two counts of Aggravated Criminal Contempt, three counts of Criminal Contempt in the 1<sup>st</sup> Degree, Criminal Contempt in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree, three counts of Endangering the Welfare of a Child and Tampering with a Witness in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree in relation to multiple violations of Orders of Protection between June 11, 2022 and August 15, 2022. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Jessica Wagner, of the Domestic Violence Bureau.

**David Crutcher** was indicted on Robbery in the 1<sup>st</sup> Degree in relation to an armed robbery on August 29, 2022. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Eleanor Biggers, of the Major Felony Bureau.

## MCDA in the Community

Thank you to Assistant District Attorney Armando Benitez and Assistant District Attorney Ryan Mulcahy for participating in this week's Crimestoppers through 13WHAM! Armando and Ryan discussed the importance of jury service.

If you have a tip for Crimestoppers, call the tip line at 585-423-9300 or submit a tip at [https://roccrimestoppers.com/!](https://roccrimestoppers.com/)



Members of the Monroe County District Attorney's Office participated in Sweat for S.W.A.T., led by the Rochester Police Department SWAT team and local fitness studios to help support the Rochester Police Foundation and first responders in honor of those lost on 9/11.



## MCDA in the News

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