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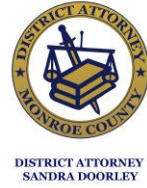
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Weekly Newsletter



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

Prosecutors United Against Antisemitism

This week I joined Westchester District Attorney Miriam Rocah, Queens District Attorney Melinda Katz, and the other elected District Attorneys across New York State to condemn antisemitic incidents and pledge to prosecute hate-motivated acts or threats of violence.

While it may be unusual for all 62 elected District Attorneys in New York State to agree on one topic, condemning antisemitism is a no-brainer.

According to the Anti-Defamation League, New York State has the second-most recorded antisemitic incidents in the country. Recent events, including threats, vandalism, and assaults, have left many in the Jewish community fearing for their safety. I join my colleagues in condemning these crimes and pledging to prosecute these offenses as what they are; hate crimes.

Please read our joint statement below:

"As law enforcement and elected leaders in New York, we have a responsibility to assure the communities that we serve that their safety is paramount. Recently, there has been an escalation of targeted threats and attacks on Jewish communities and individuals, including threats to Jewish riders on the New York City subway system, vandalism targeting the homes of Jewish board members of the Brooklyn Museum, and antisemitic signs and chants during a gathering outside a memorial in New York City to victims killed at the Nova music festival, which caused the exhibit to be locked down.

"These acts have left large segments of our communities—both Jews and non-Jews—scared for their safety and that of their families and neighbors. No New Yorker should fear for their safety for any reason, and especially because of who they are.

"We support the rights of all New Yorkers to lawfully and peacefully gather and protest, but we want to reassure all communities, including Jewish ones, that we will understand the fear and pledge to investigate and prosecute all hate crimes and acts of violence or threats of violence based on the facts and to the fullest extent possible under the law."

Homicide Update

To Date 2024:

City of Rochester Total:

21

Monroe County Total: 22

Locally, I support the Jewish residents of Monroe County and the Jewish Federation of Greater Rochester. Every person in this community deserves to feel safe. Feel safe to leave their homes, feel safe to attend school or work, and feel safe to practice religious beliefs.

What do I want you to take away from this? In Monroe County and all of New York State, antisemitism will not be tolerated and there will be consequences for hate crimes.

Sandra

Highlights from the MCDA's Office

New York State Supreme Court Justice Moran sentenced 24-year-old **Troy Jones** to 25 years in the New York State Department of Corrections plus 5 years of post-release supervision for his role in the homicide of Brandon McClary. Troy Jones previously pled guilty to Manslaughter in the 1st Degree. 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 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 he 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.

New York State Supreme Court Justice Moran sentenced 22-year-old **Tevin Benjamin-Foster** to 12 years in the New York State Department of Corrections plus 5 years of post-release supervision for shooting a victim in the City of Rochester on January 2, 2024. This case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Merrick Sadler, of the Non-Fatal Shooting Taskforce.

Monroe County Court Judge Vacca sentenced 31-year-old year old **Kevin Dukes** to 10 years in the New York State Department of Corrections plus 5 years of post-release supervision for his role in the death of Constance Henry. He previously pled guilty to Manslaughter in the 1st Degree. This case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Monica O'Brien Deputy Chief, of the Local Courts Bureau, and Assistant District Attorney Kristina Hinkley, of the Special Victims Unit.

Karla Molina was indicted on Robbery in the 3rd Degree in relation to a robbery at a Walmart on August 1, 2023. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Angela Carson, of the General Felony Bureau.

Marquial Johnson and **Marquise Johnson** were indicted on Assault in the 2nd Degree in relation to an armed assault on April 16, 2024. Marquial Johnson was also indicted on two counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree in relation to the possession of an illegal firearm. Marquise Johnson was also indicted on Attempted Assault in the 2nd Degree in relation to the same incident. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Rachel Clark, Deputy Chief of the Non-Fatal Shooting Taskforce.

Andre Williams 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 March 12, 2024. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Michael Caranante, of the Special Investigations Bureau.

Diante Hurst was indicted on Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree in relation to the illegal possession of a firearm on May 23, 2024. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Bridget Morgan, of the Special Investigations Bureau.

Farah Saeed was indicted on Burglary in the 3rd Degree in relation to a burglary at a Wegmans on May 28, 2024. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Courtney Kleiman, of the General Felony Bureau.

Michael Benjamin was indicted on Kidnapping in the 2nd Degree, five counts of Predatory Sexual Assault, two counts of Sexual Abuse in the 1st Degree, Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 3rd Degree, and two counts of Grand Larceny in the 4th Degree in relation to a kidnapping and sexual assault on May 26, 2024. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Jessica Wagner, of the Special Victims Unit.

Doreen Henderson was indicted on Burglary in the 3rd Degree in relation to a burglary at a Wegmans on October 13, 2023. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Courtney Kleiman, of the General Felony Bureau.

Brenda Johnson was indicted on three counts of Aggravated Driving While Intoxicated With a Child Passenger and two counts of Driving While Intoxicated in relation to a vehicular incident on February 24, 2024. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Kelly Pettrone, of the Vehicular Crimes Bureau.

Ezra Sampah was indicted on Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree in relation to the illegal possession of a firearm on March 31, 2024. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Emily Chisholm, of the Major Felony Bureau.

Darnell Williams was indicted on two counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree, Reckless Endangerment in the 1st Degree, and three counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 3rd Degree in relation to the possession of an illegal firearm on December 17, 2023 and January 18, 2024. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Michael Caranante, of the Special Investigations Bureau.

Tyler Donovan was indicted on Attempted Robbery in the 1st Degree in relation to an armed robbery attempt at a gas station market on June 5, 2024. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Emily Chisholm, of Major Felony Bureau.

Anthony Sykes 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 possession of an illegal firearm on March 25, 2024. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Stephen Ryck, of the Special Investigations Bureau.

Justin Brady was indicted on Burglary in the 2nd Degree in relation to a burglary on May 3, 2024. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Matthew Hogestyn, of the Major Felony Bureau.

Jennifer Rodriguez was indicted on Criminal Mischief in the 2nd Degree, Petit Larceny, and Resisting Arrest, and Reckless Endangerment in the 2nd Degree in relation to a theft on June 7, 2024. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Armando Benitez, of the General Felony Bureau.

Randy Sharpe was indicted on Aggravated Driving While Intoxicated and two counts of Driving While Intoxicated in relation to a vehicular incident on October 28, 2023. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Diane Orosz-Roy, of the Vehicular Crimes Bureau.

Corey McMath was indicted on Criminal Mischief in the 2nd Degree in relation to the damaging of property on September 25, 2023. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Armando Benitez, of the Special Investigations Bureau.

Jordan Sanderson was indicted on Criminal Contempt in the 1st Degree in relation to a violation of an order of protection on May 14, 2024. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Aaron Rath, of the Special Victims Unit.

Louis Dublin was indicted on Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree in relation to the illegal possession of a firearm on May 26, 2024. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Timothy Boucher, of the Special Investigations Bureau.

Terry Mack was indicted on Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree, Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 3rd Degree, and Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 4th Degree in relation to the illegal possession of two firearms on December 13, 2023. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Merrick Sadler, of the Non-Fatal Shooting Taskforce.

Kyle Ashford and **Marc Lattimer** were indicted on Attempted Murder in the 2nd Degree, Robbery in the 1st Degree, Assault in the 1st Degree, and two counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree in relation to an attempted murder in the Town of Greece on May 17, 2024. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Matthew Schiano, of the Major Felony Bureau.

Jesus Lopez-Figueroa was indicted on two counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree, Criminal Obstruction of Breathing or Blood Circulation, and Menacing in the 2nd Degree in relation to the possession of an illegal firearm and domestic incident on May 24, 2024. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Kenisha Flowers, of the Special Victims Unit.

Develain Cowart was indicted on Falsely Reporting an Incident in the 1st Degree in relation to an incident on May 1, 2024. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Matthew Hogestyn, of the Major Felony Bureau.

Alexander Lugo-Torres and **Alexis Lugo-Torres** were indicted on four counts of Assault in the 2nd Degree in relation to the assaults of Rochester Police Officers on May 19, 2024. Alexander Lugo-Torres was also indicted on Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree and Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 3rd Degree. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Emily Chisholm, of Major Felony Bureau.

Angel Lugo was indicted on Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree and two counts of Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the 3rd Degree in relation to the illegal possession of a firearm and narcotics on May 29, 2024. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Tony DiPerna, of the Special Investigations Bureau.

Luis Ortiz-Vega was indicted on Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree in relation to the possession of an illegal firearm on April 27, 2024. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Michael Caranante, of the Special Investigations Bureau.

Jermaine Williams was indicted on two counts of Murder in the 1st Degree and two counts of Murder in the 2nd Degree in relation to the homicides of Shantina Jones and Timothy Chealey on May 6, 2024. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Adam VanHeyst, of the Non-Fatal Shooting Taskforce and Assistant District Attorney Rachel Clark, Deputy Chief of the Non-Fatal Shooting Taskforce.

Jose Colon was indicted on two counts of Robbery in the 1st Degree, Assault in the 1st Degree, Robbery in the 2nd Degree, and three counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree in relation to an armed robbery and shooting on May 30, 2024. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Rachel Clark, Deputy Chief of the Non-Fatal Shooting Taskforce.

Luke Lawhorn was indicted on Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the 1st Degree, three counts of Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the 3rd Degree, two counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree, two counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 3rd Degree, three counts of Criminally Using Drug Paraphernalia in the 2nd Degree, and Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the 5th Degree in relation to events on May 30, 2024. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Jennifer Kennedy, Deputy Chief of the Special Investigations Bureau.

Walter Balkum was indicted on two counts of Assault in the 2nd Degree in relation to domestic assaults on June 2, 2024. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Kaylee Rizzari, of the Special Victims Unit.

Anne Collins was indicted on nine counts of Criminal Sexual Act in the 3rd Degree in relation to multiple incidents of sexual abuse of a child during 2018. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Hillary Langdon, of the Special Victims Unit.

Robert Davis 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 May 21, 2024. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Bridget Morgan, of the Special Investigations Bureau.

Ameir Dash and **William Perez-Perez** were indicted on Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 3rd Degree in relation to the illegal possession of a firearm on May 18, 2024. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Bridget Morgan, of the Special Investigations Bureau.

Byron Lester was indicted on Aggravated Driving While Intoxicated With a Child Passenger, Driving While Intoxicated, Aggravated Unlicensed Operation of a Motor Vehicle in the 1st Degree, and Endangering the Welfare of a Child in relation to a vehicular incident on October 5, 2023. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Mikael Pelkey, of the Vehicular Crimes Bureau.

Joel Mercado was indicted on Burglary in the 3rd Degree in relation to a burglary at a Marshalls on April 17, 2024. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Diana Ferretti, of the Vehicular Crimes Bureau.

Alton Majors was indicted on three counts of Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the 3rd Degree, Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the 4th Degree, and two counts of Criminally Using Drug Paraphernalia in the 2nd Degree in relation to the illegal possession of narcotics on December 11, 2023. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Bridget Morgan, of the Special Investigations Bureau.

Justin Wurtenberg was indicted on Criminal Possession of Stolen Property in the 3rd Degree, Criminal Possession of Stolen Property in the 4th Degree, and Unauthorized Use of a Vehicle in the 3rd Degree in relation to the possession of a stolen vehicle on May 19, 2023. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Angela Carson, of the General Felony Bureau.

Charles Dean was indicted on Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the 3rd Degree and Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the 4th Degree in relation to the illegal possession of narcotics on March 19, 2024. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Robin Catalano, Chief of the Special Investigations Bureau.

Sonja Williams was indicted on Arson in the 2nd Degree in relation to a fire in the City of Rochester on June 6, 2024. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Aliyah Fowler, of the Major Felony Bureau.

Everett Balkman and **Keith Balkman** were 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 15, 2024. Keith Balkman was also indicted on Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the 3rd Degree and Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the 4th Degree in relation to the possession of illegal narcotics on April 15, 2024. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Stephen Ryck, of the Special Investigations Bureau.

Matthew Chisolm was indicted on Criminal Contempt in the 1st Degree and Aggravated Harassment in the 2nd Degree in relation to the violation of an order of protection on March 11, 2024. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Karen Chung, of the Special Victims Unit.

Deandre Francis was indicted on Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree in relation to the possession of an illegal firearm on April 30, 2023. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Stephen Ryck, of the Special Investigations Bureau

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