

**News Release from
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Shon Todd Convicted of Murder in the 2nd Degree and Arson in the 2nd Degree for the Murder of Lysandra Bagley

Rochester, NY- Wednesday, April 17, 2024, a Monroe County Jury convicted 50-year-old Shon Todd of Murder in the Second Degree and Arson in the 2nd Degree for the murder of Lysandra Bagley last May.

On May 21, 2023, Rochester Firefighters were called to a home on Garson Avenue for a house fire. After controlling the fire, a body charred beyond recognition was located inside the house. It was determined that the body was 37-year-old Lysandra Bagley, who died of multiple stab wounds before the fire.

Months later, after a thorough investigation conducted by the Rochester Police Department with the assistance of the Rochester Fire Department's Arson Task Force, Shon Todd, who was the father of Lysandra Bagley's children, was arrested for the murder and the arson. During an argument, Shon Todd stabbed Lysandra then intentionally started the house fire, even though two of his children were still in the house.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Sara VanStrydonck, Chief of the Special Victims Unit, and Assistant District Attorney Janna Jehlen, also of the Special Victims Unit.

"Shon Todd violently ended the life of someone who he claimed to love, taking a mother away from her children. This was domestic violence in its ultimate form," said Assistant District Attorney Sara VanStrydonck. "Shon Todd's actions were completely inhumane without any regard to Lysandra and their children. I want to thank the Rochester Police Department and the Rochester Fire Department for their response and investigation, in addition to the cooperation from Lysandra's children that resulted in the identification of Shon Todd. I also would like to thank Bivona Child Advocacy Center for their assistance on this difficult case. The Monroe County District Attorney's Office will always remember Lysandra Bagley, her children, and all of her loved ones who continue to mourn her."

“The defendant killed Lysandra Bagley and in an attempt to cover-up his crimes, also risked the lives of his own children,” said District Attorney Sandra Doorley. “Shon Todd was supposed to respect the victim as the mother of his children, and instead he ruthlessly killed her. It is clear that the defendant is a danger to this community, as he has no regard for anyone’s life. This murder of a mother and friend was cruel and devastating. I am relieved that we found justice for Lysandra Bagley.”

If you or anyone you know is struggling with domestic violence, the Monroe County District Attorney’s Office urges you to reach out to law enforcement or the Willow Domestic Violence Center’s 24/7 hotline at 585-222-SAFE (7233).

Shon Todd will be sentenced on May 16, 2024, in front of New York State Supreme Court Justice Argento.

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