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Weekly Newsletter

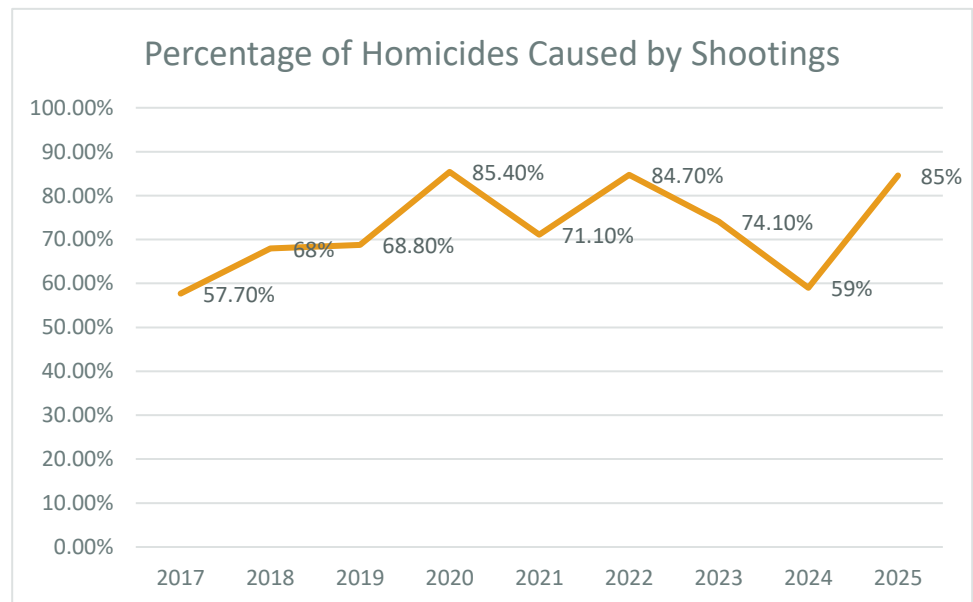


Welcome to the weekly newsletter from Monroe County District Attorney Sandra Doorley.

Gun Violence Awareness Month

June is Gun Violence Awareness Month in New York State. The illegal possession of firearms and shootings in Monroe County continue to be one of the most dangerous issues facing our community.

In honor of gun violence awareness, I would like to take this opportunity to share some of the statistics we collect on our gun cases and highlight some of our strategies we use to try to make our community safer and stronger.



*Source – Rochester Police Open Data Portal

Of the 15 homicides in the City of Rochester so far this year, 85% of these deaths are caused by shootings. Each one of these deaths represents a family shattered, dreams unfulfilled, and a future stolen. Every homicide arrest involves illegally possessed weapons, meaning guns that should never have been on our streets.

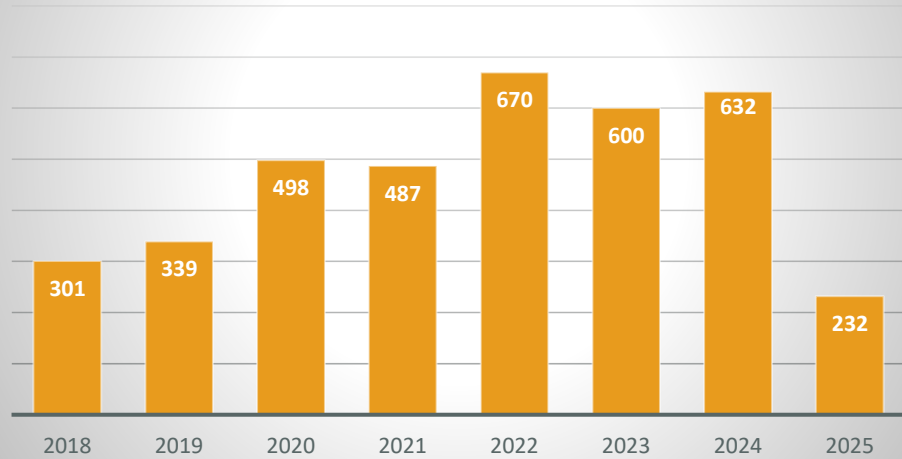
Homicide Update

To Date 2025:

City of Rochester Total:
15

Monroe County Total: 17

Criminal Possession of a Weapon 2nd Arrests (Through 5/31/25)



As you can see, Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree arrests are still significantly higher than they were before 2020. If this year's trend continues, we may see over 550 arrests this year. The good news? That is over 500 illegal firearms our police partners are removing from the streets.

Through Gun Involved Violence Elimination (GIVE), we partner with the Rochester Police Department and other law enforcement agencies to use evidence based strategies to help fight against gun violence. A part of GIVE, which is state funded, is our Non-Fatal Shooting (NFS) Initiative.

NFS supports a dedicated team of police, prosecutors, a victim/community advocate, and crime analysts who work together to solve non-fatal shooting cases from the first report of gunfire. Together, this taskforce secures crime scenes and gathers/preserves evidence immediately, just like we do with homicide cases, increasing the odds of identifying those responsible for these non-fatal shootings. At the same time, our team is fostering relationships and trust with the involved victims and witnesses.

While numbers are so important to identify trends and help in our efforts, gun violence is not just a statistic, it is violence that has left a devastating wound in our community. It is a plague that steals our peace, our safety, and our future.

The Monroe County District Attorney's Office stands resolute in our promise. We will keep fighting to remove illegal firearms, support victims, and work toward a community free from this violence. Together, we must remember the lives lost, support those who suffer, and never give up hope for a safer tomorrow.

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Highlights from the MCDA's Office

25-year-old **Ilijah Kates** was convicted by a Monroe County jury of Criminal Sexual Act in the 1st Degree and Sexual Abuse in the 1st Degree for two incidents of sexual abuse of a 4-year-old child on or about and between July 1, 2024 and August 26, 2024. On August 26, 2024, Rochester Police Officers arrived to a house for a report of sexual abuse of a child. Upon arrival, the parent of the child told the police officers that she witnessed the sexual abuse of her child at the hands of Ilijah Kates, before locking him out of the house and calling the police. The victim was transported to Strong Memorial Hospital, where she received treatment and a sexual assault forensic examination. On the same day, Rochester Police Officers arrested Ilijah Kates for the abuse. This case was investigated by the Special Victims Unit of the Rochester Police Department. This case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Sara Vanstrydonck, Chief of the Special Victims Unit.

27-year-old **Alexander Lugo-Torres** and 28-year-old **Alexis Lugo-Torres** were convicted by a Monroe County jury of Assault in the 2nd Degree. Alexander Lugo-Torres was also convicted of an additional three counts of Assault in the 2nd Degree, Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree, and Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 3rd Degree. On May 19, 2024, Alexander Lugo-Torres drove an all-terrain vehicle directly at a uniformed Rochester police sergeant, striking and injuring him as a large group of individuals rode dirt bikes and 4-wheelers on E. Main Street. Multiple officers were injured while attempting to help the officer who was hit by Alexander. Alexander Lugo-Torres was apprehended by the Rochester Police Officers and found with an illegally possessed weapon. After Alexander's apprehension, Alexis Lugo-Torres jumped on the same ATV, striking and dragging another officer before his arrest. This case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Emily Chisholm, of the Non-Fatal Shooting Taskforce. Alexander Lugo-Torres and Alexis Lugo-Torres will be sentenced on July 18, 2025, in front of Monroe County Court Judge Morrison.

35-year-old **Matthew Chisolm** was convicted by a Monroe County jury of Robbery in the 1st Degree. On February 5, 2024, the defendant participated in a targeted gunpoint robbery on Park Avenue in the City of Rochester. This case was investigated by the Rochester Police Department and prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Jonathan Jirik, of the Major Felony Bureau. Matthew Chisolm will be sentenced on August 11, 2025, in front of New York State Supreme Court Justice Miller.

New York State Supreme Court Justice Schiano sentenced 40-year-old **Quintel Crockton** to 23 years in the New York State Department of Corrections plus 5 years of post-release supervision. He was previously convicted by a jury of Manslaughter in the 1st Degree for the homicide of Terran Felder. On August 23, 2023, at approximately 9:30p.m., Rochester Police Officers were called to Quick Food Market on Jay Street in the City of Rochester regarding a disturbance inside the store. Upon arrival, officers located 61-year-old Terran Felder dead inside the store. After a thorough investigation by the Rochester Police Department, it was determined that the victim was assaulted by someone outside the store and the assault continued inside the store, where Mr. Felder became incapacitated and died. Quintel Crockton was identified as the assailant, who repeatedly beat and stomped the victim to death. The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Kevin Sunderland, Chief of the Local Courts Bureau.

20-year-old **Jymere Feliciano** was sentenced to 20 years in the New York State Department of Corrections plus 5 years of post-release supervision. He previously pled guilty to Manslaughter in the 1st Degree for the fatal shooting of Jaden Scott. On July 26, 2024, Rochester Police Officers responded to Nassau Street for reported gunshots. Upon arrival, they located 17-year-old Jaden Scott in the street with a gunshot wound to his upper body. He was immediately transported to Strong Memorial Hospital, where he died from his injuries two days later. After a thorough investigation by the Rochester Police Department, Jymere Feliciano was identified as the shooter. He was located in the State of Georgia and was arrested by local authorities. The investigators determined that the two walked past each other on Nassau Street, both armed, when the defendant pulled out his illegally possessed weapon and shot Jaden Scott. The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Adam VanHeyst, Deputy Chief of the Major Felony Bureau.

Alexis Graham was indicted on Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree in relation to the illegal possession of a firearm on October 20, 2024. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Robin Catalano, Chief of the Special Investigations Bureau.

Juston Hutchings was indicted on Criminal Contempt in the 1st Degree, Criminal Obstruction of Breathing or Blood Circulation, two counts of Endangering the Welfare of a Child, and Harassment in the 2nd Degree in relation to a domestic violence incident on May 23, 2025. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Patrick Gallagher, Chief of the Domestic Violence Bureau.

Sean Rincon was indicted on Robbery in the 2nd Degree in relation to an armed robbery on May 22, 2025. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Philip Alvaro, of the Youth Part/Major Felony Bureau.

Gary Webster was indicted on Assault in the 2nd Degree in relation to an assault with a dangerous instrument on May 23, 2025. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Ryan Lamon, of the Major Felony Bureau.

Walter Powell was indicted on Burglary in the 3rd Degree and Petit Larceny in relation to a burglary at a Home Depot on November 11, 2024. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Angela Carson, of the General Felony Bureau.

Martin Gibson was indicted on Reckless Endangerment in the 1st Degree in relation to his conduct on October 23, 2024. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Angela Carson, of the General Felony Bureau.

Danny Thomas 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 an illegal possession of a firearm on December 29, 2024. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Aaron Rath, of the Special Investigations Bureau.

Paris Golston 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 an illegal possession of a firearm on May 26, 2025. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Aaron Rath, of the Special Investigations Bureau.

Charles Johnson was indicted on Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the 3rd Degree and two counts of Criminally Using Drug Paraphernalia in the 2nd Degree in relation to an illegal possession of narcotics on April 15, 2025. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Aaron Rath, of the Special Investigations Bureau.

Corey Wilson was indicted on Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree in relation to the illegal possession of a firearm on November 14, 2024. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Michael Caranante, of the Special Investigations Bureau.

Cleveland Scott was indicted on Criminal Sale of a Controlled Substance in the 3rd Degree and Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the 3rd Degree in relation to the illegal sale and possession of a narcotics on April 2, 2025. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Michael Caranante, of the Special Investigations Bureau.

John Wiggins was indicted on Robbery in the 1st Degree in relation to an armed robbery in a Family Dollar on May 27, 2025. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Ryan Lamon, of the Major Felony Bureau.

Robert Johnson was indicted on Attempted Murder in the 2nd Degree, Assault in the 1st Degree, two counts of Kidnapping in the 2nd Degree, two counts of Burglary in the 1st Degree, two counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree, Menacing in the 2nd Degree, and Endangering the Welfare of a Child. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Patrick Gallagher, Chief of the Domestic Violence Bureau.

Jade Brown was indicted on two counts of Criminal Possession of a Forged Instrument in the 2nd Degree, two counts of Grand Larceny in the 4th Degree, and two counts of Identity Theft in the 1st Degree. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Caroline Rodriguez, of the Public Corruption/Economic Crimes Bureau.

Chad Evans was indicted on Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree in relation to the illegal possession of a firearm on May 29, 2025. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Nico Gonzalez, of the Special Investigations Bureau.

Keniel Simpson was indicted on Attempted Arson in the 2nd Degree in relation to a fire on May 30, 2025 in the City of Rochester. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Christopher Folk, of the Major Felony Bureau.

Willie Daniels and **Detroit Kelly** were each indicted on one count of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree in relation to the illegal possession of a firearm on June 3, 2025. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Aaron Rath, of the Special Investigations Bureau.

Isaac Elizarraras was indicted on Criminal, Contempt in the 1st Degree, Menacing in the 2nd Degree, and Criminal Obstruction of Breathing or Blood Circulation in relation to a domestic incident on May 11, 2025. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Courtney Kleiman, of the Special Victims Unit.

Quincy Nelson 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 March 28, 2025. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Diana Ferretti, of the Vehicular Crimes Bureau.

William Keith Benjamin was indicted on Aggravated Unlicensed Operation of a Motor Vehicle in the 1st Degree and Driving While Ability Impaired by Drugs in relation to a vehicular incident on July 5, 2024. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Diana Ferretti, of the Vehicular Crimes Bureau.

Clinton Pelt 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 February 8, 2025. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Diane Orosz-Roy, of the Vehicular Crimes Bureau.

MCDA in the Community

Monroe County District Attorney Sandra Doorley attended the annual Rochester Police Locust Club Open House, an event to speak with members of the Locust Club and thank Rochester Police Officers for all they do. Pictured below with DA Doorley is Locust Club President Sergeant Geoffrey Wiater, Executive Vice President Detective Paul Dondorfer, and retired Rochester Police Officer and former Locust Club President, Ron Evangelista.



Monroe County District Attorney Sandra Doorley attended Monroe County Executive Adam Bello's annual State of the County Address. At the State of the County, County Executive Bello highlighted the efforts and strides made in public safety, human services, our economy, and quality of life. The Monroe County District Attorney's Office is proud to work with the County Executive to keep the community safe to the best of our abilities.



Members from the Monroe County District Attorney's Office attended the opening reception for the Hon. Roy W. King Legal Diversity Clerkship Program hosted by the Rochester Black Bar Association, the Monroe County Bar Association, and the Greater Rochester Association for Women Attorneys. Congratulations to all of this year's interns accepted into this prestigious program, especially to Monroe County District Attorney's Office participant, Alanha Taylor!



Congratulations ADAs!

Three of the newest employees at the Monroe County District Attorney's Office were officially admitted to the New York State Bar. Congratulations to Assistant District Attorney Julia Tubbs, Assistant District Attorney Taylor Smith, and Assistant District Attorney Samuel Levin!



MCDA in the News

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