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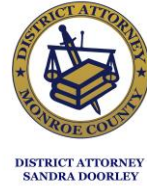
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Monroe County District Attorney's Office Weekly Newsletter



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

Message from Sandra Doorley

Conviction Integrity Unit

Earlier this year, I shared that I hired Judge Valentino and Judge VanStrydonck to revamp the Conviction Integrity Unit. Both judges helped to make the unit more independent from our office and provided recommendations to make the CIU a more cohesive entity.

A part of these recommendations was to hire a full-time CIU Coordinator with an ample amount of trial experience as both a defense attorney and a prosecutor. At the recommendation of Judge Valentino and Judge VanStrydonck, we were looking for someone who had a thorough knowledge of the Criminal Procedure Law, criminal trial experience, good knowledge of courtroom procedures and practices, experience and knowledge in criminal court, analytical ability, good judgment, and in good standing with the New York State Bar. These are just some of the qualifications we were seeking in someone to lead the CIU.

I am thrilled to announce that we have hired attorney Scott Green as the Monroe County District Attorney Conviction Integrity Unit Coordinator.

Scott has an impressive history that makes him uniquely qualified for this position. Scott was an Assistant District Attorney here at Monroe County from 1985-1989 and left to serve as an Assistant US Attorney from 1989-1993. After serving eight years as a prosecutor, he spent the next twenty-plus years as a private defense attorney where he worked in state and federal courts. In 2002, Scott was also awarded the prestigious Charles F. Crimi Award on behalf of the Monroe County Bar Association and the Foundation of the Monroe County Bar. This award was granted for Scott's "fearless and unselfish dedication to representing those less fortunate."

As the CIU Coordinator, it is Scott's responsibility to review convictions and applications to the Conviction Integrity Unit, attend and facilitate meetings of the Conviction Integrity Unit's Independent Review Panel, communicate with claimants and their attorneys regarding the status of their cases, and making determinations regarding the need for additional expertise.

We are grateful for Scott's expertise and I have complete faith that he will do excellent work for the community.

Sandra

Murder Resolutions from the MCDA's Office

This week, three separate murders were resolved in the Monroe County District Attorney's Office. A fourth homicide case was sentenced. Two individuals, James McKnight and Tywayne Ivery, were convicted of Murder in the 2nd Degree at jury trial. The third, Nicholas Deleon, pled to the indictment with a sentencing offer from the judge. Tyrique Griffin, who pled guilty to Manslaughter in the 1st Degree, was sentenced. The Office is currently waiting on a jury decision for the James Krauseneck trial, in relation to the 1982 murder of Cathy Krauseneck.

Nicholas Deleon pled guilty to the indictment, including Murder in the 2nd Degree, three counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree, and two counts of Attempted Aggravated Murder for the murder of Christian Santiago and the attempted murder of two Rochester Police Officers. New York State Supreme Court Justice Argento plans to sentence Deleon to 20 years to Life in the New York State Department of Corrections on October 27, 2022.

A Monroe County Jury convicted 70-year-old **James McKnight** of Murder in the Second Degree for the murder of Cathy Heinrich on or about and between March 14, 2020, and March 17, 2020. On March 22, 2020, Rochester Police Officers responded to the report of a deceased woman on St. Paul Street. Upon arrival, they found 57-year-old Cathy Heinrich deceased with multiple stab wounds. The Rochester Police Department identified James McKnight, who had a prior domestic relationship with Cathy Heinrich, as the assailant. He was arrested for her murder the following month. The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Amanda Balling, Deputy Chief of the Special Victims Unit.

A Monroe County Jury convicted 26-year-old **Tywayne Ivery** of Murder in the 2nd Degree and three counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree for the murder of Chrishon Youmas. On December 11, 2020, Rochester Police Officers were called to the area of Clifford Avenue and North Clinton Avenue. After lifesaving measures were attempted, 24-year-old Chrishon Youmas was pronounced dead at the scene with one gunshot wound. The following week, Tywayne Ivery was arrested for the murder. Chrishon Youmas was not the intended target. While Tywayne Ivery was out on bail on the homicide charges, he was arrested for an additional charge of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree on August 25, 2021. The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Michael Harrigan, Chief of the General Felony Bureau and Special Assistant District Attorney Michael Caranante, of the Major Felony Bureau.

Homicide Update

So far in 2022:

City of Rochester Total:
60

Monroe County Total: 62

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

Tyrique Griffin was sentenced by Monroe County Court Judge Caroline Morrison to 25 years in the New York State Department of Corrections. Griffin previously pled guilty to Manslaughter in the First Degree for the shooting death of 42-year-old Keegan Whitley. On August 28, 2021, at or about 10:15p.m., Tyrique Griffin shot Keegan Whitley once in the back on Flower City Park. Rochester Police Officers were called to the scene where they found Mr. Whitley deceased. After a thorough and detailed investigation, Tyrique Griffin was identified as the shooter and was taken into custody. The case was prosecuted by Special Assistant District Attorney Gregory Clark, of the Special Investigations Bureau.

Other Highlights from the MCDA's Office

Marlon Scott was sentenced to 20 years to Life in the New York State Department of Corrections by New York State Supreme Court Justice Moran. Marlon Scott was convicted by a Monroe County Jury of two counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree on June 16, 2022. Based on his extensive record, Scott was sentenced as a Persistent Violent Felony Offender. On May 6, 2021, Marlon Scott was involved in a verbal altercation with another individual near St. Paul Street and Norton Street in the City of Rochester. At approximately 3:00PM, Scott retrieved a firearm from a nearby house and fired at least eight shots at the individual as he fled the scene. Rochester Police Officers arrived at the scene and began a thorough investigation. Marlon Scott was identified and arrested at a later date. This case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Jonathan Jirik, of the Special Investigations Bureau.

30-year-old **Karon James** and 41-year-old **Samuel Maxwell** were convicted by a Monroe County jury of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree, three counts of Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the 3rd Degree, and two counts of Criminally Using Drug Paraphernalia in the 2nd Degree. On September 16, 2021, after an extensive investigation conducted by the Greater Rochester Area Narcotics Enforcement (GRANET) team, a warrant was executed at a residence on Austin Street in the City of Rochester. Fentanyl, crack cocaine, an illegal handgun, and several hundred rounds of ammunition were seized and Karon James and Samuel Maxwell were arrested. This case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Jonathan Jirik, of the Special Investigations Bureau.

Jahquan Smith was indicted Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree and Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the 7th Degree in relation to events occurring on September 3, 2022. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Jonathan Jirik, of the Special Investigations Bureau.

Kashbi Sanders was sentenced by New York State Supreme Court Justice Moran to 8 years in the New York State Department of Corrections plus 5 years of Post Release Supervision. This comes after Sanders pled guilty to Attempted Robbery in the First Degree for attempting to rob the People's Choice Kitchen on Brooks Avenue with a gun. On December 23, 2019, Kashbi Sanders entered the popular restaurant on Brooks Avenue in the City of Rochester. The defendant was armed with a gun and attempted to grab the restaurant owner's purse from her. A restaurant employee intervened and helped fend off the defendant by restraining him and removing the weapon from him. The Rochester Police Department responded and performed a full investigation where they collected forensic evidence from the scene, which resulted in bringing the defendant to justice. The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Rachel Clark, Deputy Bureau Chief of the Domestic Violence Bureau.

Joseph Manley was indicted on Assault in the 2nd Degree in relation to an assault on May 17, 2022. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Drew Kroft, of the Domestic Violence Bureau.

Warren Love was indicted on Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the 3rd Degree, Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the 5th Degree, Grand Larceny in the 3rd Degree and 13 counts of Falsifying Business Records in the 1st Degree. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney John Marsella, of the Public Corruption/Economic Crimes Bureau.

MCDA in the Community

Assistant District Attorney Sara VanStrydonck, Chief of the Special Victims Unit, was awarded the prestigious Champion for Children Team Award from Bivona Child Advocacy Center. Introduced by the Deputy Chief of the Special Victims Unit, Amanda Balling, ADA VanStrydonck did not expect this recognition. Sara received this award for her tireless dedication to the children in this community and being their voice in the courtroom. Congratulations, Sara!



MCDA in the News

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