

**News Release from
The Honorable Sandra Doorley
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Defendants Indicted and Arraigned for Homicide Charges for Opioid Related Deaths

Rochester, NY- On Tuesday, February 25, 2020, after an investigation conducted by the Monroe County Heroin Task Force and the Brockport Police Department, 23-year-old Kelsey Sponaugle was indicted on Manslaughter in the 2nd Degree for her alleged involvement in the overdose death of Tyler Ward on September 8-9, 2019 in the Village of Brockport. Ms. Sponaugle was also indicted on two counts of Criminal Sale of a Controlled Substance in the 3rd Degree, two counts of Criminal Sale of a Controlled Substance in the 4th Degree and Endangering the Welfare of a Child for alleged events that occurred during the month of September 2019.

This case will be prosecuted by Senior Assistant District Attorney Jennifer Kennedy of the Special Investigations Bureau.

Also on Tuesday, February 25, 2020, 41-year-old Gary Grishaber, Jr. was arraigned before Justice Daniel Doyle on one count of Criminal Sale of a Controlled Substance in the 3rd Degree and one count of Manslaughter in the 2nd Degree for his alleged involvement in an event on or about January 2-3, 2019, which led to the overdose death of Julie Margolycz.

This case will be prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Matthew Schwartz, Chief of the Special Investigations Bureau and Senior Assistant District Attorney Megan Hausner, also of the Special Investigations Bureau. Gary Grishaber, Jr.'s next court date is March 10, 2020 in front of Justice Doyle.

“Every day we are sending more and more drug dealers to prison as a result of investigations conducted by the Monroe County Heroin Task Force,” said Monroe County District Attorney Sandra Doorley. “Homicide charges and holding dealers accountable for their actions is a small way we can help in the fight against this epidemic. After several homicide charges, we hope that the message has been spread to dealers that we will hold them accountable for promoting these life-threatening opioids in our community.”

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