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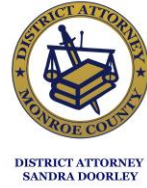
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Weekly Newsletter



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

March Felony Trials

*Below, I share the felony jury trials scheduled during the month of March. I will continue to keep you updated on the results of these trials.*

*The jury is out for **The People vs. Stephen Phillips**.*

*This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Jonathan Jirik, of the Major Felony Bureau.*

*The defendant is charged with Strangulation in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree in front of New York State Supreme Court Justice Moran.*

***The People vs. Quintel Crockton** will continue into next week.*

*This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Kevin Sunderland, Chief of the Local Courts Bureau.*

*The defendant is charged with Murder in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree in front of New York State Supreme Court Justice Schiano.*

***March 3 – People vs. Anthony Johnson***

*This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Michael Caranante, of the Special Investigations Bureau.*

*The defendant is charged with Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree in front of Monroe County Court Judge Dollinger.*

***March 17 – People vs. Shaun Jones***

*This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Aliyah Fowler, of the Major Felony Bureau.*

*The defendant is charged with Robbery in the 1<sup>st</sup> Degree, two counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree, and Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree in front of New York State Supreme Court Justice Renzi.*

## Homicide Update

To Date 2025:

City of Rochester Total: 4

Monroe County Total: 6

### **March 17 – People vs. Taroy Williams**

*This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Tony DiPerna, of the Special Investigations Bureau.*

*The defendant is charged with two counts of Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree and Criminally Using Drug Paraphernalia in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree in front of Monroe County Court Judge Randall.*

### **March 17 – People vs. Denis Kalem, Sr.**

*This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Mikael Pelkey, of the Vehicular Crimes Bureau.*

*The defendant is charged with Driving While Intoxicated in front of Monroe County Court Judge Hahn.*

### **March 17 – People vs. Stephan Rodriguez**

*This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Matthew Hogestyn, of the Major Felony Bureau.*

*The defendant is charged with Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree in front of Monroe County Court Judge Randall.*

### **March 17 – People vs. Jermaine Taggart**

*This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Ryan Mulcahy, of the Special Investigations Bureau.*

*The defendant is charged with three counts of Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree and three counts of Criminally Using Drug Paraphernalia in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree in front of New York State Supreme Court Justice Sinclair.*

### **March 17 – People vs. Jadell Williams**

*This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Stephen Ryck, of the Special Investigations Bureau.*

*The defendant is charged with Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree and two counts of Criminally Using Drug Paraphernalia in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree in front of Monroe County Court Judge Randall.*

### **March 18 – People vs. Cesar Soto-Roman**

*This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Ellie Laloudakis, of the Major Felony Bureau.*

*The defendant is charged with Murder in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree, Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree, and Criminal Possession of a Weapon of a Firearm in front of New York State Supreme Court Justice Moran.*

**March 18 – People vs. Jeremiah Mateo**

*This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Emily Chisholm, of the Non-Fatal Shooting Taskforce.*

*The defendant is charged with three counts of Attempted Murder in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree, two counts of Assault in the 1<sup>st</sup> Degree, and two counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree in front Monroe County Court Judge Dollinger.*

**March 20 – People vs. Michael Willis**

*This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Megan Hausner, Chief of the Local Court Bureau.*

*The defendant is charged with Murder in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree and two counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree in front of New York State Supreme Court Justice Dinolfo.*

**March 24 – People vs. Asia Kwanai Wimbush**

*This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Diane Orosz-Roy, of the Vehicular Crimes Bureau.*

*The defendant is charged with Driving While Intoxicated in front Monroe County Court Judge Bailey Turner.*

**March 24 – People vs. Jiacheng Li**

*This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Aaron Rath, of the Special Victims Unit.*

*The defendant is charged with two counts of Unlawful Surveillance in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree, Strangulation in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree, two counts of Criminal Obstruction of Breathing or Blood Circulation, and three counts of Assault in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree in front of New York State Supreme Court Justice Renzi.*

**March 24 – People vs. Markese Bellamy and Kory Wyatt**

*This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Bridget Morgan, of the Special Investigations Bureau.*

*The defendants are charged with two counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree and two counts of Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree. Markese Bellamy is also charged with Escape in the 1<sup>st</sup> Degree and Criminally Using Drug Paraphernalia in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree. Both defendants are in front of New York State Supreme Court Justice Argento.*

**March 24 – People vs. Raymere Alexander and Brandon Williams**

*This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Matthew Schiano, of the Major Felony Bureau.*

*The defendants are charged with Murder in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree and two counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree in front of New York State Supreme Court Justice Healy.*

**March 24 – People vs. Herbert Montgomery**

*This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Patrick Gallagher, Chief of the Domestic Violence Bureau.*

*The defendant is charged with Murder in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree in front of Monroe County Court Judge Dollinger.*

**March 24 – People vs. Jamar Graham**

*This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Hillary Langdon, of the Special Victims Unit.*

*The defendant is charged with seven counts of Predatory Sexual Assault, Kidnapping in the 1<sup>st</sup> Degree, and Criminal Obstruction of Breathing or Blood Circulation in front of Monroe County Court Judge Hahn.*

**March 24 – People vs. Edwin Santiago**

*This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Nicholas Reeder, of the General Felony Bureau*

*The defendant is charged with Burglary in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree in front of New York State Supreme Court Justice Argento.*

**March 25 – People vs. Levonte Smith**

*This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Stephen Ryck, of the Special Investigations Bureau.*

*The defendant is charged with Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree in front of New York State Supreme Court Justice Miller.*

**March 31 – People vs. Frederick Blocker**

*This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Aliyah Fowler, of the Major Felony.*

*The defendant is charged with Robbery in the 1<sup>st</sup> Degree and Robbery in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree in front of New York State Supreme Court Justice Schiano.*

**March 31 – People vs. Devonta Hayes**

*This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Jennifer Kennedy, Deputy Chief of the Special Investigations Bureau.*

*The defendant is charged with Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree, Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree, and Criminally Using Drug Paraphernalia in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree in front of New York State Supreme Court Justice Schiano.*

**March 31 – People vs. Walter Balkum, Jr.**

*This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Kaylee Rizzari, of the Special Victims Unit.*

*The defendant is charged with Manslaughter in the 1<sup>st</sup> Degree, Aggravated Criminal Contempt, and two counts of Assault in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree in front of New York State Supreme Court Justice Renzi.*

**March 31 – People vs. Raquintis Tisdale**

*This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Stephen Ryck, of the Special Investigations Bureau.*

*The defendant is charged with Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree and Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree in front of Monroe County Court Judge Ansaldi.*

**March 31 – People vs. Lloyd Kennedy, Jr.**

*This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Bridget Morgan, of the Special Investigations Bureau and Assistant District Attorney Angela Carson, of the General Felony Bureau.*

*The defendant is charged with two counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree, Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree, and Menacing in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree in front of New York State Supreme Court Justice Sinclair.*

**March 31 – People vs. Sulamain Hawkins and Anastasia Weaver**

*This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Sara VanStrydonck, Chief of the Special Victims Unit.*

*The defendants are charged with Manslaughter in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree in front of New York State Supreme Court Justice Argento.*

### **March 31 – People vs. Tyrone Morris**

*This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Nicholas Reeder, of the General Felony Bureau.*

*The defendant is charged with Criminal Possession of Stolen Property in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree in front of New York State Supreme Court Justice Argento.*

*Sandra*

## **Officer Cameron Girvin – EOW February 22, 2025**

A husband, a father, a son, an infectious smile, this is how Virginia Beach Police Officer Cameron Girvin will be remembered here in Monroe County.

A 2017 Gates Chili High School graduate, Officer Girvin valiantly served his community in Virginia Beach since 2020. On February 22, Officer Girvin, and Virginia Beach Police Officer Christopher Reese, were killed in the line of duty during a traffic stop last week.

The Monroe County District Attorney's Office, and the entire law enforcement community, mourns Officer Girvin. Thank you for your devotion to your community and your service. Rest in Peace, Officer Girvin and Officer Reese.



## **Highlights from the MCDA's Office**

42-year-old **Sarah Samsel** was convicted by a jury of Robbery in the 1<sup>st</sup> Degree and Kidnapping in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree. On January 21, 2023, Sarah Samsel, and co-defendant Luther Brown restrained a victim inside a house at gunpoint. While held captive, Sarah Samsel withdrew money out of the victim's bank account. Luther Brown previously pled guilty to Attempted Robbery in the 1<sup>st</sup> Degree and was sentenced to 7 years in the New York State Department of Corrections plus 5 years of post-release supervision. This was case was investigated by the Rochester Police Department and prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Ellie Laloudakis, of the Major Felony Bureau. Sarah Samsel will be sentenced on May 9, 2025, in front of Monroe County Court Judge Hahn.

31-year-old **Randell Parris** was convicted by a jury of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree for the illegal possession of a firearm on October 30, 2023. This case was investigated by the Rochester Police Department and prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Stephen Ryck, of the Special Investigations Bureau. He will be sentenced by New York State Supreme Court Justice Argento on April 10, 2025.

40-year-old **Richie Johnson** pled guilty to Criminal Sexual Act in the 1<sup>st</sup> Degree for the sexual assault of a woman on September 11, 2023. This case was investigated by the Rochester Police Department and prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Jessica Wagner, of the Special Victims Unit. Richie Johnson will be sentenced on April 3, 2025, in front of Acting Monroe County Court Judge Patterson.

42-year-old **Markie Johnson** was convicted by a jury of Driving While Ability Impaired. On March 13, 2024, the defendant was pulled by the New York State Police for operating a cell phone while driving. He was determined to be under the influence of alcohol. This case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Courtney Kleiman, of the Vehicular Crimes Bureau. Markie Johnson was sentenced in front of Monroe County Court Judge Ansaldi.

## Jewish Federation of Greater Rochester Legislative Luncheon

Monroe County District Attorney Sandra Doorley attended the Jewish Federation of Rochester's Annual Legislative Luncheon. Hosted at Temple B'rith Kodesh, elected officials, law enforcement, and community leaders joined the Jewish Federation to learn about important issues impacting the Jewish Community.

With the rise of Anti-Semitism across the country, this year's event was more important than ever. This year, the Jewish Federation of Greater Rochester shared their legislative priorities. This included the support of:

- UnMask Hate Bill
- Title VI Coordinators on College Campuses
- Achieving College Campus Equity and Student Safety Act ("ACCESS Act")
- Applying IRHA to NYS Agencies and Courts ("HOPE Act")



To learn more about the work of the Jewish Community Relations Community, visit: <https://www.jewishrochester.org/>

## MCDA in the News

<https://13wham.com/news/local/suspect-pleads-guilty-in-deadly-christmas-day-beating-in-rochester-michael-dicesare-guy-mustgray-brucewayne-beaman-bay-street-portland-avenue-attempted-robbery>

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<https://www.rochesterfirst.com/crime/second-suspect-in-deadly-christmas-beating-pleads-guilty/>

<https://www.whec.com/top-news/driver-charged-with-dwi-after-rollover-crash-on-citys-southwest-side/>

<https://www.whec.com/top-news/man-indicted-on-charges-in-connection-to-thurston-road-shooting-set-to-be-arraigned-thursday/>

<https://13wham.com/news/local/man-charged-with-dwi-in-chili-ave-rollover>

<https://13wham.com/newsletter-daily/2-apartments-struck-by-gunfire-in-emmett-st-area>

<https://13wham.com/news/local/man-charged-with-attempted-murder-after-domestic-assault-in-greece-cody-rau-grecian-gardens-drive>

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