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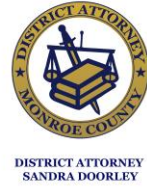
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Weekly Newsletter



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

James Moore Update

James Moore, the longest serving inmate in the New York State Department of Corrections, passed away last week. James Moore admitted to the savage rape and murder of 14-year-old Pamela Moss in 1962 in Penfield, NY. Prior to sentencing, Moore agreed to spend the rest of his life in prison to avoid the death penalty. This agreement was approved by Pamela's grieving family, who were assured that Moore would never again be free. As New York laws changed, James Moore was eligible for parole in 1982. He applied every two years, putting the family of Pamela Moss through much stress and concern. Monroe County District Attorney Sandra Doorley, and the previous elected district attorneys before her, publically opposed the release of James Moore since he became eligible. He was granted parole in 2022, but remained in custody, as he did not have a suitable place to reside that would meet his medical needs. Rest in peace, Pamela Moss.



Upcoming Felony Trials

Listed below are the felony trials scheduled over the next four weeks. I will keep you updated in the newsletter on the result of these trials.

May 13 - People vs. Jaquan Owens

This case is being prosecuted Assistant District Attorney Emily Chisholm, of the Major Felony Bureau.

The defendant is charged with Robbery in the 1st Degree in front of New York State Supreme Court Justice Moran.

Homicide Update

To Date 2024:

City of Rochester Total:
20

Monroe County Total: 21

May 13 - People vs. Cornelius Pressley, Jr.

This case is being prosecuted Assistant District Attorney Aaron Rath, of the Special Victims Unit.

The defendant is charged with Assault in the 2nd Degree in front of Monroe County Court Judge Hahn.

May 20 - People vs. Roy Timmons

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Anthony Freeman, of the Non-Fatal Shooting Taskforce.

The defendant is charged with Attempted Assault in the 1st Degree, two counts of Assault in the 2nd Degree, and Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 3rd Degree in front of Monroe County Court Judge Hahn.

May 20 - People vs. Quinshawn Sermons

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Michael Caranante, of the Special Investigations Bureau.

The defendant is charged with three counts of Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the 3rd Degree and two counts of Criminally Using Drug Paraphernalia in the 2nd Degree in front of New York State Supreme Court Justice Renzi.

May 20 - People vs. Raymar Alexander

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Matthew Schiano, 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 New York State Supreme Court Justice Healy.

May 20 – People vs. Desmond O’Neill

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Kevin Sunderland, of the Special Victims Unit.

The defendant is charged with three counts of Predatory Sexual Assault Against a Child and Endangering the Welfare of a Child in front of Monroe County Court Judge Randall.

May 20- People vs. Marcus Buckman

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Timothy Boucher, of the Special Investigation Bureau.

The defendant is charged with Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree and Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the 3rd Degree in front of Monroe County Court Judge Vacca.

May 21 - People vs. Daniel Smith

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Kenisha Flowers, of the Special Victims Unit.

The defendant is charged with Sexual Abuse in the 1st Degree and Endangering the Welfare of a Child in front of New York State Supreme Court Justice Moran.

May 28 - People vs. Dennis Speed

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Matthew Hogestyn, of the Major Felony Bureau.

The defendant is charged with Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree in front of New York State Supreme Court Justice Renzi.

May 28 - People vs. Chazman Baity

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Kenisha Flowers, of the Special Victims Unit.

The defendant is charged with two counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree and Assault in the 2nd Degree in front of New York State Supreme Court Justice Moran.

May 28 - People vs. Derrick Strozier

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 and Sexual Abuse in the 1st Degree in front of New York State Supreme Court Justice Miller.

May 28- People vs. Randy Howard, Jr.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Stephen Ryck, of the Special Investigation Bureau.

The defendant is charged with two counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree in front of Monroe County Court Judge Vacca.

May 29 - People vs. Ramell Libbett

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Emily Chisholm, of the Major Felony Bureau.

The defendant is charged with Robbery in the 1st Degree, two counts of Burglary in the 1st Degree, and Assault in the 2nd Degree in front of Monroe County Court Judge Vacca.

May 29 - People vs. Willie Manor

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Timothy Boucher, of the Special Investigation Bureau.

The defendant is charged with Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree and Menacing in the 2nd Degree in front of Monroe County Court Judge Dollinger.

June 3 – People vs. Bryasia Love

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Sara VanStrydonck, Chief of the Special Victims Unit, and Assistant District Attorney Hillary Langdon, also of the Special Victims Unit.

The defendant is charged with Murder in the 2nd Degree, Manslaughter in the 1st Degree, and Assault in the 2nd Degree in front of Monroe County Court Judge Hahn.

June 3 - People vs. Craig Singletary

This case is being prosecuted by the Assistant District Attorney Tony DiPerna, of the Special Investigations Bureau.

The defendant is charged with two counts of Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the 3rd Degree in front of Monroe County Court Judge Randall.

June 3 - People vs. Jordan Boards, Julio Cruz, Wilfredo Cruz-Rivera, and Damar Hughes

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Timothy Boucher, of the Special Investigations Bureau.

The defendants are charged with Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the 1st Degree, two counts of Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the 3rd Degree, and two counts of Criminally Using Drug Paraphernalia in the 2nd Degree. Jordan Boards, Julio Cruz, and Wilfredo Cruz-Rivera are also charged with four counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree, and three counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 3rd Degree. Wilfredo Cruz-Rivera was also charged with an additional count of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 3rd Degree and Damar Hughes is charged with an additional two counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 3rd Degree. All charges are in front of Monroe County Court Judge Randall.

June 3 - People vs. Keyvin Miller and Kirsean Chatfield

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Camille Ingino, of the Major Felony Bureau.

The defendants are charged with Murder in the 2nd Degree and Keyvin Miller is also charged with four counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree, and Reckless Endangerment in the 1st Degree in front of Monroe County Court Judge Dollinger.

June 3 - People vs. Bruce Ellis

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Rachel Clark, Deputy Chief of the Non-Fatal Shooting Taskforce.

The defendant is charged Reckless Endangerment in the 1st Degree, two counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree, two counts of Criminal Contempt in the 1st Degree, two counts of Aggravated Family Offense, and two counts of Criminal Mischief in the 4th Degree in front of New York State Supreme Court Justice Renzi.

June 3 - People vs. Mirna Rivera and Ruben Rivera

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Ryan Mulcahy, of the Special Investigations Bureau.

The defendants are charged with Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree, four counts of Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the 3rd Degree, and three counts of Criminally Using Drug Paraphernalia in the 2nd Degree. Ruben Rivera is also charged with Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree and Mirna Rivera is also charged with Criminal Possession of a Firearm, all in front of Monroe County Court Judge Vacca.

June 3 - People vs. Vidal Whitley

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Ryan Mulcahy, of the Special Investigations Bureau.

The defendant is charged with Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree and Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 3rd Degree in front of Monroe County Court Judge Vacca.

June 3 - People vs. Mohamud Ali

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Christopher Folk, of the Public Integrity/Economic Crimes Bureau.

The defendant is charged with two counts of Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the 3rd Degree and two counts of Criminally Using Drug Paraphernalia in the 2nd Degree in front of New York State Supreme Court Justice Sinclair.

June 3 - People vs. Shamere Freeman

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Kristina Hinkley, of the Special Victims Unit.

The defendant is charged with Rape in the 1st Degree and Rape in the 3rd Degree in front of Monroe County Court Judge Vacca.

June 4 - People vs. Chicko Dillard

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Aliyah Fowler, of the Major Felony Bureau.

The defendant is charged with Attempted Murder in the 2nd Degree, Assault in the 1st Degree, and two counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree in front of New York State Supreme Court Justice Miller.

June 10 - People vs. Jose Rodriguez and Sergio Guadalupe

This case is being prosecuted by the 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 in front of New York State Supreme Court Justice Argento.

June 10 - People vs. Johnkiomi Ruiz

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Adam VanHeyst, of the Non-Fatal Shooting Taskforce.

The defendant is charged with Assault in the 1st Degree and two counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree in front of New York State Supreme Court Justice Miller.

June 10 - People vs. Edwin Rivas-Diaz

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Caroline Rodriguez, of the General Felony Bureau.

The defendant is charged with two counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree in front of New York State Supreme Court Justice Sinclair.

June 10 - People vs. Greg King

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Karen Chung, of the Special Victims Unit.

The defendant is charged with Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree in front of Monroe County Court Judge Baily-Turner.

Highlights from the MCDA's Office

John Hudgeon III pled guilty to Assault in the 2nd Degree. He admitted to the domestic assault of a woman on September 8, 2023 at a gas station in the City of Rochester. The defendant watched the victim get into her car, he grabbed a hammer and assaulted her with the weapon. This case was investigated by the Rochester Police Department and prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Jessica Wagner, of the Special Victims Unit. John Hudgeon will be sentenced on June 20, 2024, in front of New York State Supreme Court Justice Argento.

Serdar Ozmen was arraigned in front of New York State Supreme Court Justice Sinclair. The defendant was indicted on Kidnapping in the 1st Degree as a Sexually Motivated Felony, two counts of Criminal Sexual Act in the 1st Degree, and two counts of Criminal Sexual Act in the 2nd Degree. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Sara VanStrydonck, Chief of the Special Victims Unit and Assistant District Attorney Patrick Gallagher, Chief of the Domestic Violence Bureau.

Raul Lazcano was arraigned in Rochester City Court in relation to the homicide of Jose Hernandez. The defendant was charged with Murder in the 2nd Degree. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Michael Harrigan, Chief of the Major Felony Bureau.

Luis Crespo was arraigned in Rochester City Court in relation to a double shooting on Hudson Avenue. The defendant was charged three counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree, two counts of Assault in the 2nd Degree, Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 3rd Degree, and Criminal Possession of Rapid-Fire Modification Device. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Adam VanHeyst, of the Non-Fatal Shooting Taskforce.

MCDA in the Community

First Assistant District Attorney Perry Duckles presented to residents from the Town of Penfield for this year's Senior Citizen's Academy by the Monroe County Sheriff's Office. The participants had great questions as ADA Duckles discussed homicides and trends in violent crimes.



Welcome!

Please welcome our newest Assistant District Attorney, Aeron Schwallie. ADA Schwallie joins our Appeals Bureau following time as a law clerk at the Fourth Department. Welcome, Aeron!



MCDA in the News

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