

# Monroe County District Attorney Sandra Doorley

September 1, 2023

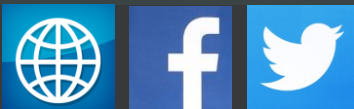


## Contact Us

Monroe County District  
Attorney's Office

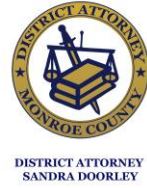
47 S. Fitzhugh Street  
Rochester, NY 14614

(585) 753-4780



# Monroe County District Attorney's Office

## Weekly Newsletter



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

## Message from Sandra Doorley

### Why do we celebrate Labor Day?

*Labor Day began as trade unions and labor movements grew into strong forces meant to protect workers' rights in the late 19<sup>th</sup> century. Labor Day was recognized as a federal holiday in 1894, helping to legitimize the need for unions and worker protections in our country.*

*Fast-forward to today, we would not be where we are today without the support of unions over the years. I want to take this opportunity to thank the amazing staff who work in my office who you may not hear about as often.*

*I recognize the amazing and hardworking Assistant District Attorneys in many of my newsletters. That being said, there are many employees behind the scenes who are instrumental in our success. I am talking about our support staff and CSEA union employees.*

*Let me start with the secretaries and paralegals in the Monroe County District Attorney's Office. Our secretaries ensure that indictments are correct and grand jury risings go smoothly. They also are responsible for drafting subpoenas, body orders, and many case-related documents for their attorneys. Paralegals are the gatekeepers to our case management. They open and close cases, and assist attorneys with their demanding discovery requirements. These are just a few of our support staff's many job responsibilities, but clearly, our office would not function without them! Other support staff employees who are completely necessary include our data entry staff and receptionist. Thank you for your hard work that keeps our office running!*

*The next behind-the-scene group I would like to highlight is our Monroe County District Attorney Investigators! I essentially have a police force housed right here in the District Attorney's Office. Led by Chief Investigator CJ Dominic, these investigators are retired police officers who work diligently with the attorneys on their cases. The investigators are always on their feet, serving subpoenas and tracking down witnesses, but also help in countless other matters. Another group of employees who work closely with our investigators and attorneys is our Messenger and our Digital Services Coordinators and Technicians. These employees ensure that we are trial and discovery ready for everything from body-worn cameras to video compilations. Thank you to my amazing team!*

# Homicide Update

So far in 2023:

City of Rochester Total:  
39

Monroe County Total: 42

*Next up are our excellent victim advocates. If you or a loved one has ever been a victim or witness in the criminal justice system, it can be confusing and intimidating. Thankfully, we have an incredible staff of victim advocates led by Carrie Noble. These advocates are experienced, empathetic, and have the ability to diffuse high-emotional situations. I am proud to employ these great advocates who are here for our victims.*

*A group of employees who I definitely need to recognize are our grand jury stenographers! While the public may not know what a grand jury stenographer does, I can assure you that our criminal justice system would not function without them. The critical grand jury process would not be possible without the hard-working men and women who capture these important minutes. A special thank you to our grand jury stenographers.*

*I wish I could individually thank all of our employees every day! I only captured a small portion of the responsibilities of our support staff. On this Labor Day, the Assistant District Attorneys and I would like to thank you for keeping our office running!*

Sandra

## MCDA Commons

This week, Measures for Justice launched a new data tool, Commons, using data from the Monroe County District Attorney's Office. Commons allows anyone from the public to:

- Track monthly data on how cases flow through the District Attorney's Office;
- Observe trends across monthly and yearly measures;
- Break down data by demographics like race and ethnicity, sex, age, etc.

The Commons Dashboard is available on the Monroe County District Attorney website, through Measures for Justice, or you can visit the link here:

<https://app.measuresforjustice.org/commons/monroe-county-da/case-flow>

Please enjoy this data tool that promotes openness and transparency from the Monroe County District Attorney's Office!



## Highlights from the MCDA's Office

Monroe County Court Judge Vacca sentenced 24-year-old **Trevor Smith III** to 23 years to Life in the New York State Department of Corrections. He was previously convicted by a jury of Murder in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree and two counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree for the murder of Jeremy Hamilton, Jr. On April 9, 2022, Jeremy Hamilton, Jr. was driven to the corner of St. Paul Street and Clifford Avenue, where Rochester Police Officers found him with multiple gunshot wounds. The victim was immediately transported to Strong Memorial Hospital, where he died from his injuries. After a swift and thorough investigation, it was determined that Jeremy Hamilton, Jr. was shot on Avenue A in the middle of the day. The Rochester Police Department identified Trevor Smith III as responsible for Jeremy Hamilton's homicide. Following the murder, Trevor Smith fled to the State of Texas. On June 21, 2022, members of the Rochester Police Department and the United States Marshals Violent Felony Fugitive Task Force traveled to Harris County, Texas, where they located Trevor Smith and arrested him. The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Christopher Bokelman, Chief of the Public Integrity & Economic Crimes Bureau.

**Shon Todd** was arraigned in Rochester City Court for Murder in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree and Arson in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree for the stabbing death of Lysandra Bagley and the related arson. A certification was filed stating that the defendant was indicted on at least one felony count. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Sara Vanstrydonck, Chief of the Special Victims Unit and Assistant District Attorney Janna Koch, of the Vehicular Crimes Bureau.

**Michaela Carwile** was indicted on Manslaughter in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree, Vehicular Manslaughter in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree, five counts of Driving While Ability Impaired by Drugs, and Driving While Ability Impaired by the Combined Influence of Drugs or of Alcohol and Drug or Drugs in relation to the death of Jaunella Mincey. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Drew Kroft, of the Vehicular Crimes Bureau.

**Yasmine Haynes, Tiquane Pratt, and Philemon Reid** were indicted on 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. Tiquane Pratt was also indicted on 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. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Jennifer Kennedy, of the Special Investigations Bureau.

**Jose Martinez** was indicted on 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 relation to an illegal firearm possession on May 23, 2023 and August 8, 2023. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Jennifer Kennedy, of the Special Investigations Bureau.

**Jarvis Duval** was indicted on Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree and Menacing A Police Officer Or Peace Officer in relation to the possession of an illegal firearm on January 11, 2023. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Camille Ingino, of the Major Felony Bureau.

**Kimberly Ann Strong** was indicted on two counts of Aggravated Driving While Intoxicated With a Child Passenger, Driving While Intoxicated and two counts of Endangering the Welfare of a Child in relation to a vehicular incident on April 9, 2023. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Jason Espinosa, of the Vehicular Crimes Bureau.

**Daniel Seeler** was indicted on Burglary in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree as a sexually motivated felony in relation to the unlawful entry of a daycare in the Town of Clarkson on February 18, 2023. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Ralph Alloco, of the Child Abuse Bureau.

**Crystal Noble** was indicted on six counts of Criminal Possession of a Forged Instrument in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree and Grand Larceny in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Christopher Bokelman, Chief of the Public Integrity/Economic Crimes Bureau.

**Davon Noble** was indicted on Driving While Intoxicated and Unlawful Fleeing a Police Officer in a Motor Vehicle in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree in relation to a vehicular incident on May 20, 2023. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Drew Kroft, of the Vehicular Crimes Bureau.

**Domonique DiNapoli** was indicted on Criminal Possession of a Firearm, Aggravated Driving While Intoxicated With a Child Passenger, two counts of Driving While Intoxicated, and Endangering the Welfare of a Child in relation to a vehicular incident on May 29, 2023. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Janna Koch, of the Vehicular Crimes Bureau.

**John Mayben** was indicted on two counts of Criminal Possession of a Forged Instrument in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree, Attempted Grand Larceny in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree, and Identity Theft in the 1<sup>st</sup> Degree. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Karina Pinch, of the Public Integrity/Economic Crimes Bureau.

**Jerrod Mitchell** was indicted on two counts of Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree in relation to the possession of illegal narcotics on August 20, 2023. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Tony DiPerna, of the Special Investigations Bureau.

**Cedrick Wilson** was indicted on Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree and **Karas Mourgides** was indicted on Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree in the same indictment for the possession of an illegal firearm on August 12, 2023. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Jonathan Jirik, of the Special Investigations Bureau.

**Eric Sharp** was indicted on Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree in relation to an illegal possession of a firearm on August 12, 2023. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Jennifer Kennedy, of the Special Investigations Bureau.

**Courtney Garrett** was indicted on four counts of Criminal Possession of a Forged Instrument in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Christopher Bokelman, Chief of the Public Integrity/Economic Crimes Bureau.

**Tajuan Polite** was indicted on 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 relation to the possession of an illegal firearm on August 10, 2023. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Bridget Morgan, of the Special Investigations Bureau.

**Raykwon Adams** was indicted on 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 relation to an illegal firearm possession on August 19, 2023. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Bridget Morgan, of the Special Investigations Bureau.

**Terrell Walker** was indicted on Driving While Intoxicated, Resisting Arrest, and Obstructing Governmental Administration in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree in relation to a vehicular incident on April 21, 2023. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Drew Kroft, of the Vehicular Crimes Bureau.

## MCDA in the Community

Assistant District Attorney Matt Schiano, of the Youth Part/Major Felony Bureau, participated on the panel discussion Town Hall “Prosecuting Juveniles: Fact vs Fiction.” Hosted by the Rochester Black Bar Association, ADA Schiano joined representatives from the Juvenile Prosecutors Office, the Public Defender’s Office, the Legal Aid Society, and the Monroe County Office of Probation to address the community on the way juveniles are prosecuted.

To watch the entire panel and learn more about Youth Part, follow this link: <https://fb.watch/mKniL8k4pW/?mibextid=cr9u03>



## Friendly Competition

Members of the Monroe County District Attorney's Office competed against employees of the Monroe County Public Defender's Office in a friendly game of soccer!



## Goodbye Jennifer!

This week, we said goodbye to Assistant District Attorney Jennifer Hyatt, Deputy Chief of the Special Investigations Bureau. Jen has been a tremendous asset to the office and will be missed dearly. Good luck on your next endeavor!



## MCDA in the News

<https://www.whec.com/top-news/trevor-smith-iii-sentenced-to-23-years-to-life-for-murder/>

<https://nydailyrecord.com/2023/08/29/murder-defendant-gets-23-years-to-life/>

<https://www.rochesterfirst.com/crime/man-sentenced-to-23-years-to-life-after-fatal-shooting-in-broad-daylight/>

<https://www.newsbreak.com/rochester-ny/3139649971910-trevor-smith-iii-sentenced-to-23-years-to-life-for-murder>

<https://13wham.com/news/local/man-kills-mother-of-his-children-intentionally-sets-house-on-fire-murder-children-in-danger-homicide-arson-rochester-monroe-county-crime-court>

<https://www.whec.com/top-news/rochester-man-pleads-not-guilty-to-killing-mother-of-his-children/>

<https://cbs6albany.com/amp/news/local/rochester-man-accused-of-stabbing-woman-to-death-before-setting-home-on-fire>

<https://www.rochesterfirst.com/crime/man-accused-of-murdering-woman-he-had-kids-with-setting-house-on-fire/>

<https://www.democratandchronicle.com/story/news/2023/08/24/shon-todd-charged-in-death-of-lysandra-bagley-rochester-ny/70670671007/>

<https://www.democratandchronicle.com/story/news/2023/08/31/measure-for-justice-born-of-prude-tragedy-data-group-looks-home/70706486007/>

[Rochester Residents Meet With Juvenile Justice Officials \(imprintnews.org\)](https://www.imprintnews.org/rochester-residents-meet-with-juvenile-justice-officials)

<https://13wham.com/news/local/town-hall-meeting-in-rochester-sparks-conversation-on-youth-crime-laws>



We are hiring attorneys! If you are a recent law school graduate or an experienced attorney and are interested in a career in criminal law and public service, apply with us today! More information is available on [monroecounty.gov/da](https://monroecounty.gov/da).