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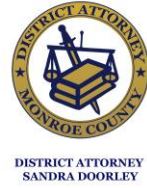
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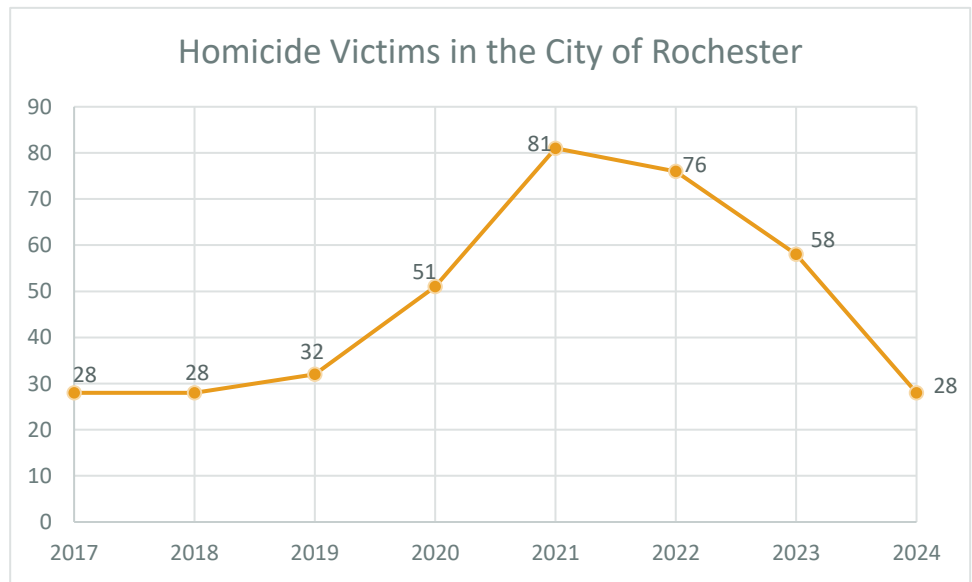


Welcome to the weekly newsletter from Monroe County District Attorney Sandra Doorley.

Data Refresh

With 2024 half way over, please see the below data updates through July 31, 2024.

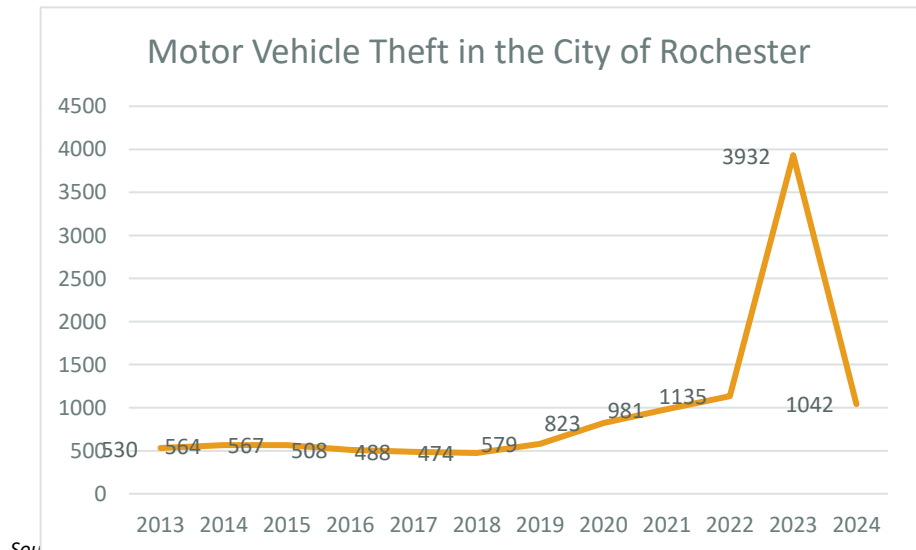
Homicides



Source – Rochester Police Department Open Data Portal

The City of Rochester is at a similar benchmark as this time last year, with 28 homicides year to date, compared to 29 from last year.

Motor Vehicle Thefts



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Homicide Update

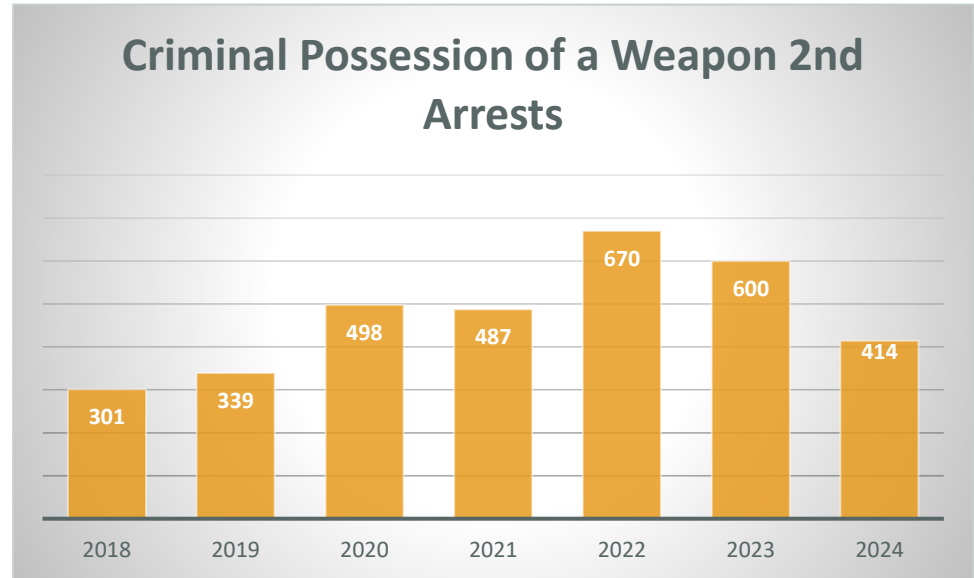
To Date 2024:

City of Rochester Total:
28

Monroe County Total: 32

In 2024, we continue to focus on the record breaking number of stolen motor vehicles in the City of Rochester and throughout our entire community. I will keep you updated on any felony indictments and the disposition of these cases.

Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree



Source – Monroe County District Attorney’s Office internal case data

These are the arrests for Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree that are not attached to homicide cases. We are on track to exceed last year’s totals.

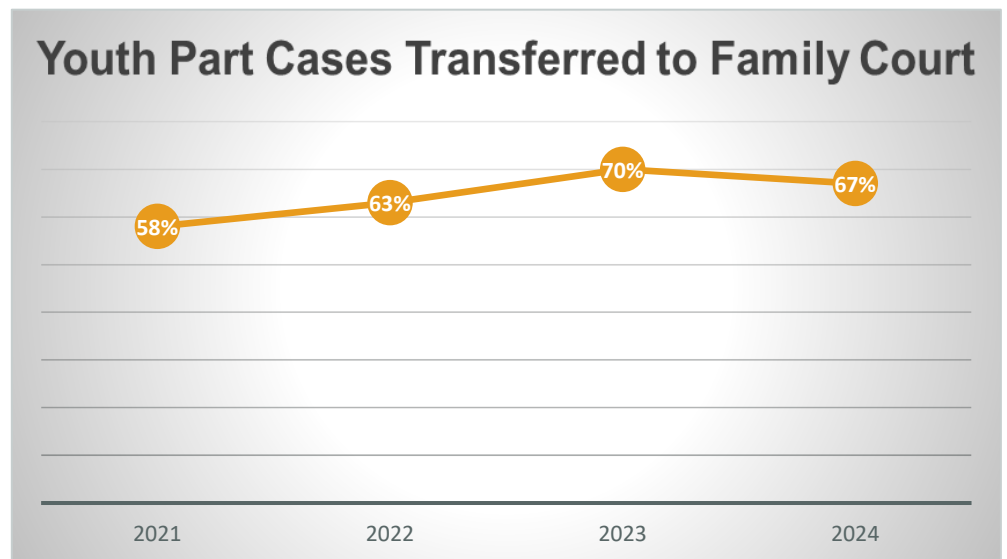
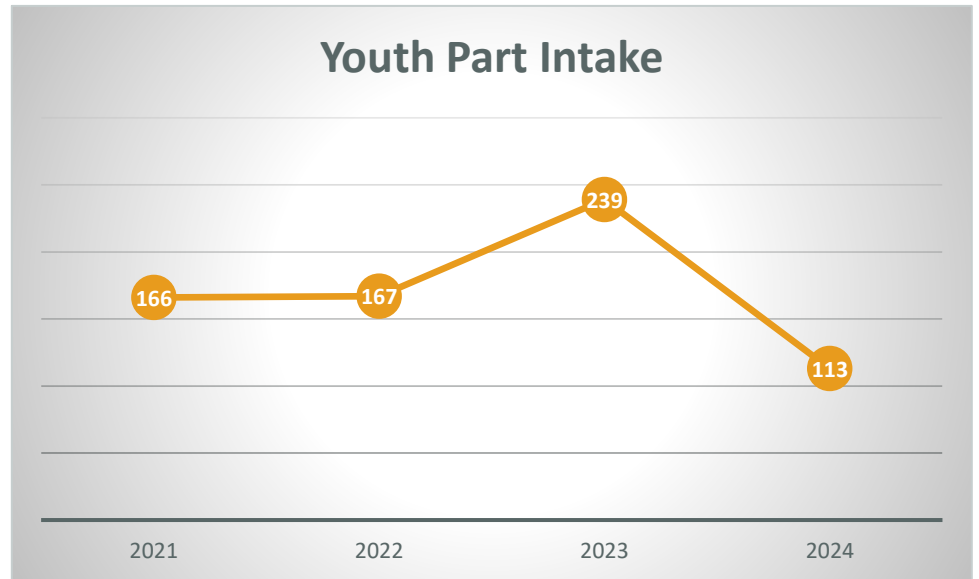
Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree Bail Status

Year	Arrests	Released at Arraignment W/ Non-Monetary Conditions	Bail Set in the Amount of 5K or less
2018	301	3%	25%
2019	339	7%	35%
2020	498	33%	63%
2021	487	17%	35%
2022	670	21%	29%
2023	600	20%	32%
2024	414	22%	37%

Listed above is the percentage of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree arrests where non-monetary bail is being set at arraignments. I also noted the percentage of cases where cash bail was set at \$5,000 or less. Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree is a class C violent felony.

Youth Part Cases

There is always interest in youth part and juvenile prosecution. Listed below are the numbers we are seeing into Criminal Youth Part, and how many of those cases stay, or are transferred to Family Court, which is outside of our office.



Source – Monroe County District Attorney’s Office internal case data

Please email DistrictAttorney@monroecounty.gov to share what you would like to see during our data updates!

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Highlights from the MCDA's Office

24-year-old **Qwandah Tucker** was convicted by a Monroe County jury of Assault in the 1st Degree for orchestrating the shooting of a man on June 27, 2023. This is the first case from the Non-Fatal Shooting Taskforce that made it to trial. On June 27, 2023, Rochester Police Officers responded to an apartment complex on Arborwood Crescent in the City of Rochester for reports of a man shot. The 26-year-old male victim who was shot in the back transported himself to Strong Memorial Hospital, where he recovered from his gunshot wounds. After a thorough investigation conducted by the Non-Fatal Shooting Taskforce, which consists of Rochester Police Officers, Assistant District Attorneys and Investigators from the Monroe County District Attorney's Office, and members of the Monroe County Crime Analysis Center, it was determined that Qwandah Tucker coordinated the assault and planned the shooting. The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Adam VanHeyst, of the Non-Fatal Shooting Taskforce and Assistant District Attorney Bridget Morgan, of the Special Investigations Bureau.

Monroe County Court Judge Douglas Randall sentenced 33-year-old **Whitney Morris** to 19 years to Life in the New York State Department of Corrections for the murder of Christopher Porchea. Whitney Morris was previously convicted by a jury of Murder in the 2nd Degree. On November 26, 2021, at approximately 6:45PM, Rochester Police Officers located 51-year-old Christopher Porchea with a gunshot wound to his upper body in a parking lot at Norton Street and North Clinton Avenue. He was taken to the hospital via ambulance, where he died from his injuries three days later. After a thorough investigation by the Rochester Police Department, the Monroe County Crime Analysis Center, and the New York State Division of Parole, Whitney Morris, a parolee and registered sex offender, was developed as a suspect. A jury found him responsible for Christopher Porchea's murder. The case was prosecuted by First Assistant District Attorney Perry Duckles and Assistant District Attorney Michael Harrigan, Chief of the Homicide Bureau.

New York State Supreme Court Justice Argento sentenced 28-year-old **Brandon Hall** to 20 years in the New York State Department of Corrections plus 5 years of post-release supervision. Brandon Hall previously pled guilty to Manslaughter in the 1st Degree for the fatal shooting of Alec Rouse. On August 20, 2023, Rochester Police Officers responded to the area of North Plymouth Avenue and Ambrose Street for reported gunshots. Upon arrival, they located Alec Rouse in the street with a gunshot wound to his torso. He was immediately transported to Strong Memorial Hospital, where he died from his injuries. After a thorough investigation by the Rochester Police Department, Brandon Hall was identified as the shooter. He was arrested for the homicide on January 11, 2024, by the United States Marshall's Task Force. The two men were involved in an argument that escalated to Brandon Hall shooting and killing Alec Rouse. The defendant and the victim were known to each other. The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Gregory Clark, Chief of the Public Integrity/Economic Crimes Bureau.

17-year-old **Jordan Torres** pled guilty to Manslaughter in the 1st Degree for the fatal shooting of Shalar Davy. On October 5, 2023, just before midnight, Rochester Police Officers responded to the area of Portland Avenue and Norton Street for the report of a male shot. Upon arrival, they located Shalar Davy on the sidewalk with a gunshot wound to his chest and abdomen. He was immediately transported to Strong Memorial Hospital, where he died from his injuries. After a thorough investigation by the Rochester Police Department, Jordan Torres was identified as the shooter. He was located in Mt. Vernon, New York after fleeing Monroe County, and arrested for the homicide with the assistance of the United States Marshals Task Force and Westchester County Police Department on October 13, 2023. **Eric Thomas** was later located in Rochester and arrested as his accomplice on October 18, 2023. Jordan Torres, armed with a 9mm semi-automatic pistol, and Eric Thomas, armed with a long-rifle, approached a man standing near the victim to rob him. Both Torres and Thomas pulled their guns. When Shalar Davy stepped in to stop them, Torres fired at him twice, and struck him in the chest. Both defendants ran away with the stolen items, leaving their victim on the sidewalk to die. The defendants and victim were strangers. Eric Thomas has also pled guilty for his part in the robbery and Davy's death. Jordan Torres will be sentenced to 24 years in the New York State Department of Corrections plus 5 years of post-release supervision. The case was prosecuted by Special Assistant District Attorney Merrick Sadler, of the Non-Fatal Shootings Bureau.

32-year-old **Dillon Brito** pled guilty to the indictment charging him with Manslaughter in the 2nd Degree and Tampering with Physical Evidence for the overdose death of his 13-month-old daughter, Danelis Brito. On January 30, 2024, Danelis Brito died after ingesting a fatal mixture of cocaine and fentanyl. This case was investigated by the Rochester Police Department and prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Kevin Sunderland, of the Special Victims Unit. Dillon Brito will be sentenced on August 15, 2024, in front of New York State Supreme Court Justice Miller, who agreed to sentence the defendant to 5 and ½ to 11 years in the New York State Department of Corrections.

21-year-old **Tiakayla Hendrix** and 31-year-old **Taquida Hendrix** were arraigned in Rochester City Court on charges of Murder in the 2nd Degree and Arson in the 1st Degree. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Kevin Sunderland, of the Special Victims Unit.

STOP DWI Rochester Red Wings Game

The Monroe County STOP DWI Program attended last Friday's Rochester Red Wings Game. Partners in law enforcement, including the Monroe County District Attorney's Office Vehicular Crimes Bureau, joined the STOP-DWI staff to help spread awareness about safe practices on the roadway. Remember, if you feel different, you drive different!



Welcome!

This week, the Monroe County District Attorney's Office welcomed six new attorneys to the office. Look out for more information on our newest Assistant District Attorneys in a future newsletter.

Welcome to ADA Rachel Wallisky, ADA Christopher Wideman, ADA Anthony Ciaccio, ADA Christopher Reed, ADA Nicholas Guarino, and ADA Julie Tubbs!



MCDA in the News

<https://www.rochesterfirst.com/rochester/brandon-hall-sentenced-for-fatal-north-plymouth-avenue-shooting/>

<https://13wham.com/news/local/man-sentenced-to-manslaughter-for-deadly-shooting-during-wrong-door-argument-in-rochester-brandon-hall-alec-rouse>

<https://www.rochesterfirst.com/crime/woman-convicted-in-first-non-fatal-shooting-taskforce-trial/>

<https://13wham.com/news/local/woman-convicted-of-orchestrating-shooting-in-first-case-led-by-rochesters-new-task-force-non-fatal-shooting-taskforce-qwandah-tucker-arborwood-crescent>

<https://www.whec.com/top-news/brandon-hall-gets-20-years-in-prison-for-shooting-death-of-youth-coach/>

<https://www.democratandchronicle.com/story/news/2024/08/06/whitney-morris-sentenced-in-death-of-christopher-porchea-rochester-ny/74683705007/>

<https://www.rochesterfirst.com/crime/man-sentenced-19-years-to-life-for-murder-on-north-clinton-ave/>

<https://13wham.com/news/local/man-sentenced-for-fatal-2021-shooting-in-rochester-registered-sex-offender-parking-lot-norton-street-north-clinton-avenue>

<https://www.whec.com/top-news/rochester-man-sentenced-to-19-years-to-life-for-murder-of-christopher-porchea/>

<https://www.democratandchronicle.com/story/news/2024/08/07/jordan-torres-pleads-guilty-to-2023-deadly-shooting-shalar-davy-portland-ave-rochester-ny/74697324007/>

<https://13wham.com/news/local/teen-pleads-guilty-to-manslaughter-in-2023-deadly-shooting-on-portland-avenue-jordan-torres-shalar-davy-norton-street->

<https://13wham.com/news/local/2-sisters-charged-with-murder-arson-in-portland-avenue-fire-that-killed-5-year-old-boy-malakai-stovall-tiakalya-hendrix-taquida-hendrix>

<https://www.democratandchronicle.com/story/news/2024/08/06/dillon-brito-pleads-guilty-in-overdose-death-of-daughter-in-rochester-ny/74683737007/>

<https://13wham.com/news/local/rochester-man-pleads-guilty-for-1-year-old-daughters-death-from-ingesting-drugs-overdose-cocaine-fentanyl-chatham-gardens-dillon-danielis-brito>

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<https://www.rochesterfirst.com/rochester/rochester-police-share-new-information-about-fatal-portland-avenue-arson-malakai-stovall-arrests-fire/>

<https://www.rochesterfirst.com/video/dillion-brito-plead-guilty-to-manslaughter/9925480/>

<https://spectrumlocalnews.com/nys/rochester/news/2024/08/07/2-siblings-charged-with-murder---arson-in-death-of-5-year-old>

<https://www.whec.com/top-news/watch-press-conference-on-fire-that-killed-boy-5/>

<https://myabc15.com/news/nation-world/2-sisters-charged-with-murder-arson-in-fire-that-killed-5-year-old-boy-malakai-stovall-rochester-police-new-york-second-degree-murder-first-degree-arson-investigation-strong-memorial-hospital-injured-firefighters>



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