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**Monroe County
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Weekly Newsletter**



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

Domestic Violence Awareness Month

October marks the beginning of Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Many assume that domestic violence is only physical abuse in a marital relationship. Domestic Violence encompasses much more.

Domestic Violence includes crime between family members or intimate partners. In my office, we have a Special Victims Unit, which includes all of our felony domestic violence cases. We are also active partners with the Family Justice Center, and offer an on-site domestic violence Assistant District Attorney who is available to survivors who need immediate resources. These specialized attorneys prosecute cases including Criminal Contempt, Assault, Strangulation, Stalking, Kidnapping, and even homicides. As of September 30 our domestic violence bureau has taken in 523 felony cases in 2024.

In our local courts bureau, we have seen over 1,000 domestic violence misdemeanor cases of Criminal Contempt, Criminal Obstruction of Breathing, and Criminal Mischief in the 4th Degree. This does not include the 1,300 Harassment in the 2nd Degree, of which the majority are domestic cases.

Earlier this week, the Willow Domestic Violence Center and the Rochester/Monroe County Domestic Violence Consortium hosted events and released information in honor of Domestic Violence Awareness.

According to the 2023 Willow Domestic Violence Center Report to the Community, there were nearly 40,000 calls to 9-1-1 made that were classified as domestic disputes. These numbers are heartbreaking and show that the issue of domestic violence is a tremendous public safety concern. There were also approximately 4,521 reports of domestic violence in the categories of aggravated assault, simple assault, sex offenses, and order of protection violations. There were also 4,535 petitions for orders of protection filed in Family Court, with 1,808 temporary orders of protection granted, and 475 final orders of protection granted.

The worst number? 13 Domestic Violence homicides in Monroe County. 13 victims who were unable to escape their abusers. 13 individuals deceased at the hands of someone who claimed to love them. 13 families torn apart and ruined. Domestic Violence has a widespread ripple effect that can impact more than just the perpetrator and victim.

Homicide Update

To Date 2024:

City of Rochester Total:
42

Monroe County Total: 50

Domestic Violence is not a new problem, but what can you do to spread awareness and help serve those who feel trapped in a domestic violence situation?

*You can urge them to call or text the Willow Domestic Violence Center hotline. This hotline is available 24/7, is free and **confidential**. The 24 hour hotline is (585) 222-SAFE (7233) and the 24 hour text line is (585) 348-SAFE (7233). There are a plethora of resources available through Willow and the Family Justice Center, and I urge you or someone you know to take advantage of these options.*

If you are in a domestic violence situation, please know, the Monroe County District Attorney's Office will not give up on you. The cases are not easy, but we will do everything in our power to seek justice and protect you and your family.

Sandra



Highlights from the MCDA's Office

The People vs. **Richard Crowder, Jr.** will continue into next week. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Matthew Schiano and Assistant District Attorney Emily Chisholm, both of the Major Felony Bureau. The defendant is charged with Murder in the 2nd Degree and two counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree in front of Monroe County Court Judge Hahn.

The People vs. **Marlon Williams** will continue into next week. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Kristina Hinkley, of the Special Victims Unit, and Assistant District Attorney Patrick Gallagher, Chief of the Domestic Violence Bureau. The defendant is charged with Murder in the 2nd Degree, five counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree, Attempted Murder in the 2nd Degree, and Assault in the 1st Degree, in front of New York State Supreme Court Justice Moran.

A Huntley Hearing was held in the People vs. **Anne Collins**, who is charged with nine counts of Criminal Sexual Act in the 3rd Degree in front of New York State Supreme Court Justice Sinclair. A written decision will be issued in January. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Hillary Langdon, of the Special Victims Unit.

Jury selection will begin Monday for the People vs. **Eric Leslie**. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Michael Harrigan, Chief of the Major Felony Bureau. The defendant is charged with Murder in the 2nd Degree, and four counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree in front of New York State Supreme Court Justice Healy.

Jury selection will begin Monday for the People vs. **Chace Smith** and **Timothy Tabron**. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Drew Kroft and Assistant District Attorney Mikael Pelkey, both of the Vehicular Crimes Bureau. The defendants are charged with Manslaughter in the 2nd Degree. Timothy Tabron is also charged with Operator Leave Scene of Incident Resulting in Death. This trial is in front of New York State Supreme Court Justice Argento.

Jury selection will begin Monday for the People vs. **Juan Flores, Jr.** This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Kaylee Rizzari, of the Special Victims Unit. The defendant is charged with Rape in the 1st Degree, Criminal Sexual Act in the 1st Degree, and three counts of Sexual Abuse in the 1st Degree in front of New York State Supreme Court Justice Renzi.

Jury selection will begin Monday for the People vs. **Argelis Maribal**. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Stephen Ryck, of the Special Investigations Bureau. The defendant is charged with Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree in front of Monroe County Court Judge Dollinger.

Courage Bowl

Saturday is the annual Camp Good Days' Courage Bowl XIX. The annual football game between the St. John Fisher University Cardinals and the College at Brockport Golden Eagles to benefit the children and families at Camp Good Days will be played at SUNY Brockport with a 1:00PM kick-off. Monroe County Executive Adam Bello and Monroe County District Attorney Sandra Doorley signed a proclamation honoring and celebrating Courage Bowl XIX in Monroe County. The festivities kicked off with the Courage Bowl Luncheon, with the presentation of the honorary coaches and cheerleaders, who are Camp Good Days Campers!



MCDA in the Community

Assistant District Attorneys in the Special Victims Unit and Victim Advocates participated in various domestic violence related events this week. These included a panel discussion at the City of Rochester and the Willow Domestic Violence Summit, which featured training on “The New Frontier: AI & Domestic Violence” and “Title IX: The Impact Beyond Higher Education.”



MCDA in the News

<https://www.whec.com/top-news/thats-appalling-neighbors-react-to-news-of-child-kidnapping-in-greece/>

<https://wham1180.iheart.com/content/2024-10-02-father-2-sons-charged-in-kidnapping-of-teen-in-greece/>

<https://www.democratandchronicle.com/story/news/2024/10/02/three-accused-kidnapping-boy-found-naked-handcuffed-greece-ny-jayquon-martin-mikquon-lennis-williams/75478632007/>

<https://13wham.com/news/local/gallery/police-man-brother-dad-charged-with-kidnapping-after-detaining-naked-victim-in-vehicle-glenora-gardens-apartments-greece?photo=1>

<https://www.rochesterfirst.com/news/13-year-old-found-naked-kidnapped-and-handcuffed-in-a-car-in-greece/>

<https://13wham.com/news/local/police-man-brother-dad-charged-with-kidnapping-after-detaining-naked-victim-in-vehicle-glenora-gardens-apartments-greece>

<https://www.whec.com/local/police-find-teen-naked-handcuffed-in-car-after-kidnapping-in-greece/>

<https://nydailyrecord.com/2024/10/01/federal-funding-will-support-domestic-violence-prosecutions-and-help-victims-in-monroe-county/>

<https://spectrumlocalnews.com/nys/central-ny/news/2024/10/01/it-s-domestic-violence-awareness-month--a-time-when-advocates-work-to-educate-the-public-and-remind-victims-where-they-can-get-help>

<https://www.wxnews.org/local-news/2024-10-03/looking-for-ways-to-combat-a-rise-in-local-incidents-of-domestic-violence>

<https://www.13wham.com/news/local/willow-monroe-county-rochester-sees-startling-increase-in-homicides-related-to-domestic-violence>

<https://www.whc.com/local/willow-domestic-violence-center-of-greater-rochester-sees-increase-in-people-seeking-help-annual-report-shows/>



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