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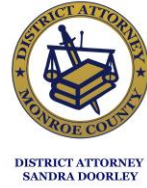
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Weekly Newsletter



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

Update on the Domestic Violence Survivors Justice Act

Continuing our theme of March being Women's History Month, I would like to give an update on the DVSJA (Domestic Violence Survivors Justice Act) cases within our office. Although any gender can be a victim of domestic violence, our DVSJA cases have been with female defendants in our office.

What is the Domestic Violence Survivors Justice Act?

The DVSJA allows the court to sentence or resentence a domestic violence survivor who suffered sexual, psychological or physical abuse that contributed to his or her conviction if certain, specific criteria are met.

In Monroe County, dozens of DVSJA applications were sent to the court or through our office. While most of these applications do not meet the criteria of DVJA, there are a handful we take very seriously.

Since 2019, I have worked together with advocates and defense attorneys to examine cases that may be appropriate for resentencing. I am proud that Monroe County leads District Attorney's Offices in the New York State, outside the five boroughs, in consideration and consent for DVSJA resentencing.

Domestic Violence is not a concept that is easy to define, as it takes many forms. A pattern of long-term abuse can lead to a violent act that results in a defendant being incarcerated.

The DVSJA accounts for if the defendant was:

- *Subjected to substantial physical, sexual or psychological abuse inflicted by an Intimate partner, family member or member of the same household,*
- *The abuse was a significant contributing factor to the participation in the crime, and*
- *A sentence under current law would be, or in the case of resentencing the original sentence is, unduly harsh.*

In Monroe County, we have consented to four cases of DVSJA sentencings and resentencings, which are Patricia Hutton, Michelle Spirles, Tanisha Davis, and Shantell Green. Tanisha Davis was featured in a documentary about the DVSJA titled, "And So I Stayed," you can watch it [here](#).

Homicide Update

To Date 2025:

City of Rochester Total: 5

Monroe County Total: 7

I am currently working on another case that involves a defendant who was convicted of Manslaughter in the 1st Degree.

However, we do not consent to these applications without a thorough review. In one case, we opposed resentencing, but the Judge granted resentencing. In two additional cases, which included a manslaughter conviction and an assault conviction, we also opposed the re-sentencing, and the judge agreed with us on both matters.

To learn more about the progress of the DVSJA in New York, I recommend this [Bloomberg Law article](#) that highlights the progress and struggles with this across New York.

I look forward to continuing to see how the DVSJA can further be applied to help survivors of domestic violence in the criminal justice system.

Sandra

Lynn Mazurkiewicz Speaks Out

One year ago, **Kelvin Vickers** was sentenced to Life Without the Possibility of Parole for the Aggravated Murder of Rochester Police Officer Anthony Mazurkiewicz. He was also sentenced for the Attempted Aggravated Murder of Rochester Police Officer Sino Seng and the murders of Richard Collinge and MyJel Rand.

Vickers has resided at multiple New York State Department of Corrections facilities since he was sentenced on February 29, 2024. Recently, a video has circulated that shows him attacking a Correction Officer. Lynn Mazurkiewicz, the wife of Rochester Police Officer Anthony Mazurkiewicz, sent me the video; we both immediately knew it was Kelvin Vickers.

I am so proud of Lynn, who spoke to the media this week. She continues to speak for her husband and the Rochester Police Department. Lynn took her grief and turned it into advocacy to help make our police officers safer. She is a strong and admirable woman.

Both Lynn and myself, are relieved that the CO who was violently attacked by Vickers is alive, but nothing about this assault comes as a surprise. As Lynn told WHEC News 10, "You don't just get transferred around just because... you checked out the wrong library book." Kelvin Vickers is violent and dangerous, and deserves to be in the highest security facility available.

Please watch the video below of Lynn speaking to News 10. Next week, I will highlight my thoughts on Kelvin Vickers and his tendencies for violent behavior.



Highlights from the MCDA's Office

The People vs. **Jerome Roberts** will continue into next week. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Jonathan Jirik, of the Major Felony Bureau. The defendant is charged with Assault in the 2nd Degree in front of New York State Supreme Court Justice Sinclair.

40-year-old **Michael Benjamin** was sentenced by New York State Supreme Court Justice Sinclair to 164 years to Life in the New York State Department of Corrections. He was previously convicted by a Monroe County jury of three counts of Predatory Sexual Assault, Kidnapping in the 2nd Degree, two counts of Sexual Abuse in the 1st Degree, two counts of Criminal Sexual Act in the 1st Degree, and Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 3rd Degree for the kidnapping and violent sexual assault of a woman on May 26, 2024. On May 26, 2024, Rochester Police Officers received a call about the abduction of a young woman. In the early morning hours, the victim was taken by force in the area of North Clinton Avenue in the City of Rochester. The Rochester Police Department immediately conducted an investigation to locate the victim. After conducting a quick and thorough investigation, Rochester Police Officers were able to identify the location of the victim and the kidnapper. By the afternoon of the same day, investigators were able to bring the victim to safety and arrest Michael Benjamin for the kidnapping. During the course of the investigation, it was determined that Michael Benjamin violently sexually assaulted the victim for the duration of the kidnapping. This case was prosecuted by Special Assistant District Attorney Jessica Wagner, of the Special Victims Unit.

Monroe County Court Judge Dollinger sentenced 28-year-old **Shavar Brooks** to multiple concurrent life sentences, totaling 23 years to Life in the New York State Department of Corrections. He was previously convicted by a jury of Attempted Murder in the 2nd Degree, Assault in the 1st Degree and two counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree for shooting a man with the intent to kill him on December 26, 2023. Shavar Brooks was sentenced as a persistent violent felony offender with two prior violent felony convictions. On December 26, 2023, Rochester Police Officers responded to a report of a person shot on North Goodman Street in the City of Rochester. Upon arrival, a 46-year old man was found shot inside of his vehicle. He was immediately transported to Strong Memorial Hospital, where he eventually recovered from his injuries. After a thorough investigation by the Non-Fatal Shooting Taskforce, which includes Rochester Police Investigators, Monroe County District Attorney Investigators, and Assistant District Attorneys, Shavar Brooks and Miguel Clemons were arrested for the shootings. Both were on parole at the time of the shooting with Electronic Monitor Devices on their ankles. On December 26, 2023, around 3:30PM in the afternoon, both defendants were at a house in the City of Rochester when the victim drove by the house. As the victim was driving away from the property, Shavar Brooks and Miguel Clemons jumped into their car, boxed the victim against the side of the road, and shot at least ten rounds at him until he was struck twice in the upper torso and once in the arm. Miguel Clemons was also convicted by a jury for Attempted Murder in the 2nd Degree, Assault in the 1st Degree, and two counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree. He will be in court on May 2, 2025, for a persistent violent felony offender hearing before sentencing. The case was prosecuted by Special Assistant District Attorney Adam VanHeyst, of Non-Fatal Shooting Taskforce, and Senior Assistant District Attorney Jonathan Jirik, of the Vehicular Crimes Bureau.

Jonathan Jones was indicted on Criminal Contempt in the 1st Degree in relation to a violation of an order of protection on August 28, 2024. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Kenisha Flowers, of the Special Victims Unit.

Jonathan Curry-Wilburn was indicted on two counts of Criminal Contempt in the 1st Degree, Criminal Obstruction of Breathing or Blood Circulation, and two counts of Criminal Mischief in the 4th Degree, in relation to domestic incidents during November and December 2024. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Kenisha Flowers, of the Special Victims Unit.

Jay Nadeau was indicted on Criminal Contempt in the 1st Degree, two counts of Criminal Contempt in the 2nd Degree, and Stalking in the 4th Degree in relation to violations of an order of protection. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Karen Chung, of the Special Victims Unit.

Carl Rau was indicted on Attempted Murder in the 2nd Degree and Assault in the 1st Degree in relation to attempted murder of a woman on February 26, 2025. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney James Nguyen, of the Special Victims Unit.

Michael John Fazio was indicted on Grand Larceny in the 4th Degree in relation to a theft from Harbor Freight on December 16, 2024. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Nicholas Reeder, of the General Felony Bureau.

Jaqueline Schouten was indicted on two counts of Aggravated Driving While Intoxicated With a Child Passenger and two counts of Endangering the Welfare of a Child in relation to a vehicular incident on October 10, 2024. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Courtney Kleiman, of the Vehicular Crimes Bureau.

Jacillem Shackelford was 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 illegal possession a firearm on February 26, 2025.

Felix Rivera was indicted on two counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree and Assault in the 2nd Degree in relation to a shooting on January 18, 2025. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Anthony Freeman, of the Non-Fatal Shooting Taskforce.

Xiara Fernandez was indicted on Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 3rd Degree, Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the 5th Degree, and two counts of Criminal Possession of a Firearm in relation to the illegal possession of a firearm and narcotics on February 9, 2024. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Stephen Ryck, of the Special Investigations Bureau.

Velquez Dennis was indicted on Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree, two counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 3rd Degree, and Criminal Possession of a Firearm. In the same indictment, **Rickie Jackson-Deckard** was indicted on two counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree and Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 3rd Degree. These charges are in relation to the illegal possession of a firearms on February 24, 2025. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Ryan Mulcahy, of the Special Investigations Bureau.

Brenda Lee Bingham was indicted on Attempted Assault in the 2nd Degree in relation to an attempted vehicular assault on August 21, 2024. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Drew Kroft, of the Vehicular Crimes Bureau.

Yahmiek Maddox 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 a firearm on February 10, 2025.

Silkie Holmes was indicted on five counts of Aggregated Family Offense, five counts of Criminal Contempt in the 1st Degree, Criminal Obstruction of Breathing or Blood Circulation, Unlawful Imprisonment in the 2nd Degree, and Endangering the Welfare of a Child relation to various domestic offenses during February 2025. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Kenisha Flowers, of the Special Victims Unit.

Frederick Jams McCullough, IV was indicted on two counts of Aggravated Unlicensed Operation of a Motor Vehicle in the 1st Degree and Driving While Ability Impaired by Drugs in relation to a vehicular incident on July 5, 2024. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Diana Ferretti, of the Vehicular Crimes Bureau.

Christopher Bermudez and Raquel Quinn were indicted on Assault in the 1st Degree. Christopher Bermudez was also indicted on two counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree and two counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 3rd Degree. Raquel Quinn is also indicted on two counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree, Attempted Assault in the 2nd Degree, and Assault in the 2nd Degree. These charges are in relation to a shooting on October 23, 2024 and the possession of an illegal firearm on November 5, 2024. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Anthony Freeman, of the Non-Fatal Shooting Taskforce.

Misael Rivera was indicted on Burglary in the 2nd Degree in relation to a burglary in the City of Rochester at September 14, 2024. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Aliyah Fowler, of the Major Felony Bureau.

Bruce Glenn Bugbee was indicted on Vehicular Manslaughter in the 1st Degree, Vehicular Manslaughter in the 2nd Degree, Operator Leave Scene of Incident Resulting in Death, Criminally Negligent Homicide, Aggravated Driving While Intoxicated With a Child Passenger, two counts of Driving While Intoxicated, and Aggravated Driving While Intoxicated: Per Se in relation to the death of Jerome Blocker on February 21, 2025. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Merrick Sadler, Chief of Vehicular Crimes Bureau.

MCDA in the News

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