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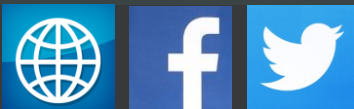


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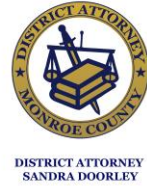
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Weekly Newsletter



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

Below, you will find the link to my video statement where I apologize to a police officer and the entire community.

<https://vimeo.com/940559301?share=copy>

The entire apology reads as follows:

Last Monday, I failed you and the standards I hold myself to, and for that I am so sorry. What I did was wrong, no excuses. I take full responsibility for my actions.

I fell short of the values I've held for my entire 33-year career.

I didn't treat this officer with the respect that he deserved. All police officers deserve respect.

I am truly and sincerely sorry.

I had just come from work, I was dealing with three homicides that occurred over the weekend - I watched a video where an innocent cab driver was executed, and I was still reeling from a frightening medical concern my husband received that afternoon.

But we all have bad days and stress. And it's wrong to take it out on an officer who was simply doing his job.

While I previously apologized to him, I will say it again – I'm sorry.

Police already have a tough job and that day I made this officer's job harder.

To the community, I owe you full transparency. Here's what I'm doing to hold myself accountable.

First, I already pled guilty to the speeding ticket and I will willingly pay the fine.

Next, I'm referring the entire matter to a District Attorney from another county for review and will fully cooperate with that investigation. I am going to self-report this incident to the grievance committee and I will cooperate with their investigation.

Homicide Update

To Date 2024:

City of Rochester Total:
14

Monroe County Total: 14

Finally, if one of my Assistant District Attorneys had acted this way, I would have disciplined them. So, I'm disciplining myself. I will take ethics training to remind myself that professionalism matters.

I have been humbled by my own stupidity and I am fully to blame. I'll make it right. I ask for your forgiveness.

Sandra

Highlights from the MCDA's Office

The People vs. **Lashawn Scott** will continue into next week. Leshawn Scott is charged with Murder in the 2nd Degree, Arson in the 2nd Degree and Assault in the 3rd Degree in front of Monroe County Court Judge Hahn. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Bianca D'Angelo, Chief of the General Felony Bureau, and Assistant District Attorney Diana Ferretti, of the General Felony Bureau.

24-year-old **Troy Jones** pled guilty to Manslaughter in the 1st Degree for his role in the homicide of Brandon McClary. On June 17, 2021, Rochester Police Officers responded to Genesee and Sawyer streets at approximately 7:00PM. Upon arrival, they located Brandon McClary, who had been shot multiple times. He was immediately transported to Strong Memorial Hospital but died from his injuries. After a thorough investigation, the Rochester Police Department identified Troy Jones as the shooter and was arrested days following the murder. The following month, Dayvon Dunbar was also arrested for his role in the shooting death of Brandon McClary. Dayvon Dunbar pled guilty to Manslaughter in the 1st Degree for his role in the homicide. The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Robin Catalano, Chief of the Special Investigations Bureau and Senior Assistant District Attorney Jonathan Jirik, of the Vehicular Crimes Bureau. Troy Jones will be sentenced by New York State Supreme Court Justice Moran to 25 years in the New York State Department of Corrections on June 17, 2024.

36-year-old **Ryan LaDuca** pled guilty to Leaving the Scene of a Fatal Motor Vehicle Crash Without Reporting and Tampering with Physical Evidence for his role in the death of Pamela Rubenstein. On August 22, 2023, Pamela Rubenstein was riding her bike on Klem Road in the Town of Webster. Ryan LaDuca hit the victim with his car before fleeing the scene. This case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Raymond Benitez, Chief of the Vehicular Crimes Bureau. Ryan LaDuca will be sentenced to 1 ½ - 4 ½ years in the New York State Department of Corrections on July 17, 2024, in front of Monroe County Court Judge Dollinger.

On Thursday, May 2, 2024, 24-year-old **Nicholas Caretta** pled guilty to Manslaughter in the 2nd Degree and Operator Leaving the Scene of an Incident Resulting in Death for causing the death Josiah Porchea. During the early hours of April 25, 2023, Rochester Police Officers responded to calls for a man lying in the middle of the street at E. Main Street and Richmond Street. Upon arriving at the scene, Josiah Porchea was found and immediately transported to Strong Memorial Hospital, where he was pronounced dead shortly after. After a thorough investigation by the Rochester Police Department, it was determined that Josiah Porchea was standing near his parked car when Nicholas Caretta hit him with his motor vehicle before fleeing. The case was prosecuted by Senior Assistant District Attorney Ryan Mulcahy, of the Special Investigations Bureau. Nicholas Caretta will be sentenced on May 13, 2024 in front of New York State Supreme Court Justice Moran. He will be sentenced to an indeterminate term of 4-12 years in the New York State Department of Corrections.

Shavar Canty was sentenced to 15 years to Life in the New York State Department of Corrections as a persistent violent felony offender for the severe injuries to a three-year-old child. On September 20, 2023, the three-year-old child was brought to Rochester General Hospital with severe burns and a fractured femur. The child was transferred to Golisano Children's Hospital for treatment and recovery. Shavar Canty was arrested for the abuse. This case was investigated by the Rochester Police Department and prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Sara VanStrydonck, Chief of the Special Victims Unit.

Rafeal Walters was indicted on Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the 3rd Degree and two counts of Criminally Using Drug Paraphernalia in the 2nd Degree in relation to the possession of illegal narcotics on November 22, 2023. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Tony DiPerna, of the Special Investigations Bureau.

Willie Barthel and **Jeremy Davis** were indicted on two counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree and Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 3rd Degree in relation to the possession of an illegal firearm on November 12, 2023. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Tony DiPerna, of Special Investigations Bureau.

Jeremy Heisel was indicted two counts of Driving While Intoxicated in relation to a vehicular matter on September 15, 2023. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Mikael Pelkey, of the Vehicular Crimes Bureau.

Dionedre Wyatt was indicted on two counts of Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the 3rd Degree and Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree in relation to the possession of illegal narcotics and an illegal firearm on February 2, 2024. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Stephen Ryck, of the Special Investigations Bureau.

Patrick Carter was indicted on two counts of Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the 3rd Degree in relation to the possession of illegal narcotics on January 25, 2024. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Stephen Ryck, of the Special Investigations Bureau.

Joseph Mullen was indicted on two counts of Robbery in the 1st Degree, two counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree, Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 3rd Degree, and Attempted Assault in the 2nd Degree in relation to an armed robbery on March 6, 2024. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Camille Ingino, of the Major Felony Bureau.

Shaun Jones was indicted on Robbery in the 1st Degree, two counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree, and Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 3rd Degree in relation to an armed robbery on April 14, 2024. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Aliyah Fowler, of the Major Felony Bureau.

Jose Hammonds was indicted on two counts of Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the 3rd Degree and Criminally Using Drug Paraphernalia in the 2nd Degree in relation to the possession of illegal narcotics on June 14, 2023 and October 9, 2023. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Ryan Mulcahy, of the Special Investigations Bureau.

Luis Morales was indicted on two counts of Driving While Intoxicated in relation to a vehicular incident on October 17, 2024. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Mikael Pelkey, of the Vehicular Crimes Bureau.

Syroya Clark was indicted on Burglary in the 3rd Degree in relation to a burglary of a Target on January 29, 2024. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Angela Carsen, of the General Felony Bureau.

Andrew Blankfield was indicted on Assault in the 2nd Degree, Resisting Arrest, and Making Graffiti in relation to the assault of a Monroe County Sheriff's Deputy on November 22, 2023. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Aliyah Fowler, of the Major Felony Bureau.

Andrea Nazario and **Steven Robinson** were indicted on Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree in relation to the possession of an illegal firearm on March 15, 2024. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Ryan Mulcahy, of the Special Investigations Bureau.

Jahrusalem Smith was indicted on four counts of Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the 3rd Degree in relation to the possession of illegal narcotics on October 31, 2023. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Tony DiPerna, of the Special Investigations Bureau.

Lexus Coley was indicted on Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree and Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 3rd Degree in relation to the illegal possession of a firearm on January 2, 2024. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Tony DiPerna, of the Special Investigations Bureau.

Linda Murray was indicted on Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree and Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 3rd Degree in relation to the illegal possession of a weapon on October 7, 2023. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Kevin Sunderland, of the Special Victims Unit.

Virgil Barnes was indicted on Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the 3rd Degree in relation to the possession of illegal narcotics on January 3, 2024. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Timothy Boucher, of the Special Investigations Bureau.

Jacquez Smith was indicted on Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree and Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 3rd Degree in relation to the illegal possession of a firearm on April 14, 2024. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Tony DiPerna, of the Special Investigations Bureau.

MCDA in the News

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