

**News Release from  
The Honorable Sandra Doorley  
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**Shon Todd Sentenced to 50 Years to Life for the Murder of Lysandra Bagley**

Rochester, NY- Thursday, May 16, 2024, New York State Supreme Court Justice Victoria Argento sentenced 50-year-old Shon Todd to 50 years to Life in the New York State Department of Corrections. Shon Todd was convicted by a jury of Murder in the Second Degree and Arson in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree for the murder of Lysandra Bagley.

On May 21, 2023, Rochester Firefighters were called to a home on Garson Avenue for a house fire. After controlling the fire, a body charred beyond recognition was located inside the house. It was determined that the body was 37-year-old Lysandra Bagley, who died of multiple stab wounds before the fire.

Months later, after a thorough investigation conducted by the Rochester Police Department with the assistance of the Rochester Fire Department's Arson Task Force, Shon Todd, who was the father of Lysandra Bagley's children, was arrested for the murder and the arson. During an argument, Shon Todd stabbed Lysandra then intentionally started the house fire, even though two of their children were still in the house.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Sara VanStrydonck, Chief of the Special Victims Unit, and Assistant District Attorney Janna Jehlen, also of the Special Victims Unit.

"Shon Todd's actions were completely inhumane without any regard to Lysandra and their children," said Assistant District Attorney Sara VanStrydonck. "This case was domestic violence in its most extreme form, as Shon Todd violently ended the life of someone who he claimed to love. I want to thank the Rochester Police Department and the Rochester Fire Department for their response and investigation, in addition to the cooperation from Lysandra's children that resulted in the successful prosecution of Shon Todd. I also would like to thank Bivona Child Advocacy Center for their assistance on this difficult case. No one should live behind closed doors with the secrecy and terror of domestic violence. If you or anyone you know is struggling with domestic violence, please reach out to law enforcement or the Willow Domestic Violence Center's 24/7 hotline at 585-222-SAFE (7233)."

“In an attempt to cover-up his crimes against Lysandra Bagley, Shon Todd also risked the lives of his own children,” said District Attorney Sandra Doorley. “Shon Todd is a ruthless killer who violently took a mother away from his children. His children no longer have a mother, or a father, who will raise them. It is clear that the defendant is a danger to this community, as he has no regard for anyone’s life. I am relieved that Shonn Todd will likely spend the rest of his life in the New York State Department of Corrections and that we found justice for Lysandra. The Monroe County District Attorney’s Office will always remember Lysandra Bagley, her children, and all of her loved ones who continue to mourn her.”

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