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Weekly Newsletter



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

We Remember

This week marked the ten year anniversary of Officer Daryl Pierson's murder.

On September 3, 2014, Officer Pierson was doing his job. He was pursuing parolee Thomas Johnson III, who turned around and shot and killed Officer Pierson.

Ten years ago, we mourned as a community.

We remember Officer Pierson for his service to the Rochester Police Department, but we also remember Daryl for who he was, a father, a husband, a man of faith.



Daryl left behind a wife, children, parents, and many friends and family members who loved and respected him.

When we speak about the ultimate sacrifice, this is the reality for the law enforcement officers in our community. When we speak about officers putting their lives on the line, we recognize the danger they face but the possibility of losing their lives on duty is often a forgotten consequence. A consequence we are only reminded of when we lose one of our own dedicated officers to violence.

Ten years ago, we said never again. Devastatingly, it happened again. Rochester Police Officers and other local police have been shot at, assaulted, and disrespected many times over the past ten years. But as we all know, Officer Anthony Mazurkiewicz, like his brother Daryl Pierson, was killed on duty on July 21, 2022, nearly eight years later.

Once again, I say never again. This community cannot afford to lose another police officer.

Homicide Update

To Date 2024:

City of Rochester Total:

40

Monroe County Total: 48

Ten years ago, what happened to Officer Pierson is the true reality of what our police officers encounter each time they put on their uniform. A reality that they look in the face and choose to stay the course and keep our communities safe. I am devastated each time we see police officers injured or killed in the line of duty, no matter where across our country.

The FBI released the 2023 statistics for law enforcement officers assaulted in the line of duty across the United States.

In 2023:

- **79,091** law enforcement officers were assaulted while performing their duties. This is the highest officer assault rate in the past ten years.
- **466** officers were assaulted and injured by firearms
- **63** officers were killed feloniously

When we thank police for their service and sacrifice, this is why. We should never forget. In honor of Officer Pierson as a Rochester Police Officer and public servant, and in honor of Daryl, the man who was there for his family and faith, we always remember.

Sandra

Highlights from the MCDA's Office

28-year-old **Reign Tapiato** pled guilty to Manslaughter in the 1st Degree for the fatal shooting of Jakarah Lopez-Moore. On August 29, 2023, the family of 16-year-old Jakarah Lopez-Moore reported the teenager missing. The Rochester Police Department began investigating her disappearance. On October 14, 2023, her body was found in the woods behind Vanguard Parkway by fishermen walking toward the Erie Canal. After a thorough investigation by the Rochester Police Department, Reign Tapiato was identified as responsible for Jakarah's death. It was determined that on August 27, 2023, Reign Tapiato shot and killed Jakarah Lopez-Moore while in a wooded area in the City of Rochester. The case was prosecuted by Special Assistant District Attorney Michael Caranante, of the Special Investigations Bureau. Reign Tapiato will be sentenced to 20 years in the New York State Department of Corrections plus 5 years of post-release supervision on November 4, 2024, in front of New York State Supreme Court Justice Moran.

61-year-old **Alpha Harris** pled guilty to the top count in her indictment, Grand Larceny in the 2nd Degree, for taking advantage of a 91-year-old victim, for whom Alpha Harris was hired to be a caregiver, by stealing over \$60,000 from her. Alpha Harris must pay full restitution, will serve 6 months in Monroe County Jail, and was also sentenced to 5 years of probation. This case was investigated by the Monroe County Sheriff's Office and prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Ryan Lamon, of the Youth Part/Major Felony Bureau.

The People vs. **Tyree Bradley** and **Marvin Knight** will continue into next week. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Tony DiPerna, of the Special Investigations Bureau. The defendants are charged with Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree and Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 3rd Degree, Tyree Bradley is also charged with Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the 3rd Degree and Marvin Knight is also charged with Driving While Intoxicated, all in front of New York State Supreme Court Justice Schiano.

Walter Balkum, Jr. was arraigned in Rochester City Court on Manslaughter in the 2nd Degree and Criminal Contempt in the 1st Degree. A preliminary hearing date was set for September 6, 2024 at 2:00PM. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Patrick Gallagher, Chief of the Domestic Violence Bureau, and Assistant District Attorney Kaylee Rizzari, of the Special Victims Unit.

Justin Hopkins was indicted on Burglary in the 3rd Degree in relation to a burglary at a Tops Market on July 18, 2024. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney William Jenkins, of the General Felony Bureau.

Jason Jackson was indicted on Driving While Intoxicated and Aggravated Unlicensed Operation of a Motor Vehicle in the 1st Degree in relation to a vehicular incident on April 2, 2024. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Mikael Pelkey, of the Vehicular Crimes Bureau.

Carnell Lamont Noble, Jr. was indicted on Driving While Intoxicated and Aggravated Unlicensed Operation of a Motor Vehicle in the 1st Degree in relation to a vehicular incident on January 3, 2024. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Courtney Kleiman, of the Vehicular Crimes Bureau.

Jesimar Blissett was indicted on Rape in the 1st Degree, Sexual Abuse in the 1st Degree, and Criminal Obstruction of Breathing or Blood Circulation in relation to a sexual assault on May 19, 2024. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Hillary Langdon, of the Special Victims Unit.

Jeremiah Cross was indicted on Criminal Possession of Weapon in the 2nd Degree in relation to the possession of an illegal firearm on August 11, 2024. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Michael Caranante, of the Special Investigations Bureau.

Kelly Goff was indicted on Grand Larceny in the 4th Degree in relation to a theft on August 12, 2024. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Angela Carson, of the General Felony Bureau.

Nasezire Horton was indicted on Criminal Possession of Stolen Property in the 4th Degree in relation to the possession of stolen property on July 24, 2024. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Terance Calcagno of the General Felony Bureau.

Eddie Porter, Jr. was indicted on Burglary in the 2nd Degree and Criminal Contempt in the 1st Degree in relation to a domestic burglary on August 5, 2024. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Karen Chung, of the Special Victims Unit.

Kaszimeri Marion was indicted on Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree in relation to the illegal possession of a firearm on August 13, 2024. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Michael Caranante, of the Special Investigations Bureau.

Caleb Bennett was indicted on two counts of Aggravated Criminal Contempt and Aggravated Family Offense in relation to a domestic assault during August, 2024. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Patrick Gallagher, Chief of the Domestic Violence Bureau.

James Hughto was indicted on Criminal Mischief in the 2nd Degree in relation to the damaging of property on January 23, 2024. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Angela Carson, of the General Felony Bureau.

Javeal Brock was indicted on Robbery in the 3rd Degree in relation to a robbery of a bank on December 20, 2023. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Bianca D'Angelo, Chief of the General Felony Bureau.

Mack Corley was indicted on Criminal Mischief in the 2nd Degree in relation to the damaging of property on May 29, 2024. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Angela Carson, of the General Felony Bureau.

Nicholas Constanzo was indicted on two counts of Driving While Intoxicated and Aggravated Driving While Intoxicated in relation to a vehicular incident on January 25, 2024. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Courtney Kleiman, of the Vehicular Crimes Bureau.

Elona Roberts was indicted on Grand Larceny in the 2nd Degree in relation to a theft from New York State between December 26, 2017 and May 31, 2023. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Gregory Clark, Chief of the Public Corruption/Economic Crimes Bureau.

Paul Daniels was indicted on Assault in the 2nd Degree in relation to an armed assault on July 29, 2024. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Ryan Lamon, of the Youth Part/Major Felony Bureau.

Malysia Manning was indicted on Assault in the 2nd Degree in relation to an armed assault of an individual on August 8, 2024. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Kaylee Rizzari, of the Special Victims Unit.

Jamel Henry was indicted on Driving While Intoxicated and two counts of Aggravated Driving While Intoxicated with a Child Passenger in relation to a vehicular incident on June 8, 2024. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Diana Ferretti, of the Vehicular Crimes Bureau.

Andrea Facen was indicted on Criminal Mischief in the 2nd Degree in relation to property damage occurring on March 12, 2024. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Angela Carson, of the General Felony Bureau.

Christopher Montanez and **Christopher Zagaroli** were indicted on Grand Larceny 4th in relation to a theft from a Walmart on July 30, 2024. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Nico Gonzalez, of the General Felony Bureau.

Annaliese Conyers was indicted on Burglary in the 1st Degree and Assault in the 3rd Degree in relation to a domestic related assault and burglary on May 20, 2024. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney James Nguyen, of the Special Victims Unit.

Charles Johnroe was indicted on Aggravated Cruelty To Animals in relation to animal abuse occurring on August 1, 2024. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Bianca D'Angelo, Chief of the General Felony Bureau.

Kevin Lupiani was indicted on Predatory Sexual Assault Against a Child in relation to the sexual assault of a child. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Kenisha Flowers, of the Special Victims Unit.

Jerry Love and **Kelly Marie Mills** were indicted on Grand Larceny 4th in relation to a theft from a Kohls on August 14, 2024. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Nicholas Reeder, of the General Felony Bureau.

Tyquan Ruther was indicted on Criminally Negligent Homicide in relation to the death of Javon Lucas on August 9, 2024. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Bridget Morgan, of the Special Investigations Bureau.

MCDA in the Community

Monroe County District Attorney Sandra Doorley attended the annual Rochester Police Locust Club Clambake. This fundraiser helps to support the Locust Club, which provides union representation to Rochester Police Officers. Thank you to Locust Club President Geoff Wiater for being a great host!



Assistant District Attorneys from the General Felony Bureau joined the incoming class of the Rochester Fire Department. The ADAs discussed how to prepare for court and what to expect during testimony. Congratulations to the new recruits!



MCDA in the News

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