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RE: OPRA Request

Dear Ms. Cross:

I am in receipt of your OPRA request, dated February 27, 2022, requesting a copy of the Hunterdon County Prosecutor's 2020 Annual Report. Pursuant to your request, attached please find the report.

Your Open Public Records request has been processed in accordance with N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1, et seq. If your request has been denied in whole or in part, the Hunterdon County Prosecutor's Office reserves the right to raise any other grounds for denial not raised in this response. The failure of the Hunterdon County Prosecutor's Office to assert an exception or privilege herein does not act as a waiver of any ground for denial not raised herein.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,

RENÉE M. ROBESON
Prosecutor

By: _____

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Joseph Paravecchia
Assistant Prosecutor

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COUNTY OF HUNTERDON



2020 ANNUAL REPORT

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Message from Prosecutor Renée M. Robeson



I am pleased to present the 2020 Annual Report of the Hunterdon County Prosecutor's Office.

The Hunterdon County Prosecutor is the chief law enforcement office for Hunterdon County and maintains the Office of the County Prosecutor, located in the Hunterdon County Justice Center at 65 Park Avenue in Flemington. The office also includes a Child Advocacy Center in Flemington, as well as a Narcotics Task Force at a confidential location.

The County Prosecutor is a constitutional officer who is responsible for the investigation and prosecution of all indictable offenses occurring within the county. The Prosecutor is also responsible for ensuring that the policies and procedures mandated by the Office of the Attorney General of the State of New Jersey are disseminated and enforced among all law enforcement agencies within the county.

The County Prosecutor provides legal and investigative guidance and support to local police departments for the investigation, identification, apprehension, and prosecution of those accused of committing crimes within the county. Additionally, the County Prosecutor provides information to the community about crime trends, disposition of criminal cases, preventative actions to detect and prevent crimes, and policies and procedures to keep our families and vulnerable members of our community safe.

Hunterdon County is home to 128,947 residents living within 437 square miles. Hunterdon County is bordered by Warren County to the north, Morris County to the northeast, Somerset County to the east, Mercer County to the south, and Bucks County, Pennsylvania to the west.

There are 26 municipalities in Hunterdon County, ranging in size from approximately 508 residents in Stockton to 23,447 residents in Raritan Township. Fifteen of the municipalities maintain an independent police department, while 11 municipalities are served by the New Jersey State Police located in Kingwood, Perryville, and Washington. Hunterdon County is also served by the Hunterdon County Sheriff's Office under the leadership of Sheriff Frederick Brown.

The Hunterdon County Prosecutor's Office (HCPO) is staffed by approximately 50 people. In addition to the Prosecutor, the staff consists of assistant prosecutors, sworn law enforcement officers who function as investigators, prosecutor's agents, victim/witness advocates and clerical employees.

The HCPO is organized into various specialized units. The following report provides an overview of each including recent accomplishments. While 2020 was a year filled with extraordinary challenges in view of the global pandemic, the members of the HCPO continued to work to fulfill the HCPO mission.

We are at a moment in America's history when those of us entrusted with the administration of justice, at every level, must do more in every way to establish and maintain the trust of those we serve. This requires renewed diligence, transparency, and effort.

I joined the Hunterdon County Prosecutor's Office on June 1, 2021. I understand the great trust that comes with my office and I look forward to continuing to exert every ounce of my energy to serving justice, our state, our country, the team I lead and the public I work to protect. My sincere thanks to former Acting Prosecutor Michael Williams who served the State of New Jersey for over 30 years, and specifically Hunterdon County for the past three years and through the initial phases of an unprecedented global pandemic. He served with distinction and honor and deserves our heartfelt thanks.

The Hunterdon County Prosecutor's Office has earned, through tireless work, a reputation for excellence in law enforcement. I have had the opportunity to benefit from this as a lifelong resident and am now humbled and honored to lead the office to further serve our community. We appreciate your interest in our office and support of our work.

Respectfully submitted,



Renée M. Robeson

HUNTERDON COUNTY PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE

MISSION STATEMENT

With fortitude, the Hunterdon County Prosecutor's Office, in partnership with the citizens and our law and public safety agencies, will provide the highest standard of public service through effective investigations, prosecution, and providing justice.

VISION

The Hunterdon County Prosecutor's Office preserves the quality of life in Hunterdon by upholding the laws of this State, ensuring justice for all with dignity, compassion, and respect.

CORE VALUES

It is our duty to act with courage and bravery in the face of danger. To be faithful to our oath, to never waiver when challenged with adversity, and to use our knowledge to do justice, fairly and with honor.

Duty ♦ Justice ♦ Honor

LEGAL STAFF

Assistant Prosecutors: 8

- Matthew S. Ah Kao, Assistant Prosecutor
- Kelly Daniels, Assistant Prosecutor
- Tina M. DiFranco, Assistant Prosecutor
- Kyle M. Herda, Assistant Prosecutor
- Kristin L. Redmond, Assistant Prosecutor
- Michael J. Sweeney, Executive Assistant Prosecutor
- Christopher J. Vaccaro, Assistant Prosecutor
- Jeffrey L. Weinstein, Assistant Prosecutor

INVESTIGATIVE STAFF

Captains: 2

- Frank R. Crisologo, Acting Chief
- Paul Approvato, Acting Deputy Chief

Lieutenants: 2

- Kristen L. Larsen
- P. Ryan Neiber

Sergeants: 4

- Linda M. Fabiano
- Jessica L. Neiber
- Peter W. Pfeifer
- Marc W. Wilson

Detective First Class: 3

- Aaron C. Lacey
- Kesey A. Marsh
- William L. Svard

Detectives: 15

- Julia M. Ahearn (Trainee)
- Dean Cerdeira
- Colin C. Frinzi
- Joseph R. Guzzo (Trainee)
- Bryan C. Hanley

- Brian C. Jados
- Vanessa Jimenez
- Thomas J. McGourty
- Edward R. Pawlick
- Thomas V. Quinn
- Thomas H. Redfern
- Philippe Streicher
- William L. Svard
- Katherine M. Terhune
- Bradley B. Winfield

Prosecutor's Agent: 1

- George Becker

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

- Michelle N. Masciola, Management Specialist, Office Manager
- Christine E. Musacchio, Secretary to the Prosecutor
- Theresa M. Cleary, SANE/SART Coordinator

VICTIM WITNESS STAFF

- Holly D. Hoff, Victim Witness Coordinator
- Imari Acevedo, Victim Advocate

SUPPORT STAFF

- Anna Maria Alicandro, Keyboarding Clerk
- Lois M. Baker, Keyboarding Clerk II
- Alyse M. Bastone, Keyboarding Clerk II
- Gail M. Bowen, Principal Docket Clerk & Deputy Office Manager
- Jeanine M. Delia, Keyboarding Clerk II
- Christine Kilcomons, Keyboarding Clerk II
- Donna LaRocca, Principal Clerk Transcriber
- Christine S. Nahrebne, Keyboarding Clerk III
- Elaine Mills-Winkler, Clerk IV
- Diane M. Ruzicka, Keyboarding Clerk II
- Debra Van Billiard, Legal Secretary
- Angela Zieniuk, Clerk IV

PRETRIAL OPERATIONS & GRAND JURY UNIT

Legal Staff:	All Assistant Prosecutors (8)
Investigative Staff:	1 Sergeant
	1 Detective
	2 Detective Trainees
	1 Prosecutor's Agent
Support Staff:	1 Support Personnel

PRE-TRIAL OPERATIONS

While the Hunterdon County Prosecutor's Office has numerous specialized units, Pre-Trial Operations is where most cases originate, are screened, and processed through the criminal justice system by an experienced cadre of assistant prosecutors.

The unit reviews every indictable complaint that is filed in Hunterdon County. The intake process includes obtaining discovery expeditiously for the assistant prosecutors' review.

The staff continues to review and assign cases and present them to the court for either a Pre-Indictment Conference (PIC) and/or to the Grand Jury. The current team of assistant prosecutors works diligently to effectively and justly process pre-indictment cases in an effort to meet the Administrative Office of the Courts' speedy trial goals with a target of resolving or indicting cases within 60 days (or 30 days when the defendant is incarcerated). The unit has put together a comprehensive plan which has decreased and controlled pre-indictment back log to its lowest level in years. Hunterdon County is currently among the top-ranking offices regarding processing both pre-indictment and post-indictment cases. In addition, Criminal Justice Reform has been fully implemented.

The unit also has assisted in training newly hired detectives. Prior to beginning the academy, detectives have been assigned to the Pre-Trial Operations Unit to gain knowledge of office procedure and file preparation. These detectives have found this to be a valuable experience and an asset in helping them learn the skills necessary to become well-rounded investigators. They have helped the unit by providing additional support in compiling complete and comprehensive files for the assistant prosecutors.

VERTICAL PROSECUTION

Initially, when any indictable complaint is filed by a citizen, local municipal officer or State Police, the complaint is reviewed by a detective and an assistant prosecutor.

Complaints are reviewed and assigned based upon nature of the crime and evenly distributed to an experienced assistant prosecutor staff. Their respective detective and support staff prepare and process each case from PIC, through Grand Jury to Trial or disposition. The assistant prosecutor staff and area of expertise is as follows:

- Acting Prosecutor Michael J. Williams
- Michael J. Sweeney, Executive Assistant Prosecutor: office administration, Veterans Diversion Program, Gangs, Guns & Narcotics Task Force, all drug cases
- Matthew S. Ah Kao, Assistant Prosecutor: general prosecutions, firearm appeals, handgun carry permits, extraditions, return of weapons
- Kelly Daniels, Assistant Prosecutor: Special Victims Unit, child abuse/sex assault, Megan's Law, Elder Abuse
- Kyle M. Herda: Drug Court, daily court calendar, general prosecutions
- Kristin L. Redmond, Assistant Prosecutor: Domestic Violence Unit, general prosecutions, return of weapons, Veterans Diversion Program
- Christopher J. Vaccaro, Assistant Prosecutor: Major Crimes, Narcotics, Financial and Cyber-Crimes, Bias Crimes, Professional Standards
- Jeffrey L. Weinstein, Assistant Prosecutor: Appellate & Policy Unit, legal research, Municipal Prosecutor liaison, Open Public Records Act Custodian, expungements, civil forfeitures, animal cruelty
- Tina DiFranco, Assistant Prosecutor: Juvenile Unit, Drug Court, general prosecutions

MAJOR CRIMES UNIT

Legal Staff:	1 Assistant Prosecutor
Detective Staff:	2 Detective Sergeant
	1 Detective First Class
	1 Detective
Support Staff:	1 Support Personnel

The Major Crimes Unit provides criminal investigative and advisory services to the 26 municipalities and law enforcement departments within the County. A team of detectives with a wide range of training and experience bring their varying investigative expertise to bear on crimes ranging from homicide and death scene investigations to crimes against persons and property. The detectives of the Major Crimes Unit are committed to providing the citizens of Hunterdon County with the highest quality criminal and forensic investigations utilizing the most recent advances and techniques in the field of law enforcement from first response at a scene through resolution at trial.

CRIME SCENE INVESTIGATION

The unit provides round-the-clock high-quality crime scene investigative services to all 14 police departments and 26 municipalities within the County. Additionally, the unit will provide these same services to the extent necessary to any federal, state and county law enforcement jurisdiction upon request.

The areas of investigation encompass a wide range of CSI sub-disciplines to include, but not limited to, documentation photography; evidence search, collection and packaging; CAD scene diagramming; bloodstain pattern analysis; shooting analysis and reconstruction; visible and latent friction ridge processing; comparison, examination and identification; clandestine grave and body recovery; post-blast analysis; crime scene reconstruction; and crime scene management and technical reviews. The Detectives provide expert courtroom testimony in all the above specialty areas.

FATAL ACCIDENT COLLISION TEAM (F.A.C.T.)

We employ fully trained and qualified experts in the field of accident investigation and reconstruction. In addition, advanced training in the field of accident investigation is provided to members and local police. The purpose of this task force is to investigate motor vehicle crashes involving death or serious bodily injury which may result in death. This task force will also investigate

crashes involving serious bodily injury when a driver is believed to be under the influence of drugs or alcohol while operating a motor vehicle.

ARSON TASK FORCE

This multi-jurisdictional unit was formed in 2011 and is comprised of 16 participating agencies. It provides fire investigation capabilities to local police departments including types and characteristics of fire; chemistry and physics of fire ignition and behavior; characteristics of a wide range of materials under varying degrees of fire intensity and duration; identifying and preserving fire evidence and criminal investigative techniques leading towards the establishing cause and origin.

Below are some investigative highlights of the Major Crimes Unit.

- During 2020, the Major Crimes Unit initiated 22 Return of Weapons and Weapons for Safekeeping investigations. Over 180 weapons, 111 of which were firearms, were confiscated and/or surrendered from county residents by local police departments and turned over to the Prosecutor's Office as a result of incidents of domestic violence. The Major Crimes Unit/Evidence Management Unit is currently responsible for storing and overseeing over 262 firearms and weapons as a result of the state mandate governing these types of incidents.
- During 2020, the Evidence Management Unit oversaw the secure collection and storage of over 632 items to include firearms, narcotics, currency and physical evidence from criminal investigations.
- During 2020, the Major Crimes Unit conducted 7 burglary and theft investigations. Through an extensive investigative and cooperative effort between this office, New Jersey State Police and local police departments, a number of suspects were identified, arrested and pled guilty or are awaiting trial.
- During 2020, the Major Crimes Unit conducted 94 death scene investigations, 2 fatal and/or serious motor vehicle crash and 10 fire scene investigations and provided state and local law enforcement with the technical services necessary to ensure that each case was properly documented, thoroughly investigated and pursued as deemed appropriate.
- During 2020, 75 heroin overdoses, 19 of which were fatal, were investigated and evaluated for prosecution under the New Jersey strict

- liability statute. Evaluation continues to this date in an attempt to charge one or more suppliers of the heroin under this statute.

PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS UNIT

Legal Staff:	1 Assistant Prosecutor
Detective Staff:	2 Detectives

The Prosecutor's Office's Professional Standards Unit is comprised of experienced investigators from various disciplines and one assistant prosecutor. In addition to conducting internal affairs investigations involving members of this office, the unit also conducts investigations concerning allegations of misconduct and criminal acts involving police officers and officials. The unit's investigators also assist other county or local law enforcement agencies with internal affairs matters. The Internal Affairs Unit investigates allegations of misconduct against police chiefs and members of their executive staff as per the New Jersey Attorney General's Internal Affairs Policy and Procedure directive 2020-7

In addition to conducting investigations, unit members are responsible for developing policies and procedures. These policies are disseminated to all law enforcement agencies within the county, thus implementing a unified approach to standardizing police policy.

Other responsibilities of the unit include public information, social and media relations, background investigations for prospective employees, the county officers drug testing program, consolidating administrative functions, and internal affairs and use of force training. The unit also is involved in certain community affairs functions, Crimestoppers and the Hunterdon County Prosecutor's Office Internship program. In 2020, continued strides have been made to the continuity and consistency of the internal investigation process in Hunterdon County.

Below are some highlights of the unit.

- **Internal Affairs Reporting Centralization & Consolidation**

The Hunterdon County Prosecutor's Office has continued to be progressive by centralizing all internal investigations within the county. All complaints against officers are being accepted as per the Attorney General's Guidelines and are being forwarded to the Professional Standards Unit. The Prosecutor's Office has instituted an Intake Review process, classification and recording of all complaints made against Hunterdon County officers and routes the complaints to the appropriate investigative body. Utilizing the IA Pro database, the Internal Affairs Unit inputs all internal affairs complaints in the IA Pro database and tracks

all county internal investigations to their conclusions and records that information in the database. This process allows for tracking of cases and provides the Internal Affairs Unit with the ability to identify and address trends in the Hunterdon County law enforcement community.

- **Mandated Reporting Process**

Beginning in 2015, all Hunterdon County municipal and county law enforcement agencies began sending all reported internal affairs complaints to the Hunterdon County Prosecutor's Office, Professional Standards Unit. The unit continues to maintain an intake system to screen and catalog complaints and consults with an assistant prosecutor regarding the direction of the internal investigations.

- **Early Warning System**

Beginning in 2014 with a Hunterdon County initiated policy, the Professional Standards Unit began to employ an Early Warning System to identify any concerning trends or deficiencies within a Hunterdon County police agency or with a specific officer. These improvements were done with the intent to improve the county's services to its citizens and with a commitment to the members of law enforcement who, through improved supervision and historical tracking and trending, can assist supervisors to identify potential concerns before they become larger issues for the officer and the municipalities they represent. In 2018, the New Jersey Attorney General's Office Directive 2018-3, mandated the use of a statewide Early Warning System by all New Jersey Law Enforcement.

- **Internal Affairs Policy & Procedure**

In 2019, the Attorney General issued a series of directives aimed at strengthening and supplementing current State and County-wide policies for Internal Affairs matters. Directive 2019-6 mandated each County develop a policy to satisfy the State's obligations under Brady v. Maryland and Giglio v. United States. The Prosecutor's Office is responsible for ensuring that the County and local police departments are aware of these obligations and continue to comply with them. The Internal Affairs Unit receives requests for information from Prosecutors and facilitates those requests within the Prosecutor's Office or obtains the information from the local department internal affairs units.

- **Training**

The Hunterdon County Prosecutor's Office provides mandatory and refresher training to all Hunterdon County and municipal officers responsible for

conducting internal investigations. This training is mandated by the Attorney General's Office and provides the latest updates to the Attorney General's requirements regarding Internal Affairs Investigations. Due to the COVID pandemic these trainings were provided virtually to law enforcement officers in the county. The unit further provides individual training and guidance as needed and facilitated newer investigators in their internal investigations. The Hunterdon County Prosecutor's Office has a member assigned to the New Jersey Attorney General's Internal Affairs Policy and Procedure committee and currently has the only instructor in the state that is a certified master instructor in the Internal Affairs Policy and Procedures training. This member is periodically called upon by the Attorney General's Office to provide statewide training to law enforcement.

- **Use of Force**

Since 2015, all Hunterdon County municipal and county law enforcement agencies have been required to report all use of force incidents to the Professional Standards Unit. An Early Warning System was also put in place for Use of Force Incidents.

- Any Use of Force resulting in any injury to any person requires immediate notification to the Hunterdon County Prosecutor's Office. Use of Force reports are required to be submitted to the Professional Standards Unit as soon as they are completed, with a 10-day deadline on non-injury incidents.
- All Hunterdon County municipal and county law enforcement agencies immediately report all in-custody injuries to the Hunterdon County Prosecutor's Office. This is in addition to the mandated in-custody death reporting. The Internal Affairs Unit is responsible for monitoring the New Jersey Attorney General's Office Use of Force Reporting Portal for incidents involving Hunterdon County Law Enforcement Personnel.

- **Drug Testing**

The Attorney General's Directive 2018-2 requires a Statewide Mandatory Random Drug Testing. This Directive establishes a uniform policy requiring that all law enforcement agencies statewide conduct mandatory random drug testing of all sworn officers. The directive mandates that all state, county, and municipal law enforcement agencies shall adopt and/or revise their existing drug testing policies, consistent with this Directive, either by rule, regulation, or standard operating procedure, as required by state law. The Hunterdon County Prosecutor's Office, Internal Affairs Unit coordinates, facilitates and documents the drug testing program and is responsible for collecting reports from county

departments and reporting results annually to the New Jersey Attorney General's Office.

GANGS, GUNS AND NARCOTICS TASK FORCE

Legal Staff:	1 Assistant Prosecutor
Detective Staff:	1 Lieutenant
	1 Sergeant
	3 Detectives
	1 Loaner – NJSP
	2 K9 - "Finn" and "Mac"

The Gangs, Guns and Narcotics Task Force of the Hunterdon County Prosecutor's Office is responsible for detecting, investigating, apprehending and prosecuting of those individuals who violate the drug laws of New Jersey. It is further responsible for investigating other forms of organized criminal activity, gangs, gambling and prostitution.

The legal staff provides supervision of investigations in preparation for prosecution and gives legal guidance daily, and the investigative staff conducts narcotic and organized crime investigations throughout Hunterdon County. Detectives work in an undercover capacity and are responsible for all organized crime and narcotics-related electronic surveillance.

This Task Force uses a wide variety of investigative techniques to combat the use and sale of narcotics throughout Hunterdon County, and to pursue other forms of organized criminal activity. These techniques include undercover and plainclothes operations, physical surveillance, electronic surveillance, intelligence gathering, confidential informant cultivation and the investigative follow-up of referrals from other law enforcement agencies and concerned citizens.

Case preparation is developed by members of the Gangs, Guns and Narcotic Task Force with the guidance of the assistant prosecutor assigned to the unit.

Pursuant to the Governor's Crime Plan to reduce gang violence, the Hunterdon County Prosecutor's Office formally created the Gang Unit in 2008. The primary mission of the unit is to document, target and eradicate violent criminal gangs that pose a risk to the safety and security of the citizens of Hunterdon County. The Gang Unit uses an intelligence led, data driven method of investigation to identify gang members/prospects and locations in which they operate. To accomplish its mission, the unit uses various investigative techniques, including physical surveillance, Superior Court-issued search warrants, information gathering from law enforcement, confidential informants, concerned citizens

and other sources. In the current year, the Gang Unit incorporated a gang database to document and track gang members.

The Gang Unit is responsible for investigating all gang-related incidents that occur within Hunterdon County. The Gang Unit works closely with its law enforcement partners within the county and with other county, state and federal law enforcement agencies.

The Gang Unit falls under the control of the Gangs, Guns and Narcotic Task Force. A primary detective is responsible for disseminating of information to Gang Liaisons throughout the Hunterdon County law enforcement community. All members of the Gangs, Guns and Narcotic Task Force assist in the investigation for a successful operation. An assistant prosecutor provides insight and guidance for successful prosecution.

The Gangs, Guns, and Narcotic Task Force continues to utilize a mutual aid agreement between local law enforcement agencies dubbed the County of Hunterdon's Anticrime Initiative into Narcotics ("C.H.A.I.N."). This concept afforded additional resources to the task force, and was designed to identify, investigate and dismantle drug trafficking networks within Hunterdon County. C.H.A.I.N. resources also target local drug consumers who commit collateral crimes to support their addictions. C.H.A.I.N. is comprised of motivated and qualified members of the local law enforcement community teamed with the Gangs, Guns and Narcotic Task Force in a collaborative effort to combat these crimes. C.H.A.I.N. has begun to evolve as a galvanizing force within Hunterdon County.

With Covid-19, 2020 was a challenging year resulting in a significant reduction in arrests, seizures, and investigations. The Hunterdon County Prosecutor's Office pivoted and concentrated on community outreach utilizing a grant award from the New Jersey State Attorney General's Office for "Operation Helping Hand," a multipronged strategy that involves law enforcement officers arresting users purchasing/possessing heroin or other opioids and connecting those individuals to recovery specialists in an effort to provide them with treatment and recovery services so they can begin a successful path to recovery. Through these efforts, members of the task force partnered with recovery specialists providing virtual support. Through this outreach, many individuals received the support they needed to live a clean and sober life.

The Gangs, Guns, and Narcotic Task Force, along with the Major Crimes Unit, proactively investigates all overdoses. In 2020, Hunterdon County investigated 3 fatal overdoses. To date, the Hunterdon County Prosecutor's Office successfully prosecuted 3 strict liability cases resulting in state prison terms.

SPECIAL VICTIMS UNIT

Legal Staff:	1 Assistant Prosecutor
Detective Staff:	1 Lieutenant
	1 Sergeant
	4 Detectives
Support Staff:	MDT Coordinator/Victim Advocate
	SANE/SART Coordinator

The Special Victims Unit (SVU) consists of one Lieutenant, one Detective Sergeant, three Detectives, one Assistant Prosecutor, the SANE ("Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner") Coordinator and one MDT ("Multi-Disciplinary Team") Coordinator from Victim Witness. The Special Victims Unit is responsible for investigating and prosecuting cases involving sexual assault (both juvenile and adult), child abuse/neglect, elder persons abuse/neglect, developmentally disabled persons abuse/neglect and Megan's Law. All members of the unit are trained in the forensic interviewing of children; this skill carries over to interviewing those victims that have other special needs, i.e. developmental disabilities. The Special Victims Unit is tasked with coordinating the CART (Child Abduction Response Team), and the Lieutenant is one of the two CART coordinators. They are notified of all missing juveniles through Hunterdon County Communications and then they determine whether a response is needed. The Special Victims Unit works in conjunction with the Department of Child Protection and Permanency, Institutional Abuse, the ARC, the Division of Social Services (Aging), and various law enforcement agencies, including all Hunterdon County police agencies and the New Jersey State Police. Most of the members of SVU are also members of the Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force and assist the Digital Forensics Unit with ICAC cases.

The Special Victims Unit also manages all Megan's Law cases. This includes opening the Megan's Law files, tiering the registrants, and tracking the registrants' whereabouts. Hunterdon County has approximately 92 registrants throughout the county. Non-compliant registrants are routinely charged; however, Hunterdon does have a high compliance rate. SVU works in conjunction with New Jersey State Parole to confirm the registrants are following their registration obligations.

SVU has been and continues to be involved with several high-profile official misconduct and sexual assault cases at the Edna Mahan Correctional Facility (EMCF) involving inmates and correctional and administrative staff. The Assistant Prosecutor has been screening all NJ DOC-Special Investigations Division (SID) matters to ascertain if SVU needs to assist in the investigation.

Some notable cases for the SVU in 2020 included:

- State v. Douglas Gimson:
In March 2020, a report was made to the Flemington Police Department that a member of a local rescue squad believed Douglas Gimson had been using a Go-pro camera to record her in the bathroom. Gimson is an EMT and was a member of several rescue squads throughout Hunterdon County. Further investigation into the matter revealed that Gimson had been using a Go-pro camera, as well as another unidentified camera, to surreptitiously record members of several rescue squads while they used the bathroom. The incidents stemmed over the course of many years. The matter was charged and is pending in court.
- State v. Sean Fuerstenberger:
In September 2020, the mother of a juvenile victim reported to HCPO that her daughter disclosed a history of escalating sexual abuse by a family member. The victim disclosed during an interview that the suspect "groomed" her for years, culminating in the suspect sexually assaulting her and giving her sexual devices. At the conclusion of the investigation, which included phone analysis and physical evidence, Sean Fuerstenberger was charged with sexual assault. The matter is pending in court.
- State v. Derek Howarth:
In August 2020, an adult victim reported that a Snap Chat video had been made without her knowledge or consent, depicting her in sexual activity. The suspect secretly took the video and sent it out; the victim learned of it through a third party. The victim reported that her career was at risk because of the dissemination of the video. The defendant was charged and was accepted into PTI.
- State v. Christopher Vielma:
Warren County Prosecutor's Office (WCPO) referred a case to our office involving a history of sexual assault between the juvenile victim and the adult defendant, a family member of the victim's. WCPO had previously charged the defendant for acts in their county, however during his interview he admitted that the sexual assaults began in Hunterdon County. The victim was re-interviewed and based on the victim's and witnesses' statements; the defendant was charged in Hunterdon County as well. Vielma pled guilty and is scheduled to be sentenced.

- State v. Jack Eckhardt:

A third-party report of a possible sexual assault at a party came into the NJSP and our office. Upon investigation, it was determined that the defendant had engaged in sexual relations with an underaged victim on multiple occasions. The case is pending in court.

FORENSIC SERVICES UNIT

Legal Staff:	1 Assistant Prosecutor
Detective Staff:	1 Sergeant
	2 Detectives (ICAC trained)

The Forensic Services Unit consists of one Detective Sergeant, two Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) trained Detectives and one Assistant Prosecutor. The Forensic Services Unit is responsible for investigating ICAC matters which typically involve the possession and distribution of child sexual abuse material. The ICAC Task Force Program is funded by the United States Department of Justice through the Office of Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP). The Program was created to assist State and local law enforcement agencies enhance their investigative response to offenders who use the Internet, online communication systems, and/or other computer technology to sexually exploit children. The assistance includes forensic and investigative help, referral of investigative leads concerning online child sexual exploitation, training and technical assistance, victim services, and community education. The ICAC program is currently comprised of several regional Task Force agencies and, in New Jersey, is coordinated by the New Jersey State Police.

The Forensic Services Unit received 19 ICAC investigations with 9 still active. These investigations are labor intensive and particularly time consuming.

The Forensic Services Unit is also responsible for the extraction and analysis of data from a variety of digital devices involved in every unit within the Hunterdon County Prosecutor's Office. The unit processed 187 devices, 23 Cell Hawk assists, 13 HCPO and municipal agency assists during 2020.

Some notable cases for the Forensic Services Unit in 2020 included:

- State v. Moiz Khan:
On October 14, 2020, Moiz Khan, age 59 of Whitehouse Station, NJ, was arrested and charged with one count of first-degree distribution of child pornography and one count of second-degree possession of child pornography. The charges stem from Mr. Khan's alleged sharing on a social networking site blog that was open to the public images depicting children engaging in a prohibited sexual act; that site had over four million subscribers. Mr. Khan also allegedly possessed items depicting the sexual exploitation or abuse of a child, specifically by possessing over 1,000 but less than 100,000 images and over 40 videos that depict children

engaging in prohibited sexual acts as well as children displayed in sexually suggestive manners. This case is pending trial.

- *State v. Kevin Reedell:*

A cyber tip from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) led to a joint investigation by the Hunterdon County Prosecutor's Office's Forensic Unit and the Flemington Police Department. On November 25, 2020, Kevin Reedell, age 37 of Flemington, was arrested and charged with 1st degree endangering the welfare of children for encouraging and directing a child to send him videos over the Internet where the child exposes intimate body parts. He was also charged with 3rd degree possession of child pornography for knowingly viewing videos that depict the sexual exploitation or abuse of a child. Reedell pled guilty and was sentenced to 3 years in state prison on April 16, 2021.

- *State v. Malik Baker, Hakeem Smith and Nafique Goodwyn:*

Three New Jersey men have been charged in federal court for their alleged roles in a conspiracy to steal luxury cars in New Jersey, New York, and Connecticut and transport them across state lines. High end vehicles were stolen out of Raritan and Clinton Townships in Hunterdon County. Detectives used Cell Hawk software utilized for CDR (call detail records) mapping and analysis to track the suspects during this investigation. The cars stolen by the defendants have an estimated value of at least \$1.5 million.

SPECIAL OPERATIONS AND TRAINING UNIT

The Special Operations and Training Unit's core functions are the Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) Team, Homeland Security, Emergency Management, Firearms, Less Lethal Impact Munitions and Delivery System training for agencies throughout Hunterdon County.

The SWAT team consists of 26 tactical, crisis negotiation and tac-medical personnel. Most team members volunteer their time through mutual aid agreements with local law enforcement and rescue squads that serve the residents of Hunterdon County. Team members must meet a minimum of 196 hours of training and other mandatory requirements. SWAT team members are on-call 24/7 to handle situations such as barricaded person(s), hostage rescue, high-risk warrant service and criminal and non-criminal urban/woodland searches.

Through the Hunterdon County Safe Campus Initiative, numerous trainings, presentations, site assessments and other school safety meetings/drills were conducted throughout Hunterdon County and other counties who are adopting school safety protocols and trainings the Hunterdon County Prosecutor's Office has put in place. In addition to these trainings, several law enforcement "active shooter" trainings were conducted/hosted, including a Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events (CRASE) training that is available for businesses, houses of worship and the general public. During 2020, the Hunterdon County Safe Campus Initiative worked to develop an anonymous reporting application for students to report anything they feel is important or urgent to school staff, law enforcement, or mental health professionals. The application Hunterdon Safe Schools was prepared to launch in the beginning of 2021.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE UNIT

Legal Staff:	1 Assistant Prosecutor
Investigative Staff:	1 Detective
Support Staff:	1 Victim Advocate
	1 Support Personnel

This unit is responsible for prosecuting indictable charges involving domestic violence and all disorderly persons contempt (violation of a restraining order) complaints, weapons forfeiture petitions and weapons forfeiture hearings.

If the case involves indictable domestic violence charge(s), it proceeds much like other indictable criminal cases from Pre-Indictment Conference, Grand Jury, guilty plea or trial and sentencing. Presently, there is vertical prosecution of these cases - one assistant prosecutor handles a case from the complaint stage through sentencing. Some of the common indictable charges include contempt of domestic violence restraining orders, aggravated assault, terroristic threats, stalking, cyber-harassment and criminal mischief.

If the case involves a disorderly persons contempt charge, it proceeds on a separate day as a Family Court matter. A person is charged with contempt in a domestic violence case when he/she violates a Temporary or Final Restraining Order (TRO/FRO) that has been issued by a Municipal or Superior Court Judge. These cases originate in the local police departments. That department is responsible for charging and filing contempt complaints. The complaints, police reports and restraining orders are then forwarded to the Prosecutor's Office for prosecution. The Family Division docket the complaint and schedules the case for arraignment. If a defendant is indigent, pro bono counsel will be appointed to represent him/her. At that time, the defendant either enters a guilty or not guilty plea. If a not guilty plea is entered, the case is scheduled for a hearing approximately two weeks later at the next scheduled Domestic Violence court date. If the defendant is found guilty at trial, the judge will immediately move to sentencing. A typical sentence for the first contempt conviction is a non-custodial one-year probationary term with certain conditions such as attending a batterer's intervention program or obtaining a substance abuse and/or mental health evaluation and treatment, if recommended. However, on a second or subsequent contempt conviction, the defendant also faces a mandatory minimum of 30 days in the county jail.

When TROs are issued, the police are required to seize all weapons in the defendant's possession and any Firearms Purchaser Identification Cards (FPIC) or permits to carry. Upon seizure of the weapons, they are turned over to the

evidence custodian in the Prosecutor's Office. A Weapons Forfeiture Petition is filed in every case where weapons are seized. A forfeiture hearing is then scheduled, and at that hearing the court decides if the weapons are forfeited by the defendant, if non-firearms can be transferred to a third party, if firearms can be transferred to a licensed firearms dealer or in some cases, if the weapons can be returned. Another disposition is to return the weapons after certain conditions are met. When firearms are forfeited or transferred, the FPIC is usually revoked as well. A defendant in a weapons forfeiture hearing does not have the right to appointed counsel. Either a defendant retains an attorney to represent him/her or he/she proceeds pro se (without legal representation).

If a person has been convicted of a crime or has a FRO issued against them, they are not permitted to possess weapons or possess a Firearms Purchaser Identification Card.

Disorderly persons contempt charges and weapons forfeiture hearings are put on the "FO" calendar scheduled every other week on Tuesday afternoons.

All assistant prosecutors in the office also provide legal advice to police regarding domestic violence, weapons seizure and forfeiture-related issues, including what charges, if any, should be filed.

The Domestic Violence Assistant Prosecutor co-chairs the Hunterdon County Domestic Violence Working Group meetings held quarterly and attends the state-wide Attorney General Domestic Violence Working Group meeting in Trenton, New Jersey.

JUVENILE UNIT

Legal Staff:	1 Assistant Prosecutor
Investigative Staff:	1 Detective
Support Staff:	1 Victim Advocate
	1 Support Personnel

The purpose of the Juvenile Unit is to prosecute juveniles charged with acts of delinquency, provide legal assistance to police seeking to apprehend and charge those delinquents, and to provide aid and comfort to the victims of juvenile delinquency. The Assistant Prosecutor and Detective First Class assigned to this section provide legal advice and guidance to officers on possible charges, stationhouse adjustments, or whether to lodge juveniles in detention. The Assistant Prosecutor consults with schools and police departments on privacy and other issues involving the interests of juveniles. The Assistant Prosecutor and Detective First Class also alert law enforcement to evolving case law and guidelines applicable to juveniles. The Assistant Prosecutor makes recommendations for dispositions of cases, which can range from community-based diversionary programs such as the Law Enforcement Adolescent Program (L.E.A.P.), deferred disposition or probation, juvenile detention or trial as an adult. When appropriate, punishment is accompanied by an obligation to attend treatment programs and counseling intended to rehabilitate the juvenile.

This unit is responsible for disposing of all juvenile complaints. Prior to the docketing of cases in court, the Assistant Prosecutor reviews all charges and reports filed in the county, contacting officers as necessary to provide guidance. With the support of the Detective First Class and the Victim-Witness Advocate, the Assistant Prosecutor appears at every juvenile hearing, with the team's goal of helping craft dispositions appropriate to the well-being of young offenders and to the safety of the community.

To exchange the latest ideas and information with juvenile officers, providers of services for juveniles, and others concerned with juveniles' welfare, the Juvenile Unit Assistant Prosecutor meets monthly with the Hunterdon County Juvenile Officers' Association, and with the Hunterdon County Youth Services Commission. The Juvenile Unit Assistant Prosecutor and Detective First Class present topics to schools on issues ranging from substance abuse to bullying and cyber-harassment.

The Hunterdon County Prosecutor's Office, in partnership with Hunterdon Prevention Resources, uses L.E.A.P. to connect at-risk juveniles identified by

police with needed mental health, substance abuse and other services for early interventions.

APPEALS & POLICY UNIT

Legal Staff:

1 Assistant Prosecutor

The Appellate Unit is in charge of written and oral advocacy for appeals in the New Jersey Courts. The caseload includes municipal court appeals and petitions for post-conviction relief filed in the Superior Court, direct and interlocutory appeals to the Appellate Division, and petitions for certification and other matters before the Supreme Court and Federal Courts. The Appellate Unit also acts as liaison to municipal prosecutors and police, reviews and drafts policy, reviews trial briefs, and assists in keeping the office apprised of developments in the law.

ANIMAL CRUELTY/HUMANE LAW ENFORCEMENT UNIT

Legal Staff:	1 Assistant Prosecutor
Detective Staff:	1 Sergeant

During 2020, various laws took effect that made County Prosecutors responsible for investigating and prosecuting violations of the animal cruelty laws. These new laws also required prosecutors to “promote the interests of” and to “protect and care for” the animals within the county. The County Prosecutor is required to appoint an animal cruelty prosecutor and a chief humane law enforcement officer to fulfill these law enforcement responsibilities. Additionally, the Prosecutor designates a non-profit county society for the prevention of cruelty to animals to assist in animal care and sheltering that may stem from animal cruelty investigations. The Hunterdon County Prosecutor's Office coordinates with local Humane Law Enforcement Officers to conduct animal cruelty investigations and to provide animal care when needed, roles previously undertaken by the New Jersey Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. Hunterdon County faces enhanced challenges to fulfill this role considering its significant domestic, as well as agricultural and livestock animal population.

OFFICE OF VICTIM WITNESS ADVOCACY

Staff: 1 Coordinator/MDT Coordinator
2 Victim Advocates
1 Support Personnel

The Office of Victim Witness Advocacy within the Hunterdon County Prosecutor's Office was established in January 1986 to ensure the rights of victims. The New Jersey State Constitution guarantees the rights of crime victims and requires that the criminal justice system treat victims with "fairness, compassion and respect." Both the Crime Victims Bill of Rights (N.J.S.A. 52:4B-34 to 38) and the Drunk Driving Victims Bill of Rights (N.J.S.A. 39:4-50.9 to 13), as well as the Sexual Assault Victim's Bill of Rights support this constitutional amendment.

The Office of Victim Witness Advocacy is presently comprised of a Victim Witness Coordinator/Multi-disciplinary Team Coordinator, 1 full-time Victim Advocate and 1 Keyboarding Clerk II. Victim Advocates are professionals who are educated to provide comfort and support to victims of crime. They must be familiar with Superior Court proceedings and Family Court, which cover juvenile and domestic violence proceedings. Having this understanding of all the various proceedings and legal jargon enables each advocate to explain, in laymen's terms, what is occurring with their case as it progresses through the criminal justice system.

Victim Advocates support victim decision making and provide a list of options available that can meet their needs, depending on the circumstances of their situation. Advocates do not tell victims what to do or give their personal opinions to victims. They are committed to maintaining the highest allowable level of confidentiality in their communication with victims.

Victims are often relieved to know that there are agencies right in their own community that want to make sure that they are safe and have the help they need to recover from the impact of the crime they experienced.

The Office of Victim Witness Advocacy in Hunterdon County is responsible for providing supportive and informative assistance to crime victims. The Victim Witness staff strives to ensure that all the rights afforded to victims of crime are being met.

Some of the services we offer are as follows:

- Written notification of court proceedings

- Assistance filing claims with the Victims of Crime Compensation Board
- Support assistant prosecutors when prepping victim or civilian witnesses for trial
- Provide comfort, support and assistance for victims who testify at trial or court proceedings
- Offer referrals for counseling
- Aid victims in finding the appropriate Social Service Agency, when necessary
- Give information and explanations regarding the criminal justice process as it applies to their case, from investigation to disposition
- Courtroom accompaniment
- Work with other victim-related agencies to ensure the safety and security of all sexual assault crime victims, whether adults or children
- Assist victims with restitution issues
- Gather accurate and precise information for the assistant prosecutors to aid in the recovery of losses to victims
- Assistance in obtaining HIV/AIDS test results of defendants
- Notification of a defendant's release from custody, which includes the VINE (Victim Information and Notification Everyday) Program
- Transportation to court proceedings
- Phone calls to victims to advise of plea offers, downgrades, and dismissals, and to obtain their input
- Meet with victims and the assistant prosecutors to discuss case status and plea offers
- Review case status with victims
- Provide assistance to victims to prepare and deliver victim impact statements to the court
- Home visits as needed or deemed necessary
- Provide a separate waiting area for victims during court proceedings
- Provide information about transportation, parking and courthouse location
- Assist victims with return of property when it is no longer needed as evidence
- Provide employer or school notification and/or intervention when needed

In addition, Hunterdon County victims receive a great deal of direct, one-on-one services from the Victim Witness Unit, either by phone or in person. Every effort is made to have personal contact with every victim to keep them up to date on the status of, or any possible issues with their case, answer any questions they may have and act as a liaison between the victim and assistant prosecutors, detectives or police officers. Having this contact enables Victim Advocates to build a rapport with the victims that will carry throughout the duration of their case.

During the year 2020, the Victim Witness Office serviced a total of 1,521 victims.

"It is the mission of the New Jersey Association of Victim Witness Coordinators to reduce the impact of crime on victims' lives by supporting statewide victim services programs and promoting victim rights. We believe that victims of crime have a right to be treated with dignity, compassion and respect and it is our responsibility to ensure that all County Offices of Victim Witness Advocacy are committed to such." "Do no further harm."

MULTI-DISCIPLINARY TEAM (MDT)

Since 1992, the Hunterdon County Multidisciplinary Team (MDT) has served the needs of children who are victims of physical and/or sexual abuse, and their families, during their involvement with the criminal justice system. Our team is presently comprised of committed professionals from the Hunterdon County Prosecutor's Office (Assistant Prosecutor and Detectives), Hunterdon County Division of Child Protection and Permanency, a mental health professional (psychologist), the Regional Child Protection Center at Dorothy B. Hersh, Office of Victim Witness Advocacy at the Prosecutor's Office, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Assault Crisis Center (DASACC), a representative from Institutional Abuse and the Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner/Sexual Assault Response Team Coordinator.

The purpose of the MDT is to establish set guidelines for the appropriate investigation of allegations and/or complaints, with interagency collaboration to reduce potential trauma to children and families while improving services. A collaborative response reduces the number of interviews a child may be required to undergo, while reducing the number of recantations and providing timely access to appropriate community resources.

Hunterdon County MDT meets regularly and is designed to provide support to child victims and families by creating a plan of services. Referral to a counselor/therapist who is trained or supervised in the area of child abuse/neglect and child sexual abuse is one of the most vital services provided to a child victim and family.

SEXUAL ASSAULT NURSE EXAMINER (SANE) AND SEXUAL ASSAULT RESPONSE TEAM (SART)

Since 2002, the SANE program and SART team of Hunterdon County have worked together to meet the needs of sexual assault victims. The team is composed of a Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner, law enforcement officer, and Confidential Sexual Violence Advocate. The goals of the program are to reduce re-victimization and to meet the emotional, psychological, medical and investigative needs of victims of sexual assault in a compassionate and non-judgmental manner.

The SANE program and SART team continue to provide 24/7 service to victims of sexual assault. SANE nurses care for varying populations, including pediatric victims, adolescents, adults, geriatrics and special populations including the developmentally disabled and those afflicted with mental illness and addiction. There are currently three active SANE nurses in Hunterdon County. Those nurses cover the schedule around-the-clock so that no victim ever must wait for compassionate, forensic medical care.

The Sexual Assault Response Team works closely with local law enforcement, the Hunterdon Medical Center and DASACC (Domestic Abuse & Sexual Assault Crisis Center). Education is provided throughout the year to update members of the team on the latest evidence-based practices in sexual assault and forensics. The SART has the latest cameras, lighting and forensic equipment to best meet the unique needs of such victims. Utilizing both a collaborative and compassionate approach, the SANE/SART program continues to be a great asset to the community and victims of sexual assault.

During the Pandemic, the SART continued to be available to all victims 24/7.

KIDS ARE RIDING SAFE (KARS)

The Hunterdon County Prosecutor's Office has been providing child safety seat checks for the residents of Hunterdon County and surrounding areas since 2003.

Currently six certified child passenger safety technicians have successfully completed a 35-hour National Standardized Child Passenger Safety Training Program. The training includes hands-on practicals, classroom instruction and written examinations. Each technician must re-certify every two years to maintain certification.

Safety events are held at the Route 12 County Complex in Flemington from 5:00-8:00 pm on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month. The Somerset County Prosecutor's Office assisted in acquiring a joint grant to provide funding for more safety events. The statistics related to child passenger safety are alarming - 80-90% of child safety seats are misused. Our own experience indicates misuse to be closer to 100%. In 2020, 200 child passenger safety seats were checked with approximately 8 installed without any misuse.

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STATISTICS

PROSECUTORIAL SCREENING OF DEFENDANTS

SCREENING OUTCOMES	STAGE OF THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE PROCESS WHEN DECISION OCCURS	
	PRE-COMPLAINT DECISIONS	POST-COMPLAINT DECISIONS
a. Defendants administratively dismissed	0	92
b. Defendants with charges downgraded to disorderly persons offenses	0	138
c. Defendants accepted for pre-trial diversion	0	71
d. Defendants otherwise screened out	0	3
e. Defendants with change of venue	0	4
f. Accusations filed	0	130
g. Defendants with either indictable complaints authorized or charges approved for grand jury	0	272
h. AOC Correction: Defendants who completed grand jury	0	15
TOTAL SCREENING DECISIONS FOR YEAR (add a - h)	0	725

DEFENDANT APPLICATIONS FOR DIVERSION PROGRAM, ACTION TAKEN AND OUTCOME

Pre-trial Intervention Diversion Program

	Number of DEFENDANT APPLICATIONS FOR PRE- TRIAL INTERVENTION	
	PRE-INDICTMENT	POST-INDICTMENT
1. Applications reviewed	74	12
2. Recommended for acceptance	73	12
3. Recommended for rejection	0	0
4. Accepted into program	71	12

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**DEFENDANTS PENDING GRAND JURY PROCESS
(Pre-Indictment Defendant Cases)
BY AGE OF COMPLAINT**

AGES OF PRE-INDICTMENT DEFENDANT CASES FROM DATE OF COMPLAINT	NUMBER OF DEFENDANTS	
	ACTIVE	INACTIVE/FUGITIVE
1. 0 to 1 month	46	0
2. 1+ to 2 months	37	0
3. 2+ to 3 months	32	1
4. 3+ to 4 months	29	2
5. Over 4 months	113	12
6. TOTAL defendant cases pending grand jury	257	15

**DEFENDANTS COMPLETING THE
GRAND JURY PROCESS
AND ACTION TAKEN**

ACTION TAKEN	NUMBER OF DEFENDANTS
1. Defendants presented to the grand jury	77
2. Defendants indicted	76
3. Defendants no billed and remanded to municipal court	0
4. Defendants no billed/no action	1
5. TOTAL defendants completing the grand jury process	77

DEFENDANTS CHARGED BY ACCUSATION

	NUMBER OF DEFENDANTS
TOTAL Defendants charged through Accusation	130

**DEFENDANTS PENDING DISPOSITION OF CHARGES
BY AGE OF INDICTMENT OR ACCUSATION**

AGES OF POST-INDICTMENT DEFENDANT CASES FROM DATE OF INDICTMENT OF ACCUSATION	NUMBER OF DEFENDANTS	
	ACTIVE	INACTIVE/FUGITIVE
1. 0 to 3 months	12	4
2. 3+ to 6 months	0	0
3. 6+ to 9 months	0	0
4. 9+ to 12 months	6	15
5. 12+ to 24 months	11	33
6. 24+ months	3	183
7. TOTAL post-indictment/accusation defendant cases pending	32	235

DEFENDANTS WITH INDICTMENTS/ACCUSATIONS DISPOSED BY OFFENSE CATEGORY AND MANNER OF DISPOSITION

MANNER OF DISPOSITION	OFFENSE CATEGORIES										
	Homicide	Kidnap- ping	Sexual Assault	Robbery	Arson	Assault	Burglary	Bribery	Narcotics	Official Miscon- duct	Perjury/ Falsifi- cation
1. Guilty plea to most serious offense	0	1	1	2	2	10	3	0	51	0	2
2. Guilty plea to lesser indictable offense	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3. Ind. dism., plea to dis. persons offense	0	0	0	0	1	4	0	0	14	0	0
4. Guilty at trial, most serious offense											
a. Jury	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
b. Non-jury	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5. Guilty at trial, lesser indictable offense											
a. Jury	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
b. Non-jury	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6. Guilty at trial, dis. persons offense											
a. Jury	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
b. Non-jury	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7. Not guilty at trial											
a. Jury	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
b. Non-jury	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
8. Acceptance into diversion program	0	1	3	0	3	11	5	0	29	0	2
9. Dismissed over objection of pros.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10. Dismissed pros. motion or consent	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	9	0	0
11. TOTAL dispositions	0	2	5	2	8	26	9	0	103	0	4

DEFENDANTS WITH INDICTMENTS/ACCUSATIONS DISPOSED BY OFFENSE CATEGORY AND MANNER OF DISPOSITION

MANNER OF DISPOSITION										
	Theft	Forgery/ Fraud	Weapons	Child Abuse/ Endanger	Gambling	Wiretap	Obstr. Gov't Oper.	Fail to Register	Other	TOTAL
1. Guilty plea to most serious offense	10	3	10	6	0	0	8	1	6	116
2. Guilty plea to lesser indictable offense	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
3. Ind. dism., plea to dis. persons offense	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	24
4. Guilty at trial, most serious offense										
a. Jury	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
b. Non-jury	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5. Guilty at trial, lesser indictable offense										
a. Jury	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
b. Non-jury	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6. Guilty at trial, dis. persons offense										
a. Jury	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
b. Non-jury	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7. Not guilty at trial										
a. Jury	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
b. Non-jury	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
8. Acceptance into diversion program	6	8	10	4	0	0	1	0	1	84
9. Dismissed over objection of pros.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10. Dismissed pros. motion or consent	3	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	18
11. TOTAL dispositions	22	14	21	12	0	0	10	1	7	246

**POST-CONVICTION ACTIVITIES
AND MISCELLANEOUS COURT ACTIVITIES
BY TYPE AND OUTCOME**

POST CONVICTION ACTIVITY AND OUTCOME	NUMBER
1. Krol hearings involving the prosecutor's office	6
2. TOTAL post-conviction relief applications/briefs filed involving the prosecutor's office	5
a. Defendants granted relief	0
b. Defendants denied relief	0
c. Defendants granted relief in part/Denied relief in part	0
d. Defendants dismissed/Withdrawn	0
3. TOTAL habeas corpus petitions/briefs filed involving the prosecutor's office	0
a. Defendants granted relief	0
b. Defendants denied relief	0
c. Defendants granted relief in part/Denied relief in part	0
d. Defendants dismissed/Withdrawn	0

CAREER CRIMINAL WORKLOAD AND GRAND JURY ACTION

CAREER CRIMINAL WORKLOAD AND GRAND JURY ACTION	NUMBER OF DEFENDANTS
1. Defendants reviewed for acceptance into career criminal prosecution program	0
2. Defendants accepted for prosecution as career criminals	0
3. TOTAL career criminal defendants completing grand jury process	0
a. Defendants indicted	0
b. Defendants no billed and remanded to municipal court	0
c. Defendants no billed/no action	0
4. TOTAL career criminal defendants charged through accusation	0

**CAREER CRIMINAL
DEFENDANTS PENDING GRAND JURY PROCESS
(Pre-Indictment Defendant Cases)
BY AGE OF COMPLAINT**

AGES OF PRE-INDICTMENT DEFENDANT CASES FROM DATE OF COMPLAINT	NUMBER
1. 0 to 1 month	0
2. 1+ to 2 months	0
3. 2+ to 3 months	0
4. 3+ to 4 months	0
5. Over 4 months	0
6. TOTAL defendant cases pending grand jury	0

**CAREER CRIMINAL
DEFENDANTS PENDING DISPOSITION OF CHARGES
BY AGE OF INDICTMENT OR ACCUSATION**

AGES OF POST-INDICTMENT DEFENDANT CASES FROM DATE OF INDICTMENT OR ACCUSATION	NUMBER
1. 0 to 3 months	0
2. 3+ to 6 months	0
3. 6+ to 9 months	0
4. 9+ to 12 months	0
5. 12+ to 24 months	0
6. 24+ months	0
7. TOTAL post-indictment/accusation defendant cases pending	0

**CAREER CRIMINAL
DEFENDANTS WITH INDICTMENTS/ACCUSATION DISPOSED
BY MANNER OF DISPOSITION**

MANNER OF DISPOSITION	NUMBER OF DEFENDANTS
1. Guilty plea to most serious offense	0
2. Guilty plea to lesser indictable offense	0
3. Ind. disp., plea to disorderly persons offense	0
4. Guilty at trial, most serious offense	0
a. Jury trial	0
b. Non-jury trial	0
5. Guilty at trial, lesser indictable offense	0
a. Jury trial	0
b. Non-jury trial	0
6. Guilty at trial, disorderly persons offense	0
a. Jury trial	0
b. Non-jury trial	0
7. Not guilty at trial	0
a. Jury trial	0
b. Non-jury trial	0
8. Acceptance into diversion program	0
9. Dismissed over objection of prosecutor	0
10. Dismissed on motion of prosecutor	0
11. TOTAL dispositions	0

Year 2020

n/a

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Completing report
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County Hunterdon, New Jersey
Year 2020
From: 1/1/2020 To: 12/31/2020

INVESTIGATIVE WORKLOAD AND DISPOSITIONS

INVESTIGATIVE WORKLOAD AND DISPOSITIONS	NUMBER OF INVESTIGATIONS BY TYPE-Original and Post-complaint Investigations						
	Original Investigations Conducted Jointly With				Original Exclusive Investigations	TOTAL Original Investigations	TOTAL Post-complaint Investigations
	Local Police	State Agency	Other County Prosecutor	Other Agency			
1. Investigations pending or inactive at the beginning of the year	50	10	3	5	73	141	7
2. Investigations opened during the year	181	31	7	8	80	307	50
3. TOTAL Investigative workload for the year (add nos. 1 - 2)	231	41	10	13	153	448	57
4. TOTAL Investigations completed during this year	187	29	7	9	73	305	45
a. Resulting in criminal charges	5	0	0	1	2	8	19
b. Referred to other agency for criminal prosecution	3	1	2	0	2	8	0
c. Referred to other agency for civil or administrative action	0	0	0	1	0	1	0
d. Closed - No further action	179	28	5	7	69	288	26
5. Investigations pending or inactive at the end of the year	44	12	3	4	80	143	12

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DISPOSITIONS OF ORIGINAL INVESTIGATIONS RESULTING IN CRIMINAL CHARGES

DISPOSITIONS OF ORIGINAL INVESTIGATIONS RESULTING IN CRIMINAL CHARGES	NUMBER OF DEFENDANTS
1. Defendants charged by complaint, TOTAL	27
a. Defendants with complaints administratively dismissed	3
b. Defendants with complaints downgraded to disorderly persons offenses	5
c. Defendants with complaints referred to family court	0
d. Defendants with complaints presented to grand jury	4
2. Defendants with original charges presented to grand jury on direct presentment	0
3. Defendants charged through accusation	13
4. Defendants completing the grand jury process on direct presentment and complaint presentation	8
a. Defendants indicted	8
b. Defendants no billed and remanded to municipal court	0
c. Defendant no billed/no action	0

APPELLATE WORKLOAD AND DISPOSITIONS

Appellate Division and Other Appellate Courts

APPELLATE WORKLOAD AND DISPOSITIONS/OUTCOMES	Appellate Division Appeals						NJ Supreme Court Appeals	U.S. and Other Court Appeals (specify court)	TOTAL
	Criminal referral cases	Other criminal appeals	Criminal Inter-locutory	Juvenile	Law Division (de novo)	Civil			
1. Appeals pending at beginning of the year	7	1	0	0	0	1	2	0	11
2. Notices of appeal received/ filed	2	1	0	0	0	0	4	0	7
3. Appellate motions, motion responses filed	17	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	20
4. Appellate briefs filed	7	0	0	0	0	1	4	0	12
5. STATE Appeals and - TOTAL DISPOSED Cross Appeals	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
a. Conviction or order affirmed	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
b. Conviction or order reversed	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
c. Remanded or judgment modified	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
d. Withdrawn or dismissed	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
e. Affirmed in part/Reversed and or remanded in part	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6. DEFENSE Appeals - TOTAL DISPOSED	7	1	0	0	0	1	4	0	13
a. Conviction or order affirmed	4	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	6
b. Conviction or order reversed	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
c. Remanded or judgment modified	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
d. Withdrawn or dismissed	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	3
e. Affirmed in part/Reversed and or remanded in part	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
7. Appeals pending at the end of the year	3	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	5

Four pending cases were changed from Attorney General to Prosecutor's Office

Same case heard twice, remanded by Supreme Court, affirmed both times

APPELLATE WORKLOAD AND DISPOSITIONS

Law Division

APPELLATE WORKLOAD AND DISPOSITIONS/OUTCOMES	MUNICIPAL COURT APPEALS -- BY TYPE OF VIOLATION					TOTAL
	Criminal	Disorderly Persons	Motor Vehicle	Municipal Ordinances	Other	
1. Appeals pending at beginning of year	0	0	1	0	0	1
2. Notices of appeal received/filed	0	0	5	0	0	5
3. Appellate motions, motion responses filed	0	0	0	0	0	0
4. Appellate briefs filed	0	0	1	0	0	1
5. TOTAL APPEALS DISPOSED	0	0	5	0	0	5
a. Conviction or order affirmed	0	0	2	0	0	2
b. Conviction or order reversed	0	0	0	0	0	0
c. Remanded or judgment modified	0	0	0	0	0	0
d. Withdrawn or dismissed	0	0	3	0	0	3
6. Appeals pending at the end of the year	0	0	1	0	0	1

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County: Hunterdon

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JUVENILE DELINQUENCY INTAKE

Filings/New Cases	Number of Juveniles	Number of Cases	Number of Offenses
1. Total New Filings During the Calendar Year	32	36	110
VOP Filings			
2. Total Violations of Probation During the Calendar Year	2	3	3
Returned to Court			
3a. Cases Reactivated	3	3	5
3b. Cases Reopened	7	9	24
3c. Cases Successfully Appealed	0	0	0
3. Total Cases Returned to Court	10	12	29
Transfers			
4a. Entering this county	4	6	25
4b. Leaving this county	10	10	20
4. (Net Change)	-6	-4	5

5. County Screening Procedures.....: Check the box that most accurately describes the procedure in your county. Do not check more than one box.

- a. Prosecutor's office reviews all new delinquency complaints either before or after diversion. ☒
- b. Prosecutor's office reviews selected delinquency complaints either before or after diversion based on offense charged or other criteria ☐
- c. Prosecutor's office does not screen new delinquency complaints. ☐

6. Violations of Probation Procedures: Check the box that most accurately describes the procedure in your county. Do not check more than one box.

- a. An Assistant Prosecutor appears at all V.O.P. hearings. ☒
- b. An Assistant Prosecutor appears at selected V.O.P. hearings based on offense charged or other criteria. ☐
- c. Assistant Prosecutor's do not at V.O.P. hearings. ☐

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County: Hunterdon

Year...: 2020

JUVENILE DELINQUENCY DISPOSED CASES

	Number of Juveniles	Number of Cases	Number of Offenses
Dismissed/Consolidated/Withdrawn			
1. Total Dismissed/Consolidated/Withdrawn during Calendar Year	12	14	22
Diverted Cases			
2. Total Diversions during Calendar Year	9	9	10
Inactivated Cases			
3a. VOP Cases Inactivated	1	1	1
3b. Non-VOP Cases Inactivated	0	0	0
3. Total Inactivations during Calendar Year	1	1	1
Non-VOP Decisions (Mandatory Calendar)			
4a. Adjudicated Delinquent	11	13	62
4b. Adjudicated Not Delinquent	0	0	0
4c. Not Adjudicated Dismissed	0	0	0
4d. Case Returned/Post Adjudication Decision	1	1	15
4. Total Non-VOP Decisions (Mandatory Calendar)	12	14	77
Non-VOP Decisions (Non-Mandatory Calendar)			
5a. Adjudicated Delinquent	0	0	0
5b. Adjudicated Not Delinquent	0	0	0
5c. Not Adjudicated Dismissed	0	0	0
5d. Case Returned/Post Adjudication Decision	0	0	0
5. Total Non-VOP Decisions (Non-Mandatory Calendar)	0	0	0
Non-VOP Decisions (Juvenile Referee)			
6a. Adjudicated Delinquent	0	0	0
6b. Adjudicated Not Delinquent	0	0	0
6c. Not Adjudicated Dismissed	0	0	0
6d. Case Returned/Post Adjudication Decision	3	4	5
6. Total Non-VOP Decisions (Juvenile Referee)	3	4	5
	Mandatory Calendar	Non-Mandatory Calendar	Juvenile Referee
VOP Decisions (1:1)			
7a. Adjudicated Delinquent	2	0	0
7b. Adjudicated Not Delinquent	0	0	0
7c. Not Adjudicated Dismissed	0	0	0
7d. Case Returned/Post Adjudication Decision	0	0	0
7. Total VOP Decisions	2	0	0

Trials

8a. Total Number of Trials Where the Assistant Prosecutor Appeared.

0

8b. Total Number of Juveniles Adjudicated Delinquent on One or More Charges at Trial.

8c. Total Number of Juveniles Adjudicated Not Delinquent at Trial.

Revised for 2020 data

JUVENILE WAIVER DECISIONS

1. Voluntary Waivers at Juvenile's Request	0
2. Juvenile Waiver Motions by Prosecutor	
a. Pending at Beginning of Year	0
b. Motions Filed by Prosecutor this Year	0
3. Juvenile Waiver Decisions (Prosecutor's Motions)	
a. Waived on Prosecutor's Motion with Juvenile's Consent	0
b. Waived on Prosecutor's Motion without Juvenile Consent and after a Hearing	0
c. Motion Voluntarily Withdrawn by Prosecutor	0
d. Waivers Denied	0
e. Total Decisions (sum of 3a through 3d)	0
4. Juvenile Waiver Motions filed by Prosecutor Pending at Year's End (2.a. + 2.b. - 3.e.)	0

JUVENILE HABITUAL OFFENDER PROGRAM WORKLOAD AND ADJUDICATIONS

WORKLOAD AND ADJUDICATIONS	NUMBER OF JUVENILES
1. Juveniles reviewed for acceptance into habitual offender program	0
2. Juveniles accepted for prosecution as habitual offenders	0
3. TOTAL juvenile adjudications	0
a. Adjudicated delinquent by admission, i.e., guilty plea	0
b. Adjudicated delinquent at hearing	0
c. Adjudicated not delinquent	0
d. Complaint dismissed or withdrawn	0
e. Adjudication adjourned, continuance granted	0

n/a

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VICTIM/WITNESS NOTIFICATION SERVICES

NOTIFICATION SERVICES	NOTIFICATION PROVIDED TO					
	VICTIMS		Lay WITNESSES		Law Enforcement WITNESSES	
	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO
Initial contact	X			X		X
Administrative dismissal	X			X	X	
Remand to municipal court	X			X	X	
Indictment returned	X			X	X	
No bill	X			X	X	
Acceptance into pre-trial intervention	X			X	X	
Guilty plea	X			X	X	
Not guilty at trial	X			X	X	
Guilty at trial	X			X	X	
Indictment dismissed	X			X	X	
Sentence	X			X	X	
Parole	X			X		X
Disposition of juvenile cases	X			X		X
Other (specify)						

VICTIM/WITNESS ASSISTANCE SERVICES PROVIDED

VICTIM/WITNESS ASSISTANCE SERVICES	SERVICE PROVIDED TO			
	VICTIMS		WITNESSES	
	Juvenile Cases	Adult Cases	Juvenile Cases	Adult Cases
INFORMATION AND REFERRAL SERVICES				
Introductory brochure	X	X		
Criminal Justice system orientation	X	X	X	X
Case information	X	X		
VCCB referral	X	X		
Social service information/referral	X	X		
Crime prevention information/referral	X	X		
Property return information	X	X		
Witness fee information				
Public education, community awareness	X	X	X	X
LOGISTIC SERVICES				
Stand-by subpoena and call	X	X	X	X
Witness waiting area	X	X	X	X
Response to witness intimidation, harassment	X	X	X	X
Restitution recommendation at sentencing	X	X		
VCCB claim assistance	X	X		
Social service intervention	X	X		
Employer/student intervention	X	X	X	X
Travel, lodging assistance	X	X	X	X
Transportation assistance	X	X	X	X
Child care assistance	X	X	X	X
Property return assistance	X	X		
Witness fee assistance				
Victim impact statement assistance	X	X		
Counseling	X	X	X	X
Other (specify)				

MISCELLANEOUS ACTIVITIES

ACTIVITY	NUMBER	VALUE
1. Notice of intention to solicit funds received	0	
2. Expungement applications received	270	
3. TOTAL number of forfeiture actions	9	
4. Number of motor vehicles obtained through forfeiture actions	0	
5. TOTAL value of property forfeited (add a. - c.)		\$30,048
a. Cash forfeited		\$30,048
b. Value of forfeited motor vehicles		0
c. Value of other forfeited property		0
(Specify property)		

ADULT DEFENDANTS WITH BIAS CRIME RELATED CHARGES DISPOSED

	TOTAL	NUMBER CONVICTED		ACQUITTED	DISMISSED	DOWNGRADE/ REMAND
		PLEA	TRIAL			
Number of defendants disposed	0	0	0	0	0	0
Number of defendants for whom application for extended term of imprisonment made	0					
Number of defendants for whom application was granted	0					
Number of defendants for whom application was denied	0					
Number of defendants for whom simple assault was upgraded to 4th degree crime	0	0	0	0	0	0
Number of defendants for whom harassment was upgraded to 4th degree crime	0	0	0	0	0	0
Number of defendants who had both an upgrade to a 4th degree crime and an application for extended terms	0					

JUVENILE DEFENDANTS WITH BIAS CRIME RELATED CHARGES DISPOSED

	TOTAL	NUMBER CONVICTED		ACQUITTED	DISMISSED	DOWNGRADE/ REMAND
		PLEA	TRIAL			
Number of juveniles disposed	0					
Number of juveniles waived for adult prosecution	0	0	0	0	0	0
Number of juveniles for whom application for extended term of imprisonment made	0					
Number of juveniles for whom application was granted	0					
Number of juveniles for whom application was denied	0					
Number of juveniles for whom simple assault was upgraded to 4th degree crime	0	0	0	0	0	0
Number of juveniles for whom harassment was upgraded to 4th degree crime	0	0	0	0	0	0
Number of juveniles who had both an upgrade to a 4th degree crime and an application for extended terms	0					

POLICE PURSUIT SUMMARY REPORT

Agency ALL AGENCIES	County HUNTERDON
Reporting Period 2020	
Person completing report Det. Colin Frinzi	Date completed April 2021
Phone number 908-788-1129	

1. Number of pursuits initiated	21
2. Number of pursuits resulting in accidents	3
3. Number of pursuits resulting in injuries (NO DEATHS)	2
4. Number of pursuits resulting in death	0
5. Number of pursuits resulting in arrest	7
6. Number of vehicles in accidents	
a. Pursued vehicles	3
b. Police vehicles	0
c. Third party vehicles	0
7. Number of people injured	
a. Pursued vehicles	2
b. Police vehicles	0
c. Third party vehicles	0
d. Pedestrians	0
8. Number of people killed	
a. Pursued vehicles	0
b. Police vehicles	0
c. Third party vehicles	0
d. Pedestrians	0
9. Number of people arrested	8
10. Number of pursuits in which a tire deflation device was used	0

Annual Internal Affairs Summary

	Pending from Prior Years		Cases Closed		Source of Complaint			Criminal Outcome			Internal Disciplinary Outcome					Pending End of Year
	New cases				Agency	Civilian	Anon.	Conviction	Diversio n	Dismissal	Exonerated	Not Sustained	Unfounded	Closed	Sustained	
Excessive Force	0	4	4		0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0
Improper Arrest	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Improper Entry	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Improper Search	0	2	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Other Criminal Violation	0	7	6		0	6	0	0	0	0	1	2	3	0	0	1
Differential Treatment	0	12	5		0	5	0	0	0	0	1	0	4	0	0	7
Demeanor	1	21	19		0	19	0	0	0	0	7	1	9	1	1	3
Domestic Violence	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Rule Violation	3	41	36		16	19	1	0	0	0	4	5	6	1	20	8

Total Cases Opened	87
Total Cases Closed	70
Total Pending Cases	21
Total Cases > 180 Days	9

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The following report contains a statistical summary for reports of police misconduct in Hunterdon County for 2020. In addition, the report provides statistics for the disposition of those complaints. A review of the report, and a comparison of this report with the reports prepared in prior years, reveal the following:

2020 Hunterdon County Internal Affairs Statistics:

All eighteen (18) law enforcement agencies required by the Attorney General's Annual Reporting Requirements to report have submitted their reports to the Hunterdon County Prosecutor's Office's Professional Standards Unit. This now includes the Washington Township Police Department (Morris County), which covers Califon Borough, Hunterdon County Corrections, and Hunterdon County Park Rangers.

Total Complaints Filed:

Upon review of the Internal Affairs Summary Reports, county-wide the total number of complaints filed in 2020 was 87. In 2019 the total number of complaints filed was 71. This data shows an increase in the total number of complaints filed.

- (87) Complaints Filed
- (70) Complaints Disposed
- (2) Administrative Dispositions
- (21) Dispositions Sustained
- (13) Exonerations (8) Not Sustained (26) Unfounded

2020 PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS EXECUTIVE SUMMARY HUNTERDON COUNTY

Trends:

There was an increase in the number of citizen complaints in 2020 (53) as compared to 2019 (47). There was a decrease in the number of agency-generated complaints in 2020 (16) from 2019 (19). There was a slight increase in the number of demeanor complaints in 2020 (21) from 2019 (19).

CONCLUSION:

Upon review of the data received from all of Hunterdon County's police and law enforcement agencies, the trend observed an increase in the number of complaints filed and demeanor complaints. Demeanor complaints are the most common citizen complaints. The added reviews involved in the internal investigation process continue to look for trending issues among law enforcement officers to identify issues, address them proactively, and alter concerning behaviors before they become larger issues. These issues can negatively affect the citizen's perspective toward law enforcement, bringing discredit to the police department and adversely affect the officer's career. Historically, the complaints in Hunterdon County originate from a citizen's encounter with a uniformed officer, such as an issuance of a motor vehicle summons. Since implementation of the mobile video recordings and, most recently, body worn cameras, supervisors can typically resolve the complaint by reviewing the videotape.

The Hunterdon County Prosecutor's Office's Professional Standards Unit provides this office and all municipal law enforcement agencies with a centralized resource and contacts to provide guidance and experience in the internal affairs process.

THE FOLLOWING WAS ACCOMPLISHED IN 2020:

1. The Professional Standards Unit continues to monitor and improve the recently centralized screening policy for all internal affairs complaints occurring in Hunterdon County jurisdictions. This was done to ensure that the early warning and trending system in place assists the Hunterdon County Prosecutor's Office in identifying and addressing areas of concern of specific officers in need of training or counseling. The unit continues to screen and monitor the investigation and disposition of each case and offers guidance if/when needed. Benchmarks have been put in place to create alerts of officers who receive frequent complaints, and notifications are directed to the agency's internal affairs officer to conduct a meaningful review of the reported incidents to ascertain any apparent commonalities or trends that may be triggering citizen complaints. This process is put in place to not only protect the citizens from an officer who may be involved in inappropriate conduct but also to provide guidance and training to officers so that potential issues are addressed and do not adversely affect their careers.
2. To increase public confidence this office has implemented a centralized classification process when screening complaints. This screening process involves multi-level reviews in the decision-

making process on the direction, classification, and findings of internal investigations. The process also involves a third level of intake review consisting of a legal review by an assistant prosecutor of allegations of a criminal nature or that involve the use of force.

3. The Professional Standards Unit continues to offer all county agencies experienced resources, assistance, and inspection/audit services. We continue to offer professional standards reviews and recommendations to municipal police agencies in the areas of personnel and internal record keeping, policy and procedure, evidence audits, and integrity matters.

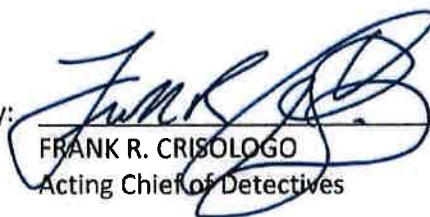
4. Our centralized web-based core policy system for all Hunterdon County police agencies continues to expand with the addition of several more such policies on our website.

5. An audit of county agencies revealed that all have implemented the most current version of the Attorney General's Internal Affairs Policy and Procedures.

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BUDGETS AND EXPENDITURES

ACTIVITY	YEAR	Total Operating Budget (excluding Grants)	Total Grants Funding
1. TOTAL actual expenditures, prior report year (include all County, State and Federal funding)	2019	\$4,257,600.18	\$290,534.21
a. Salaries and Wages		\$4,008,417.69	\$155,279
b. Other Expenses		\$249,182.49	\$135,255.21
2. TOTAL Budgeted Appropriations, current report year (include all County, State and Federal funding)	2020	\$5,025,825	\$409,099
a. Salaries and Wages		\$4,612,000	\$184,634
b. Other Expenses		\$413,825	\$224,465