

**News Release from
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**DOORLEY SHARES INFORMATION FROM FIRST GRAND JURY TERM
SINCE THE RE-OPENING OF MONROE COUNTY COURTS**

Rochester, NY – Thursday, August 13, 2020 – On Monday, July 10, 2020, the first Monroe County Grand Jury to be impaneled since March 24, 2020 was seated. Without a seated Grand Jury, defendants who were charged with felony cases were not able to move forward with their court cases.

This Grand Jury was seated the week of Monday, July 10, 2020, and concluded on Friday, August 7, 2020. Within this term:

- 74 defendants were indicted on felony charges
- 11 of these defendants were indicted on homicide charges
- 18 of these defendants were indicted on illegal weapons charges
- 23 defendants were indicted on violent felony charges (not including those indicted for homicides)
- 23 defendants were indicted on various drug related charges
- 5 defendants were indicted on felony DWI charges
- 9 defendants were indicted on Special Victims charges (Child Abuse, Domestic Violence, Elder Abuse, Sex Abuse)

There were also many No Bills along with this first term. The next Grand Jury term is currently seated.

“When the courts closed in March due to the COVID-19 pandemic, crime did not stop and arrests were made,” said Monroe County District Attorney Sandra Doorley. *“As the District Attorney, I remained in constant communication with the Office of Court Administration and our local courts to ensure that when a grand jury was able to be seated, we would be diligent in moving cases forward. I am proud of the Assistant District Attorneys who have stayed on top of their cases and who were prepared for grand jury presentations as soon as permitted by the State of New York. Our Office has remained operational during these unprecedented times and we are ready to move our cases forward in the criminal justice system.”*

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