

Atlantic County Prosecutor's Office

2018 Annual Report



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INTRODUCTION



MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission Statement of the Atlantic County Prosecutor's Office is to provide professional leadership and guidance through the coordination of law enforcement resources to safeguard and protect the citizens by the detection, arrest, prosecution and conviction of criminal offenders.

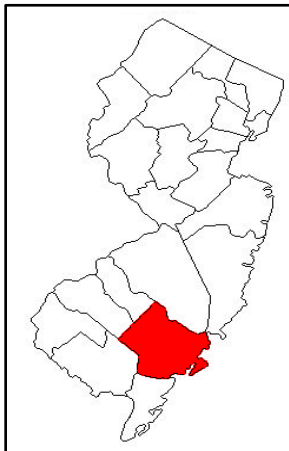
VALUE STATEMENT

In carrying out its mission, the Atlantic County Prosecutor's Office is committed to our core values:

- Being responsive and accessible to the citizens of, and visitors to, the County;
- Maintaining high standards of professional integrity;
- Treating all people fairly and objectively without regard to race, religion, gender, and sexual orientation;
- Providing each municipality with additional resources when necessary for challenging investigations;
- Striving for excellence through the creative application of modern principles and technologies.

BACKGROUND

Atlantic County is home to the east coast casino capital of Atlantic City. Atlantic City attracted more than 27 million visitors in 2016, making it one of the most heavily visited tourist spots in the country. The County however, has a lot more to offer than just gaming. Its diverse landscape spanning over 550 square-miles features beautiful beaches and scenic waterways such as the Mullica and Egg Harbor Rivers and the expansive Pine Barrens. The more rural western portion of the County includes hiking and horseback trails, farmlands, markets and the famous blueberry fields of Hammonton.



Amid this backdrop are development pressures created by rapidly growing communities. The county's growing population of more than 250,000 residents, and the millions of visitors who come each year, contribute significantly to the need for the prosecutorial and related criminal justice services provided by this office.

The New Jersey Constitution provides that each county shall have a County Prosecutor. This constitutional provision is implemented by a statute creating the Office of the County Prosecutor, which mandates that the criminal business of the state be prosecuted exclusively by the County Prosecutor—except in those cases where the Attorney General may choose to supersede. The statute charges the County Prosecutor

with the duty of using all reasonable and lawful diligence for the detection, arrest, indictment and conviction of offenders against the law.

Atlantic County is composed of 23 municipalities with 18 separate municipal police departments which fall under the jurisdiction of the Atlantic County Prosecutor.

Prosecutor Damon G. Tyner was appointed as the Atlantic County Prosecutor on March 15, 2017 by the Governor of New Jersey with the advice and consent of the State Senate.

At the end of 2018, the office had a staff of **169**, including the Prosecutor, the First Assistant Prosecutor, the Deputy First Assistant Prosecutor, the Chief of County Detectives, 7 Chief Assistant Prosecutors, 42 Assistant Prosecutors, 5 Captains, 9 Lieutenants, 18 Sergeants, 47 Detectives and 11 Agents. The balance of the staff consists of Clerical, Victim/Witness Advocates and Support personnel. Staff strength and assignments varied throughout the year due to transfers, retirements, resignations, and unit reassignments.

The Prosecutor's Office is located in Mays Landing, with a satellite office located in Atlantic City.

This report reflects a sampling of what the Atlantic County Prosecutor's Office accomplished during the 2018 calendar year. As Prosecutor Damon G. Tyner completed his first full calendar year as the Atlantic County Prosecutor, the office successfully prosecuted 2,452 cases, continued to battle the opioid epidemic and witnessed a reduction in homicides, while solving an impressive 95% of those reported. The opioid epidemic and the impact of the Bail Reform Act of 2017 continue to pose major challenges to law enforcement, but the office demonstrated that it was up to the task. All of the accomplishments are a credit to the hard work, dedication, and professionalism of the investigative and legal staff, the victim/witness advocates, and the administrative, clerical and support staff employed in the office. The Atlantic County Prosecutor's Office recognizes and is thankful for the collaborative relationships it shares with each of the municipal law enforcement agencies within Atlantic County, the Atlantic City Task Force of the Office of the Attorney General, the New Jersey Office of Homeland Security, the Liberty Mid-Atlantic High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (LMHIDTA) and the local field offices of the Federal Bureau of Investigations and the Drug Enforcement Administration.

EXECUTIVE SECTION



Atlantic County Prosecutor: Damon G. Tyner

First Assistant Prosecutor: Cary Shill

Deputy First Assistant Prosecutor: Mario Formica

Chief of County Detectives: Daren J. Dooley

Agent of the Prosecutor: **Donna Weaver**
Public Information Officer

Secretaries: **Linda Gerretz**
Confidential Aide to County Prosecutor Tyner

Tina Lare
Secretary to First Assistant Prosecutor Shill

Michelle Green
Secretary to Chief Dooley

ATLANTIC COUNTY PROSECUTOR



PROSECUTOR DAMON G. TYNER

Prosecutor Damon G. Tyner was appointed as the Atlantic County Prosecutor on March 15, 2017 by the Governor of New Jersey with the advice and consent of the State Senate. He previously served as a Judge of the Superior Court of New Jersey from July 2014 through March 2017. He served in both, the Chancery Division – Family Part and the Criminal Division. Prosecutor Tyner also served as an Administrative Law Judge in the Office of Administrative Law from July 2012 through June 2014. He is a graduate of Howard University (B.S., 1993) and Widener University School of Law (J.D., 1997). He was admitted to the practice of law in the State of New Jersey in 1997.

While in private practice, Prosecutor Tyner's practice consisted of real estate development, land use matters, municipal law, labor law, and education law. Prosecutor Tyner started his career as a law clerk to the Hon. Albert J. Garofolo, P.J. Crim., and continued it as an associate in the Atlantic City regional office of Fox Rothschild (1999-2006), and then served as Counsel to Parker McCay, P.A. (2006-2012).

Prosecutor Tyner was featured in the 2007 edition of New Jersey Super Lawyers – Rising Stars. In 2006, he served on the Revitalizing New Jersey Communities Committee of Governor Jon Corzine's transition team. In 2005, he was named to the Top 40 Under 40 list by Atlantic City Weekly/Greater Atlantic City Jaycees and in 2004, he was named to the New Jersey Law Journal's "40 Under 40" list, honoring the top forty attorneys under the age of forty in the State of New Jersey. Prosecutor Tyner's service has been recognized by both, the Atlantic County Bar Association and the community, as the recipient of the Hon. Benjamin A. Rimm award (2003) presented annually by the Bar Association to the most outstanding young attorney in Atlantic County and the Judge Herbert Jacobs Award from the African American Male Conference.

Prosecutor Tyner is a native of Atlantic City, NJ, and now resides in Egg Harbor Township, NJ.

EXECUTIVE STAFF



FIRST ASSISTANT PROSECUTOR CARY SHILL

In 1989, First Assistant Prosecutor Cary Shill began his career as a prosecutor when he joined the Atlantic County Prosecutor's Office. In 2006, he was promoted to Chief Assistant Prosecutor. During his tenure with the Office, he has supervised the Trial Unit, Atlantic County Shooting Response Team, Gangs, Guns and Narcotics Unit, Violent Crime Unit and Computer Crimes Unit. In 2003, Mr. Shill successfully prosecuted the last trial in which a defendant in New Jersey was sentenced to death. In 2006, he received the Outstanding Victim Advocacy in a Single Case Award from the County Prosecutors Association of New Jersey. In 2004, Mr. Shill was honored to be awarded the Crime Victim Service Award by the New Jersey Division of Criminal Justice. Mr. Shill is certified by the New Jersey Supreme Court as a Criminal Trial Attorney. From 1990 to 1993, he was an assistant prosecutor at the Essex County Prosecutor's Office. In 1985, Mr. Shill received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Trenton State College. In 1988, he graduated with a law degree from the Florida State University College of Law.



DEPUTY FIRST ASSISTANT PROSECUTOR MARIO FORMICA

Mario Formica serves as a Deputy First Assistant Prosecutor at the Atlantic County Prosecutor's Office. Formica is a lifelong resident of Atlantic County and was born and raised in the "Ducktown" section of Atlantic City.

He graduated Magna Cum Laude from Richard Stockton University with a bachelor's degree in psychology. After graduation from Stockton University, Formica was accepted to Rutgers University School of Law in Camden in the spring of 1996. In 2000, graduated with a Juris Doctorate degree with honors. Formica served as an Editor of the Rutgers Law Journal and published a scholarly note, *The Violation of an Individual's State and Federal Constitutional Rights Should Be a Private Matter in California*, 30 RUTGERS L.J. 1377 (1999)

After graduating law school, Formica was selected to clerk for the Superior Court of New Jersey, Appellate Division, the Honorable Steven Z. Kleiner for the 2001-01 term. While clerking, Formica wrote the legal memorandum for presiding Appellate Judge James Havey in the published opinion of *Troup v. Home Associates Equity Services*, 343 N.J. Super, 254 (App. Div. 2001), a predatory lending case cited nationally over 300 times.

Formica started working at the Atlantic County Prosecutor's Office in September 2001 as an Assistant Prosecutor assigned to the Grand Jury Unit. Less than a year later, Formica was assigned to an investigative trial unit, the Violent Crimes Unit, and paired with then Chief Assistant Cary Shill. Formica worked in VCU until September 2007 at which time he left the ACPO for a position in private practice at the law firm of Hill Wallack LLP. In 2008, Formica returned to the ACPO and was assigned to the Guns Gangs and Narcotics Unit.

In 2012, Formica was promoted to Chief Assistant Prosecutor in charge of Special Litigation. He supervised 6 attorneys, handling all criminal appeals arising out of Atlantic County ranging from municipal court appeals to the New Jersey Superior Court Appellate Division to the New Jersey Supreme Court to the United States 3rd Circuit Court of Appeals. Formica handled all appeals from denials of firearms permits, as well as the tracking of Megan's Law registered sex offenders.

In 2013, Formica developed an original Search and Seizure instructional seminar that has been presented to local police agencies on a periodic basis from that time to the present. In 2014, the New Jersey Supreme Court certified Formica as a Criminal Trial Attorney.

In March 2017, Prosecutor Tyner named Formica, Deputy First Assistant Prosecutor. Formica retained prior duties as supervisor of the Special Litigation Unit, and now supervises two chief assistant prosecutors handling: the Guns, Gangs and Narcotics Unit, and the newly created Bail Screening Unit.

CHIEF OF COUNTY DETECTIVES DAREN J. DOOLEY



Chief of County Detectives Daren J. Dooley currently commands the Detective Division of the Atlantic County Prosecutor's Office. The Division consists of the Investigations, Litigation, and Administration Sections.

The Investigations Section consists of 11 specialized units including the Major Crimes Squad (Homicide, Crash Investigations, Forensics, and Drug Related Death Investigations), Gangs, Guns and Narcotics Task Force, Special Victims Unit (Child Abuse and Sexual Assault), Arson Task Force, Official Corruption, Intelligence and Homeland/School Security Unit, Financial Crimes, and High Technology Criminal Investigations.

The Litigation Section consists of both sworn and civilian personnel assigned to support the Trial, Grand Jury, Appellate & Civil Litigation functions of the

Prosecutor's Office.

The Administration Section is responsible for the budget and personnel functions of the agency. These Sections are managed by Superior Officers who report to the Chief. The Chief of County Detectives reports directly to the Prosecutor.

Chief Dooley was promoted to Chief of County Detectives by former Atlantic County Prosecutor Jeffrey S. Blitz in 2004 and has served as Chief under former Atlantic County Prosecutors Theodore F.L. Housel, James P. McClain and Acting Prosecutor Diane M. Ruberton. He continues to serve as Chief under current Atlantic County Prosecutor Damon G. Tyner. He is the longest tenured Chief of County Detectives in the State of New Jersey. Chief Dooley began his career in law enforcement in 1994, hired as an Investigator in the Atlantic County Prosecutor's Office. Chief Dooley worked in numerous units including Litigation, Financial Crimes, Major Crimes, Crimes Against Children, Narcotics, Administration, and has served as a member and team leader of the Emergency Response Team. He has held a variety of supervisory positions including Sergeant of County Investigators, Lieutenant of County Investigators, Captain of County Investigators, Deputy Chief and Chief of County Investigators.

Chief Dooley is a life-long resident of Atlantic County. He is a graduate of Holy Spirit High School and holds a Bachelor of Science Degree from Salisbury University, and a Master of Science Degree in Criminal Justice Administration from St. Joseph's University. He is a graduate of the Atlantic County Police Academy and the New Jersey Division of Criminal Justice Modified Basic Course for Investigators. Chief Dooley is also a graduate of the New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police West Point Command and Leadership Program and has served as an instructor for the program. Chief Dooley is a graduate of the 241st Session of the Federal Bureau of Investigation National Academy and has earned the designation of Certified Chief Law Enforcement Executive (CCLEE) by the New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police. He has also served as an instructor in the areas of firearms, chemical agents, officer survival, and interview and interrogation.

Chief Dooley is a member of the Atlantic County Association of Chiefs of Police and past President of the Association. He is also an active member of the New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police, the International Association of Chiefs of Police and a member and past President of the Chief of County Detectives/Investigators Association of New Jersey. Chief Dooley serves as a member of various law enforcement advisory boards and local community organizations and committees.

VICTIM WITNESS ADVOCACY UNIT



Victim Witness Coordinator: Raymond Royster

Victim Witness Advocates: Patricia Hayek, Supervising Advocate
Kristie Baker Gardener
Melody Kirby
Maria Sosa, bi-lingual (Spanish)

Clerk I: Keswicke Jeffcoat
Jesse Dickenson

The Atlantic County Office of Victim Witness Advocacy is the unit within the Prosecutor's Office established to offer social service assistance, case information and advocacy to victims of crime. The unit has trained victim advocate staff and a clerical assistant available to aid victims with problems created by their victimization.

The advocate staff informs victims of their rights within the criminal justice system, explains the criminal justice process, and encourages them to participate in their cases by attending court proceedings. The advocate provides support throughout all of the court proceedings, and helps the victim prepare a Victim Impact Statement, which is used by assistant prosecutors in plea negotiations and by the judge at the time of sentencing. The advocate staff also provides transportation to court, and assists with child care needs when practicable.

The Atlantic County Prosecutor's Office of Victim Witness Advocacy had more than 90,000 contacts with victims and witnesses of crime in 2018. In total, 7,532 victims were assisted.

The purpose of these contacts was to ensure that victims of indictable crimes were kept informed of the status in their cases, notified of their rights as crime victims, provided with social services assistance and referrals when appropriate, and with criminal justice system support and advocacy when needed.

An advocate in the unit coordinated the Multi-Disciplinary Team for victims of child abuse. The team focused its efforts on ensuring that victims of child abuse were provided with appropriate mental health services, child protection and medical services, as well as the appropriate law enforcement response to their criminal complaint. During 2018, 204 cases were reviewed and conferenced by the Multi-Disciplinary Team involving 146 victims.

Victim Witness also provided other services such as grief support counseling and counseling referrals, court accompaniment, assistance with the Victims of Crime Compensation Office procedures, and trial preparation. In 2016 a bi-lingual (Spanish) advocate assigned to the unit, whose primary language was Spanish, assisted 215 victims.

Victim Witness Advocacy personnel worked closely with the Jewish Family Service Association of Atlantic County in referring victims of violent crime who do not have health insurance for out-patient therapy.

SCREENING UNIT / FORFEITURE



Supervising Attorney:	Chief Assistant Prosecutor Donna M. Fetzer
Senior Assistant Prosecutor:	Susan Schalles
Assistant Prosecutors:	Courtney Cittadini Marisa McGarvey
Supervisor of Investigators and Agents:	Lt. Stephen Boruch
Sergeant:	Tracey Thompson
Agent:	Doug Scogno
Secretary:	Melissa Blevin

The Screening / Forfeiture Unit is a new section of the Atlantic County Prosecutor's Office to facilitate Bail Reform. This Unit works directly with local law enforcement in the review charging and complaint warrants. The unit also handles the review and approval of Search Warrants, CDWs, and Consensuals. The unit also handles civil forfeiture motions involved in the seizure of property from criminal investigations.

With the assistance of a full-time Victim Advocate, the Screening Unit worked closely with local police departments to deal effectively and sensitively with domestic violence victims.

A Chief Assistant Prosecutor, four Assistant Prosecutors, one Sergeant, one agent and one clerical employee staffed the Atlantic County Screening Unit in 2016.

GRAND JURY UNIT



Supervising Attorney: First Assistant Prosecutor Cary Shill

Assistant Prosecutors: Lynn Heyer
Susan Schalles
Mark Bittner
Alicia Ivory
Julia Miller
Deirdre Laws

Unit Commander: Captain Brian Barnett

Unit Manager: Lieutenant Janet LaRocca

Unit Supervisor: Sergeant Michael Mattioli

Detectives: Detective Michelle Fromal
Detective Denise Manino
Detective Michael O'Leary

Agents: Douglas Maclean
Gregory Zaccagnino
Brian Cavanaugh

Secretaries: Jane Guerrier Toni Rodgers
Cecelia Khoury

The function of the Grand Jury Unit of the Atlantic County Prosecutor's Office is to review all indictable complaints which originate in Atlantic County, conduct additional investigation to gather evidence, make legal decisions regarding cases and, where appropriate, prepare and present those cases to a Grand Jury. The Grand Jury Unit has the authority to dismiss complaints where appropriate, or to refer complaints to municipal court for prosecution. The Grand Jury Unit is also responsible for litigating Probable Cause hearings scheduled by the Court. The Grand Jury function was merged with the Trial Unit to form the Litigation Division in May 2016.

LITIGATION DIVISION



Division Supervisor: Chief Assistant Prosecutor Erik Bergman

Assistant Prosecutors:

Team A: Deirdre Laws
Kathleen Robinson (Alicia Ivory)

Team B: Mathew Feldman
David Ringlaben

Team C: Jason Edler
Aaron Witherspoon

Team D: Christopher D'Esposito
Lloyd Henderson

Team E: Sevan Biramian
Sean Ruckenstein

Team F: Harlee Stein
Brett Yore

Recovery Court/PTI: Grace Dovell-Welch
Tracey O'Brien
April Owen

Unit Commander: Captain Bruce DeShields

Unit Supervisors: Lieutenant Steve Boruch
Sergeant Michael Ayo (Trial)

Sergeant Michael Mattioli (Grand Jury)
Sergeant Nick Erman (Juvenile)

Detectives: Vickie Levy (Trial)
Michael O'Leary (Trial)
Michelle London (Trial)
Kayla Dodge (Trial)
Mario Formica Jr. (Trial)
Fredrick Kengetter (Trial)
Denise Manino (Trial)
Danielle Kratky (Trial)
Nina Mitchell (Trial)
Gary Clune (Juvenile)
Courtney Somers (Juvenile)

Agents: Levander Jones (Grand Jury)
William Loder (Grand Jury)
Brian Cavanaugh (Grand Jury)
Tyler Bing (Grand Jury)

Clerical Secretaries: Debra Wasserman (Trial)
Emilee Grier (Trial)
Macy Torres (Trial)
Terry McKeon (Trial)
Amanda Gibbons (Trial)
Crystal Brown (Grand Jury)
Melanie DeFalco (Grand Jury)
Felicia Barber (Grand Jury)
Margaret Condorso (Juvenile)

The Litigation Division of the Atlantic County Prosecutor's Office is responsible for litigating the majority of criminal prosecutions in Atlantic County Superior Court. Specifically, the Trial Unit is responsible for post-indictment arraignments, post-indictment bail hearings, pre-trial investigations, trial preparation, pre-trial conferences, motions, plea negotiations, trials, sentencing, various post-conviction relief motions, Pretrial Intervention, and Recovery Court.

The Trial Unit is supervised by the Chief Assistant Prosecutor who reports to the First Assistant Prosecutor and a Detective Division Superior Officer. There are six trial teams each composed of two assistant prosecutors, two detectives, and one clerical assistant. There are also two assistant prosecutors assigned to Pretrial Intervention and Recovery Court.

Cases processed by the Litigation Division are each given a letter—A, B, C, D, E, or F—which corresponds to a Superior Court Judge and the trial team units. Detectives review the files for completeness, perform additional case investigation as necessary, and prepare cases for trial.

FAMILY COURT UNIT

**SUPERVISOR**

Chief Assistant Prosecutor Janet Gravitz

ASSISTANT PROSECUTORS

Erin Bisirri

Mark Bittner

UNIT COMMANDER

Captain Bruce DeShields

UNIT SUPERVISOR

Lieutenant Michael Ayo

Sergeant Michael Kelly

Detective Gary Clune

Detective Courtney Milana

Clerical Secretary Margaret Condurso

In 2016, the Domestic Violence Unit and Juvenile Unit were merged to form the Family Court Unit of the Atlantic County Prosecutor's Office. This Unit has the ability to Indict or Remand domestic violence cases to the Family Court or to local municipal courts. The Family Court Unit also handles Court contempt cases for disposition in the Family Part of the Superior Court, and civil forfeiture motions that involved the seizure of firearms pursuant to the Domestic Violence Act.

The Family Court Unit handles the investigation and prosecution of all cases relating to domestic violence, including indictable crimes, Family Court violations of restraining orders and forfeitures of weapons seized in domestic violence cases.

The unit's investigative staff and the assistant prosecutors investigate and prosecute all cases from complaint investigation to Grand Jury presentation through final disposition.

This vertical prosecution of cases was undertaken in an effort to create a unified approach to dealing with domestic violence cases and to establish consistency in the handling of these cases.

With the assistance of a full-time Victim Advocate, the Family Court Unit works closely with local police departments to deal effectively and sensitively with domestic violence victims. Unit personnel also worked with the Atlantic County Women's Center, Cape-Atlantic Legal Services, municipal prosecutors, and the probation department at Domestic Violence Working Group meetings, opening up lines of communication among these agencies to facilitate a unified approach to dealing with victims and offenders.

The Family Court Unit is responsible for the prosecution of all violations of the 2C Criminal Code committed by individuals under the age of eighteen years, which are listed on the Counsel Mandatory Calendar of the New Jersey Superior Court Family-Part. In addition to prosecuting counsel-mandatory cases, the Unit approves matters screened for court diversion and oversees the Stationhouse Adjustment diversion program, which is active in all municipalities in Atlantic County.

Unit personnel also responsible for litigating motions to transfer jurisdiction to the Superior Court - Criminal Division, in cases deemed appropriate for waiver.

The Family Court operates out of a satellite campus located in Atlantic City.

APPELLATE/CIVIL LITIGATION UNIT

Supervising Attorney:	Deputy First Assistant Prosecutor Mario Formica	
Assistant Prosecutors:	Nicole Campellone Melinda Harrigan John Lafferty John Santoliquido Dylan Thompson	
Unit Supervisor:	Sergeant Michael Mattioli	
Agents:	Colleen Somers-Ell (Megan's Law)	Kathleen Johnson (Extraditions)
Secretary	Denise Brown	

The Special Litigation Unit of the Atlantic County Prosecutor's Office represents the State in a variety of Appellate and Law Division proceedings, as well as proceedings in federal court.

The Special Litigation Unit also handles numerous other legal proceedings, including criminal record expungements, extraditions, parole reviews, ISP reviews/objections, and Open Public records (OPRA) requests.

Special Litigation is also responsible for the monitoring of registered sex offenders in pursuant to Megan's Law, and also provides community notification of the presence of certain offenders residing in municipalities in Atlantic County.

The Deputy First Assistant Prosecutor is also responsible for composing and presenting a Legal Update Program for municipal police officers and detectives from the Atlantic County Prosecutor's Office on a quarterly basis.

At present, the unit consists of a Deputy First Assistant Prosecutor supervising attorney, five assistant prosecutors, two agents and one clerical employee.

In addition to its duties as outline above, in 2018 the Special Litigation Unit of the Atlantic County Prosecutor's Office had a number of notable successes under the leadership of Prosecutor Damon G. Tyner.

For instance, in February of 2018, Assistant Prosecutor John Lafferty, in *State v. Elijah Johnson*, convinced the New Jersey Superior Court, Appellate Division on interlocutory appeal that the trial judge erred in suppressing defendant's statement to investigators, thereby restoring critical evidence to the State for its prosecution of defendant charged who was charged with armed robbery.

In April of 2018 Assistant Prosecutor John Santoliquido, in *Gibbs v. Bartkowski*, successfully argued to the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey that defendant was not deprived of effective assistance of counsel, thereby affirming that defendant's conviction for murder and a 70 year New Jersey State Prison sentence.

Likewise, in May of 2018 Deputy First Assistant Mario C. Formica, in *Blank v. D'Ilio et al.*, convinced the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey to reject defendant's argument that his trial counsel was ineffective as required by the United States Constitution, thereby affirming his convictions for 3 counts of attempted murder of a police officer and an 85 year New Jersey State Prison sentence.

Also in May of 2018, Assistant Prosecutor Nicole Campellone, in *State v. Gerald*, successfully opposed defendant's argument to the New Jersey Superior Court, Appellate Division, that he was denied effective assistance of counsel as guaranteed by the New Jersey and United States Constitutions. In rejecting defendant's claim, the Court affirmed defendant's convictions for murder and other attendant offenses, as well as an aggregate sentence of 50 years New Jersey State Prison.

And in September of 2018, Assistant Prosecutor Melinda Harrigan successfully petitioned the New Jersey Supreme Court to review an Appellate Court's reversal of a defendant's conviction for attempted murder in the matter of *State v. Quashwan Jones*. Harrigan will represent the Office and the State before the New Jersey Supreme Court sometime in 2019.

APPEALS

During 2018, the appeals of 134 adult criminal and juvenile defendants were handled by the Special Litigation Section in the New Jersey Superior Court, Appellate Division. The Court upheld 70 convictions and/or sentences, 14 appeals were either withdrawn or dismissed, and 16 appeals still pending at years end. Approximately 10 matters were remanded to the Law Division for further review.

Special Litigation also responded to 6 petitions for writs of habeas corpus filed in the United States Federal District Court for the District of New Jersey. The Court denied relief for 3 of those petitions, with 2 petitions pending at the end of the year, and one petition being granted a certificate of appealability to the United States 3rd Circuit Court of Appeal.

Appellate proceedings in the Law Division in 2018 included the de novo review of 19 municipal court convictions. Of these appeals, 15 convictions were upheld.

The Special Litigation Section of the Atlantic County Prosecutor's Office also opposed 28 appeals of individuals denied firearms permits by various municipal police departments in Atlantic County.. The Superior Court of New Jersey, Law Division-Criminal, denied all of the 28 appeals.

PETITIONS FOR POST-CONVICTION RELIEF

In 2018, the Special Litigation Section opposed 35 petitions for post-conviction relief in the Superior Court, Law Division, The Court upheld 25 convictions and sentences, granted relief on 2 petitions, with 8 petitions either withdrawn or pending at years end.

MEGAN'S LAW

In 2018, the Special Litigation Section processed the registration of over 40 new Megan's registrants, and tracked and provided community notification, on a monthly basis, regarding the presence of all registrants in various municipalities in Atlantic County.

MISCELLANEOUS PROCEEDINGS

In 2018, Special Litigation received and processed over 400 applications for the expungement of criminal records, and responded to over 100 requests for government documents pursuant to New Jersey's Open Public Records Act.

In 2018, the Special Litigation Section continued to review and, where appropriate, object to the parole release of inmates or to release into the Intensive Supervision Program..

What's more, during 2018, Special Litigation coordinated the extradition back to other jurisdictions of 40 fugitives located in Atlantic County. Governor's Warrants were prepared for the return from other jurisdictions of 14 fugitives wanted in Atlantic County. In addition, Special Litigation was responsible for handling Interstate Witness subpoenas.

DOCKET AND RECORDS UNIT



Section Commander:	Captain Brian Barnett	
Unit Commander:	Lieutenant Matthew Paley	
Unit Supervisor:	Sergeant Tracey Thompson	
Records Supervisor:	Dorothy Groff	
Clerks:	Debbie Heiter Frances Macaluso-Bryant Sarah Norton	Eileen Blake Giselle Govern

In 2017, the Central Records Unit—a component of the Administration Section of the Atlantic County Prosecutor's Office—handled more than 7000 docket files.

Central Records personnel were responsible for the receipt, scanning, and processing of all indictable complaints and corresponding reports from the municipal police departments and municipal courts of Atlantic County, and from the investigation units of the Atlantic County Prosecutor's Office. Personnel were also responsible for reviewing and distributing mail received by this agency. An additional duty was initiated in the latter part of 2008, with personnel becoming responsible for the receipt and processing of traffic ticket files involving serious bodily injury. These files are prepared and then reviewed by the Grand Jury section for proper disposition.

In 2017, Central Records personnel reviewed all indicted files to confirm that all charges were accounted for prior to assignment of the files to the appropriate trial teams. They also reviewed and processed files that were transferred to Family Court, another county, or to the New Jersey State Division of Criminal Justice.

Central Records personnel were also responsible for the storage of all returned and closed docket files, as well as tracking closed files for future destruction. Personnel also handled the tracking of all Municipal Court appeals, post-conviction relief motions and miscellaneous files. They also tracked appeals filed with the state Appellate Division and expungements filed in Superior Court.



During 2017, Central Records employees handled more than 165 records checks requested by local police agencies involving applications for employment or firearms permits, applications for casino licenses and applicants for the Atlantic City Fire Department.

Central Records employees were also responsible for reporting monthly crime statistics to the New Jersey State Police for inclusion in the Uniform Crime Report, which is published annually.

Unit personnel also handled a large volume of requests from the public concerning the status and disposition of cases. Personnel assisted employees from other Prosecutor's Office Units with inquiries on the Automated Complaint System/Automated Traffic System, the Criminal Justice Information System, the

New Jersey Offender Based Correctional Information System, and the Atlantic County Justice Facility Information System.

In 2017, a Supervisor of Records and five Clerks staffed the unit.

EVIDENCE UNIT



Section Commander: Captain Brian Barnett

Unit Commander: Lieutenant Matthew Paley

Unit Supervisor: Sergeant Tracey Thompson

Evidence Custodian: Detective Chris Grusemeyer

During 2017, the Evidence Unit, a component of the Administration Section of the Atlantic County Prosecutor's Office, stored and tracked all physical evidence brought to the Office either through direct investigation or by the Litigation Section for trials.

Destruction of evidence in compliance with statutory and administrative requirements was also a major aspect of the work performed by the unit.

The detective assigned to the unit maintains a computerized chain-of-custody for the items stored within the Evidence Unit.

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS SECTION



Chief of County Detectives: CHIEF DAREN DOOLEY

Section Commander: CAPTAIN KEVIN HINCKS
Major Crimes Unit (Homicide), Forensics, Arson Task Force, Crash Investigations, High Technology Criminal Investigations Unit.

Section Commander: CAPTAIN JOSEPH PEPE
Official Corruption & Internal Affairs, Financial Crimes/Insurance Fraud Unit, Special Victims Unit.

Section Commander: CAPTAIN PATRICK F. SNYDER
Gangs Guns and Narcotics, Intelligence Unit, Homeland Security Unit.

MAJOR CRIMES
HOMICIDE - CRASH - FORENSICS – ARSON – HIGH TECH CRIMES

Section Commander: Captain Patrick Snyder

Unit Commander: Lieutenant Thomas Finan
Unit Commander: Lieutenant Kevin Ruga

Homicide Team One:
Sergeant William Hess
Detective Patrick Bell
Detective Mitzi Cruz (ACPD)

Homicide Team Two:
Sergeant James Scoppa
Detective Joseph Rauch (ACPD)
Detective Christopher Popper

Homicide Team Three:	Sergeant Clemente Martinez Detective Patrick Yarrow (ACPD) Detective Natasha Alvarado Detective Chris Southard
Drug Related Death Unit	Sergeant Daniel Kallen Detective Eric Price Detective Aliya Simnor
Forensics Unit	Sergeant David Gazzara Detective Paul Micheletti Detective Daniel Cummings
Crash Investigations	Sergeant James Rosiello Detective Ryan Hutton
Arson Task Force	Lieutenant Justin Furman Detective Paul Micheletti
High Tech Criminal Investigations Unit (Formerly Computer Crimes Unit)	Detective Stanley Yeats Detective Christopher Hallett Detective Deborah Specht
Clerk Transcriber:	Rosa Mendez

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS-LEGAL



Legal Supervisor: First Assistant Prosecutor Cary Shill

Official Corruption & Internal Affairs:

Legal Advisor: Senior Assistant Prosecutor John Flammer

Major Crimes (Homicide - Forensics Investigations - Arson) & Fatal Collisions:

Legal Advisors: Assistant Prosecutor Erik Bergman
Assistant Prosecutor Rick McKelvey

Financial Crimes & Insurance Fraud, Special Victims Investigations:

Legal Advisors: Senior Assistant Prosecutor John Flammer
Senior Assistant Prosecutor Danielle Buckley
Assistant Prosecutor Dave Ruffenach

Gangs, Guns & Narcotics, Shooting Response Team, Computer Crimes, Investigations, Intelligence & Homeland Security:

Legal Advisors: Chief Assistant Prosecutor Janet Gravitz
Assistant Prosecutor Edmund Burgos
Assistant Prosecutor Erik Bergman

MAJOR CRIMES SECTION



HOMICIDE – COLD CASE - CRASH - FORENSICS – ARSON – HIGH TECH CRIMES – DRUG RELATED DEATHS

Section Commander:	Captain Kevin Hincks
Unit Commander:	Lieutenant Thomas Finan
Unit Commander:	Lieutenant Kevin Ruga
Homicide Team One:	Sergeant William Hess Detective Patrick Bell Detective Mitzi Cruz (ACPD)
Homicide Team Two:	Sergeant James Scoppa Detective Christopher Popper Detective Joseph Rauch (ACPD)
Homicide Team Three:	Sergeant James Scoppa Detective Jason Dorn Detective Patrick Yarrow (ACPD)
Forensics Unit	Sergeant David Gazzara Detective Paul Micheletti Detective Daniel Cummings
Arson Unit:	Lieutenant Justin Furman Detective Paul Micheletti
High Tech Criminal Investigations Unit (Formerly Computer Crimes Unit)	Sergeant Stanley Yeats Detective Christopher Hallett Detective Deborah Specht
Clerk Transcriber:	Rosa Mendez

The Major Crimes Unit of the Atlantic County Prosecutor's Office is responsible for the investigation of all homicides that occur in Atlantic County. In addition, the unit also investigates suspicious deaths, police-involved shootings, in-custody deaths, serious assaults where death is probable, arsons, and fatal crashes. The unit is also responsible for forensics, identification, and evidence control.

HOMICIDE

The Major Crimes Unit of the Atlantic County Prosecutor's Office leads the investigation of all homicides that occur in Atlantic County. In areas under State Police jurisdiction, a joint investigation is conducted. The



investigative staff is charged with the responsibility of responding to the scene of a homicide and directing the investigation. Homicide has no statute of limitations and these investigations remain active until an offender is prosecuted. The initial case detective continues to handle the investigation from first response through the criminal trial process. The unit is staffed by detectives from the Prosecutor's Office and detectives from the Atlantic City Police Department.

The Major Crimes Unit assists police agencies from other state jurisdictions in investigating homicides having affiliation with Atlantic County. On occasion, the expertise of these detectives is called upon to assist

local police in investigations of other serious crimes.

FORENSICS

The Forensics Unit of the Atlantic County Prosecutor's Office is responsible for the processing of all homicides, serious crime scenes, and fatal crashes involving a crime. This processing includes the collection and securing of evidence, photography, and the diagramming of crime scenes.

The types of evidence collected include fingerprints, blood and body fluids, hair, fibers, and physical evidence, such as clothing and weapons. The collection process uses the latest in scientific and forensic techniques.

Once the evidence is collected, the unit is responsible for conducting examinations of the evidence, such as fingerprint comparison, and for arranging advanced laboratory testing, like the DNA analysis of blood, body tissue and fluids.

Each member of this unit is trained in forensic work. In this capacity they serve as the primary expert witnesses on evidence matters in criminal prosecutions.

The unit has been implementing new technology to enhance the forensic processing of crime scenes. Recent additions to the Forensic/Identification Unit include a state of the art three dimensional crime scene mapping system.

HIGH TECHNOLOGY CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS UNIT

The mission of the High Technology Criminal Investigations Unit (or “High Tech Crimes”) is to investigate cases involving digital evidence or the Internet when used as an instrument to commit serious crimes. High Tech Crimes detectives routinely conduct forensic examinations of computers, wireless phones, mobile devices, electronic storage media, video surveillance systems, global positioning devices, cameras, and any other emerging technology when needed during a criminal investigation.

The High Technology Criminal Investigations Unit is an active member of the New Jersey Cyber Crimes Task Force and the New Jersey Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force. They also work very closely with the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children involving criminal cases that occur within Atlantic County.

High Tech Crimes detectives are often requested to support other investigative units within the Atlantic County Prosecutor’s Office. These types of criminal investigations are some of the most serious and sensitive in nature. They also provide technical assistance to any local, county, state, and federal agencies when needed.

The High Technology Criminal Investigations Unit generally investigates crimes related to the following types of cases:

- The utilization of the Internet, computers, and digital devices by sexual predators to lure children into illegal sexual acts or the exchange of illicit pictures.
- The collection, creation, and distribution of child abuse images and videos.
- The intrusions of computers to steal privileged information.
- The intentional damage to networks, the illegal modification of files, or the unauthorized collection of private information without authorization.
- Crimes of theft when digital evidence is utilized as a tool in the commission of the crime.

ARSON

The Arson Unit is responsible for the investigation of suspicious fires or arsons that occur in Atlantic County. Arson investigations start with the processing of a fire scene to determine the cause and source of the fire. Once a fire scene examination results in a finding that a fire was the result of arson, the unit conducts a criminal investigation. This unit is also responsible for the Arson Task Force, composed of law enforcement and fire personnel from throughout Atlantic County. This task force assists municipal, state and federal agencies in the investigation of suspected arson.

Examples of the work performed by the Major Crimes Unit in 2018:

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Drug Related Death

State v Jonathan Porter

Individual investigations into two drug related deaths were undertaken by the Drug Related Death unit in September and October of 2017. After months of investigation, it was concluded that the fatal drugs in each

case—specifically, fentanyl—were distributed by Mr. Porter as part of a narcotics trafficking operation he led in Atlantic County throughout 2017.

Victim Identifications:

1. Tuan Tran, September 24, 2017. Died in Galloway.
2. David Hinkley, Jr., October 19, 2017. Died in Somers Point.

The cause of death as to each victim was fentanyl intoxication. This investigation was collaborative effort between Somers Point Police, Galloway Township Police, and Atlantic City Police Department.

Homicide Squad 1

State v Khaleeia Bass

On November 1, 2018 at 8:25 p.m., officers from the Absecon Police Department responded to a 9-1-1 call for a man stabbed inside an apartment. Upon arrival, it was determined a fight had occurred between the victim, Kenneth Fenwick, and Khaleeia Bass.

An autopsy performed by the NJ Southern Regional Medical Examiner's Office determined that the cause of the death was a wound to the manner was ruled homicide.

Ms. Bass was charged and indicted with the following offenses; purposely and knowingly causing the death of Mr. Fenwick and possession of a weapon for an unlawful purpose. The defendant is pending trial.

Homicide Squad 2

State vs. Rahsaad Norwood

On August 9, 2018, Atlantic City Police responded to Baltic and Tennessee Avenues for a report of gunshots. Police arrived on scene and subsequently learned the 17 year old victim, Michael McLaughlin, had been shot.

An autopsy performed by the Southern Regional Medical Examiner's Office determined that the victim died from a gunshot wound to the head. The manner was determined to be homicide.

An investigation by the Major Crime Unit and the Atlantic City Police Department led to the arrest and criminal charging on August 11, 2018, of Rahsaad Norwood for murder, unlawful possession of a weapon, and possession of a weapon for unlawful purpose. Mr. Norwood was arrested and was ordered detained. The defendant is currently awaiting trial.

Homicide Squad 3

State v Heather Barbera

On July 8, 2018, officers from the Ventnor Police Department responded to a 9-1-1 call for two injured females located inside an apartment. Upon arriving at the scene it was determined the victims, Elain Rosen and her daughter, Michelle Gordon, were homicide victims.

An autopsy performed by the Southern Regional Medical Examiner's Office determined the cause of death was multiple blunt force trauma. The manner of death was homicide.

As a result of the investigation Heather Barbera, daughter of Michelle Gordan, was determined to be the primary suspect. Investigation revealed Ms. Barbera fled the state of New Jersey and was believed to be in New York City. With the cooperation of NYNJ Port Authority Police, NYPD, and Ventnor City Police Department, Ms. Barbera was located and taken into custody at the Midtown Manhattan Port Authority. Ms. Barbera was charged with two counts of first degree Murder, third degree Possession of a Weapon for Unlawful Purpose, and first degree Robbery.

The defendant was extradited to New Jersey where she is pending trial.

High Technology Criminal Investigations Unit

State v Joseph McCormack

On March 20, 2018, members of the Atlantic County Prosecutor's Office High Technology Criminal Investigations Unit and members of the FBI Child Exploitation Task concluded an investigation with the execution of a search warrant at Joseph McCormick's residence. The investigation resulted with discovery of evidence of child pornography.

The forensic examinations uncovered multiple images of other victims and resulted in uncovering the extent of the defendant's involvement as the leader of a child pornography ring. The defendant was charged with the following: Distribution of child pornography, possession of child pornography, leader of a child pornography network, hindering prosecution, and tampering with evidence. The defendant pled guilty and was sentenced to State prison and subsequent Megan's Law reporting upon release.

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CRASH INVESTIGATIONS UNIT



Section Commander: Captain Kevin Hincks

Unit Commander: Lieutenant Thomas Finan

Unit Supervisor: Sergeant James Rosiello

Detective: Detective Ryan Hutton

Atlantic County roadways include municipal and county roads, and state and interstate highways. Atlantic County also supports a high-speed passenger rail line as well as ocean, river and waterways, which attract recreational boaters. These roads, railways and waterways are patrolled by state, municipal and transit police departments. These agencies are charged with the initial investigation of traffic collisions.

In view of the serious consequences of traffic crashes that involve serious bodily injuries and fatalities, the Atlantic County Prosecutor created the Crash Investigations Unit to respond to and coordinate these investigations and prosecutions. The duties involved in investigating traffic crashes include emergency response, scene protection and preservation, evidence identification and collection, witness identification and interviews. The mission of this unit is to conduct a thorough investigation of cases to ensure a successful prosecution of those who commit crimes by operating a vehicle or vessel in a reckless manner.

In order to achieve its mission, the unit combines the more traditional criminal investigation techniques with the science of crash reconstruction, laser crime scene documentation and computer-aided diagramming.

The Unit partners with state, county, and municipal law enforcement agencies to conduct Driving While Intoxicated checkpoints and saturation patrols throughout Atlantic County in an effort to reduce alcohol and/or narcotic related crashes.

The following is an example of a case investigated by the Crash Investigations Unit in 2018:

Date/Time: February 18th, 2018 at 8:38 A.M.

Location: Route 206 near MP 2, Hammonton

Suspect: Samuel Sepulveda

Victim (Deceased): Joseph Bellace

On February 18th, 2018, at 8:38 A.M., a motor vehicle crash occurred on Route 206 near milepost 2. The crash involved a 2003 Mitsubishi Eclipse (operated by Samuel Sepulveda), which struck a 1987 Jeep pickup truck (operated by Joseph Bellace) head-on.

Joseph Bellace was pronounced dead at the scene. Samuel Sepulveda was transported to the hospital for treatment of injuries. While at the hospital, Mr. Sepulveda consented to providing samples of blood for toxicology testing. The samples were submitted to NMS Labs in Willow Grove, PA for identification and quantification of any impairing substances in Mr. Sepulveda's system. The results revealed that Mr. Sepulveda had elevated levels of alprazolam (Xanax) and THC (Marijuana) in his system. Post-mortem toxicology analysis performed on Mr. Bellace revealed that he did not have any impairing substances in his system at the time of the crash.

A reconstruction of the crash was completed by Detective Ryan Hutton. The investigation revealed that Mr. Sepulveda was traveling southbound on Route 206 when he attempted to pass a vehicle in front of him. While attempting to pass the vehicle, Mr. Sepulveda struck Joseph Bellace's vehicle head-on in the northbound lane of travel. Mr. Sepulveda was found to be at fault in this crash. There were no actions from Mr. Bellace that would have contributed to this crash.

All reports associated with the investigation of this crash along with the toxicology results were submitted to Doctor John Brick of Intoxicon International, an expert in the field of pharmacology, physiology and behavior. Based on his review of all available data associated with this crash, Doctor Brick advised that Mr. Sepulveda was impaired due to the elevated levels of Xanax in his system. This impairment was a contributing factor in the crash.

On January 17th, 2019, Samuel Sepulveda was arrested for Vehicular Homicide. On August 14th, 2019, Mr. Sepulveda pled guilty to 2nd degree Vehicular Homicide with a sentence not to exceed 6 years NERA. He is scheduled for sentencing on October 11th, 2019.

GANGS, GUNS AND NARCOTICS STRIKE FORCE



Unit Commander:	Captain Patrick F. Snyder
Unit Manager:	Lieutenant Justin Furman
Unit Supervisors:	Sergeant Michael Kelly Sergeant Carlton Durham Sergeant Bill Carew
Detectives:	Detective Clemente Martinez Detective Joseph McVey Detective Darren Talavera Detective Giphys Howard Detective Eric Wise Detective Olga Brylevskaya Detective Chad Meyers
Drug Related Death Unit	Sergeant Daniel Kallen Detective Eric Price Detective Aliya Simnor
Supervising Attorney:	Chief Assistant Prosecutor Anne Crater
Assistant Prosecutors:	Edmund M. Burgos Aaron Witherspoon Allison Eiselen

Atlantic County is geographically positioned between two major drug source cities—New York and Philadelphia—both of which are within a 100-mile radius. Several major highways, including the Garden State Parkway, the Atlantic City Expressway, Route 40, Route 30, and Route 206, provide easy access to Atlantic County, as does New Jersey Transit between Philadelphia, New York and Atlantic City. High drug crimes areas in Atlantic County include Atlantic City, Somers Point, and Pleasantville.

The Atlantic County Prosecutor's Narcotics Strike Force was created in 1987.

The Strike Force has the responsibility of investigating and prosecuting mid-to-upper-level drug dealers who violate New Jersey's drug laws. In 2008, the Narcotics Strike Force expanded its mission to include Gangs and Guns investigations.

The Strike Force is also responsible for coordinating drug investigations of law enforcement agencies operating within the county. The goal of this coordination is to maximize the efforts of all by preventing overlap of operations and the targeting of the same violators by different law enforcement agencies.

In addition to the traditional investigation of drug crime violations, the Strike Force is involved in various educational and training programs designed to make drug enforcement more effective, reduce the demand for drugs, and increase the awareness of law enforcement and the public regarding many enforcement issues.

The Strike Force is composed of investigators from the Atlantic County Prosecutor's Office and who work with detectives from municipal police departments in Atlantic County. Throughout 2017, members of the Guns, Gangs and Narcotics Strike Force also assisted with the Atlantic City Violent Crime Task Force – which is composed of members of the Division of Criminal Justice, State Police, Atlantic County Prosecutor's Office, Atlantic City Police Department, Atlantic County Sheriff's Office, and the State Parole Board. The mission of the Task Force is to act as a crime suppression unit.

Example of the work performed by the Gangs, Guns, and Narcotics Unit in 2018:

In 2018 the Unit investigated and made 70 Indictable Criminal Arrests, conducted over 43 search warrants, and seized 42 firearms. The Unit additionally participates in multiple Task Forces by assigning personnel to the following: Safe Streets Task Force (FBI), Atlantic County HIDTA, and the Atlantic City Task Force.

In the spring of 2018, the Unit initiated an investigation into a heroin and cocaine distribution network in Atlantic County. The investigation revealed a Hammonton man was distributing large quantities of heroin and cocaine from his residence. The investigation culminated in the execution of a search warrant and the recovery of 4 ounces of crack cocaine, 1 ounce of crystal methamphetamine, and 2 grams of raw heroin. The defendant was subsequently charged with a 27 count indictment. The case is pending trial.

In the summer of 2018, the Unit initiated an investigation into a heroin distribution network in Atlantic County. The investigation revealed the heroin being distributed throughout Atlantic County was being supplied from Patterson, New Jersey. Through the use of confidential informants and surveillance techniques and with the assistance of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, New Jersey State Police and the Department of Homeland Security, the Unit identified a heroin mill in Patterson. This case culminated with the execution of two search warrants in Patterson, New Jersey. This investigation led to the recovery of approximately 990 packaged bricks of heroin (49,500 individual packaged doses of heroin) and 26 ounces of unpackaged heroin and fentanyl. The target of this investigation has been charged federally.

In the summer of 2018, the Unit initiated an investigation into cocaine being distributed in Atlantic County. The investigation revealed the cocaine being supplied in Atlantic County was originating in Elizabeth, New Jersey. Through the use of confidential informants and surveillance techniques; and with the assistance of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Department of Homeland Security and the Union County Prosecutor's Office the Unit was able to obtain a search warrant for a residence in Elizabeth, New Jersey. This investigation led to the recovery of approximately 10 ounces of Cocaine and approximately \$65,000.00 in United States Currency. The target of the investigation was charged with multiple narcotics related charges and money laundering.

During the fall of 2018, the Unit initiated an investigation into the distribution of methamphetamine and marijuana in Atlantic County. With the assistance of the Department of Homeland Security, the Unit was able to identify several marijuana plants growing on the property of the target of the investigation. The Unit obtained a search warrant for the property. This investigation led to the recovery of approximately 12 pounds of packaged marijuana, 10 marijuana plants, 5 ounces of methamphetamine, 1 ounce of cocaine and 6

firearms. The target of this investigation was subsequently charged with numerous narcotics and weapons related offenses.

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FINANCIAL CRIMES UNIT

Section Commander: Captain Kevin Hincks

Unit Commander: Lieutenant Heather McManus **(Oct 1, 2018 retired)**
Lieutenant James Kirschner **(Nov 1, 2018 to Financial Crimes)**
Unit Supervisor: Sergeant Lynne Dougherty **(Nov 1, 2010 to SVU)**
Sergeant Mattioli **(Nov 1, 2018 to Financial Crimes)**
Detective: Detective Caryn Campanelli

The mission of the Financial Crimes Unit is to investigate various types of crimes related to theft and fraud, often known as white-collar crime. These types of investigations are usually complex and require the ability to organize and analyze large amounts of records. A substantial amount of time and resources are often required to prepare and prosecute these types of cases in the courts. Although these crimes are mostly nonviolent, they greatly impact the social and moral fabric of our society. The victims often suffer not only financial losses, but sometimes get adversely impacted in all areas of their business and personal affairs.

Many of the insurance fraud cases that are investigated originate with information obtained through collaboration with the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission, the New Jersey Department of Consumer Affairs, the National Insurance Crime Bureau, the New Jersey Office of the Insurance Fraud Prosecutor, and various local police departments in Atlantic County.

In 2017, the Financial Crimes Unit worked closely with the New Jersey Office of the Insurance Fraud Prosecutor to investigate and prosecute insurance related cases. The insurance fraud cases generally involve claims dealing with auto accidents, personal injury, property damage, and worker's compensation.

In addition, private companies and local businesses often seek guidance from members of the Financial Crimes Unit after they have been victimized in a fraudulent transaction. In some cases, detectives in the unit are able to provide support to these public and private entities by providing suggestions on how to reduce their risk of such crimes in the future.

In 2018, the Financial Crimes Unit received 44 complaints. These complaints were received from area businesses, local police departments, public agencies, and private citizens.

The following is an example of a case investigated by the Financial Crimes Unit in 2018:

In March 2018, The Atlantic County Prosecutor's Office Financial Crime Unit was contacted by Dennis and Robert Christopher in reference to allegations of theft and embezzlement involving their brother Pat Christopher. Dennis and Robert Christopher are the majority shareholders of the Christopher Construction Company in Hammonton. The brothers reported Pat Christopher has been diverting money from the company to his personal accounts since 2007 and may have stolen in excess of \$900,000.00.

Detective McColligan initiated a criminal investigation into the allegations. During the course of her investigation she reviewed the company's financial records/statements, QuickBooks, corporate checking account with Wells Fargo and Bank of America as well as Wells Fargo credit card statements in the name of Pat and Angela Christopher. The investigation determined that personal credit card payments have been made by Pat Christopher from the Christopher Construction corporate account since 2007. Pat Christopher was not entitled to use corporate money to make

personal credit card payments from the company account. The investigation revealed approximately \$1,000,000.00 was taken by Pat Christopher between 2007-2017.

On October 25, 2018, Pat Christopher was charged with several counts of Money Laundering and related theft offenses. Pat Christopher was indicted by an Atlantic County Grand Jury and this matter is pending trial.

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OFFICIAL CORRUPTION UNIT

Section Commander:	Captain Kevin Hincks
Unit Commander:	Lieutenant Heather McManus (Retired Oct.1, 2018) Lieutenant James Kirschner (Unit Commander Nov. 1, 2018)
Unit Supervisor:	Sergeant Jason Kangas
Detectives:	Detective Ryan Ripley Detective Caryn Campanelli

The Official Corruption Unit investigates various allegations of criminal misconduct involving government employees and public officials. A public official can be any person who is elected, appointed, or hired to a position of trust in government. The criminal investigations conducted by the Official Corruption Unit are among the most sensitive cases handled by the Atlantic County Prosecutor's Office. Any public corruption investigation requires detectives in the unit to be extremely thorough as they gather their evidence. The investigations must be able to withstand the scrutiny of the criminal, civil, and administrative courts as well as to ensure the public trust.

In 2018, the Official Corruption Unit received 32 complaints. These complaints came from private citizens, governmental officials, and other law enforcement agencies.

The Official Corruption Unit also reviews all local police department internal affairs complaints that occur within Atlantic County. Any type of misconduct complaint made against police officers in Atlantic County must be forwarded to the Official Corruption Unit for legal review.

The Official Corruption Unit is responsible for reviewing the internal affairs complaints from the eighteen local police departments operating within Atlantic County as well as complaints received by the Atlantic County Justice Facility and the Atlantic County Sheriff's Department. Some of the criminal investigations conducted by the Official Corruption Unit are generated from these internal affairs complaints. Some examples of police misconduct are excessive force, improper arrest, improper entry, improper search, differential treatment, and domestic violence. The Official Corruption Unit has the authority to supersede any internal affairs investigation from a local police department or conduct the investigation in cooperation with them if the need arises.

In addition, a detective from the Official Corruption Unit is assigned to the Federal Bureau of Investigation Atlantic City Public Corruption Task Force. This relationship has been invaluable in combating public corruption in Atlantic County throughout the years.

The following is an example of cases investigated by the Official Corruption Unit in 2018:

In July 2018, the Egg Harbor City Police Department contacted the Atlantic County Prosecutor's Office Official Corruption Unit in reference to an EHCPD Officer who was suspected of submitting a fraudulent doctor's note. The officer identified as Nicole Korte, was being questioned about sick time usage and produced a doctor's note titled "Certificate of Professional Care" that the EHCPD believed to be fraudulent. A cooperative investigation was initiated and Detective Caryn Campanelli was assigned to investigate the allegation.

Records from Penn Medicine were obtained and reviewed and revealed that Korte submitted a doctor's note to the EHCPD with a date of 7/11/18, the records from Penn Medicine confirmed Korte was seen on 7/10/19. Penn Medicine staff were interviewed and confirmed do not write doctor's notes for dates other than when patients are seen.

As the investigation continued, discrepancies were found in military drill dates Korte submitted to the EHCPD. On 4/14/18, Korte submitted a time off request for personal time for August 4-5, 2018 which was approved. On July 25, 2018, Korte submitted an "Approved Time Off Retraction From" due to Military Drill Weekend being August 4-5, 2018. The investigation revealed Korte did not report for drill August 4-5, but, instead had rescheduled her training for a prior weekend. Through the investigation, a copy of Korte's Military Drill dates and records were obtained and reviewed. The records indicated Korte did not attend military drill on August 4-5, 2018, as she reported to the EHCPD.

Nicole Korte was later charged with one count of Official Misconduct and four additional counts of theft and falsification of records. This matter is currently pending Grand Jury.

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SPECIAL VICTIMS UNIT

Section Commander: Captain Kevin Hincks
Unit Commander: Lieutenant James Kirschner
Unit Supervisors: Sergeant Luke Ireland
Sergeant William Adamson

Detectives: Detective Daniel Choe
Detective Danielle Rosiello
Detective Michael Peterson
Detective Jennifer Cugini
Detective Aliya Simnor

Clerk Transcriber: Sharon Donovan

The Atlantic County Prosecutor's Office Special Victims Unit investigates crimes committed against children and sex assault allegations.

The Special Victims Unit is responsible for investigating allegations of child abuse, neglect, sexual assault, physical assault, and the sudden deaths of children. These cases come into the unit from a variety of sources including the New Jersey Division of Child Protection and Permanency. In 2017, the Special Victims Unit reviewed 238 cases involving children.

The Special Victims Unit, both independently and in cooperation with municipal police departments in the county and the New Jersey State Police, conducts investigations into allegations of child abuse. Many of the investigations include interviewing children under the age of 12, determining the cause of injury, determining suspect and victim relationships, conducting post complaint investigations, and participating in trial preparation.

In addition, the Special Victims Unit investigates sex assault allegations. The mission is to ensure a comprehensive response to the crime of sexual assault. Criminal investigations generally include the detection, arrest, and conviction of the sexual offender. It further entails providing various services and efforts designed to meet the needs of the sexual assault survivor.

The Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner program is also administered through the Special Victims Unit. The program is funded through a grant in partnership with the Atlantic County Women's Center, which provides for seamless cooperation between law enforcement, medical personnel, forensic units, and victim advocacy personnel. These components function together to form the Sexual Assault Response Team (SART).

In 2017, the Special Victims Unit reviewed and provided investigative support for 100 sexual assault complaints in Atlantic County. The Unit provides trial preparation support for all the cases that are prosecuted.

A detective from the Special Victims Unit is assigned to the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Child Exploitation Task Force. The task force investigates allegations of human trafficking and juvenile prostitution.

The lieutenant and a sergeant in the Special Victim's Unit are also county coordinators for the Child Abduction Response Team, which is a program administered through the New Jersey State Police that provides a comprehensive response to any child abductions within Atlantic County.

The following are examples of cases investigated by the Special Victims Unit in 2018:

Squad 1

State v. Eric J. Martinez-Lopez

On Tuesday, February 13, 2018, the Division of Child Protection and Permanency (DCP&P) received a report from Shelley Schwartz, a school staff member at Leeds Avenue School in Pleasantville, New Jersey. Shelley Schwartz advised the following:

- E.M. (DOB 11/04/2013) told her teacher she had “vaginal pain and that she was burned.”
- E.M. was examined and was found to have “scabs on the outside of her vaginal area.”
- E.M. disclosed that her dad “burned her with the thing you burn cakes with.”
- E.M.’s father is Eric Jose Martinez (DOB: 04/04/1984).

On Wednesday, February 14, 2018, Atlantic County Prosecutor’s Office Detective Daniel Choe interviewed E.M. at the Atlantic County Prosecutor’s Office. E.M. disclosed the following:

- Her father, Eric Martinez, burned her knee area and vagina using a lighter and that it happened more than once.
- Her stepmother, Fanny Lozano DOB: 11/3/1983, was also present when he burned her.
- The last burning incident happened approximately three days ago, Sunday February 11, 2018.
- Eric Martinez also punished her by striking her with a black belt on her legs and bathing her with cold water every time she wet her bed. In addition, E.M. stated that Eric Martinez hit her face with his hands and that one time she bled from her mouth after being hit.
- Det. Choe showed E.M. color printouts of a black Zippo lighter, a blue Bic lighter, a blue long-reach lighter and white candles. E.M. identified the long-reach lighter as the type of lighter Eric Martinez used to burn her.
- Eric Martinez keeps the long-reach lighter in the residence and he owns approximately four lighters.
- E.M. stated that she was sad and in pain when Eric Martinez burned her.

On Thursday, February 15, 2018 a search warrant was executed at the residence and items of evidentiary value were seized. Eric J. Martinez-Lopez was charged with the following:

- Aggravated Assault Attempting to Cause Serious Bodily Injury
N.J.S. 2C:12-1B(1), a crime of the Second Degree,
- Endangering the Welfare of a Child,
N.J.S. 2C:24-4A, a crime of the Second Degree
- Agg. Assault – Attempt to Cause Significant Bodily Injury,
N.J.S. 2C:12-1B(7), a crime of the Third Degree
- Agg. Assault – Attempt to Cause Bodily Injury with a Deadly Weapon,
N.J.S. 2C:12-1B(2), a crime of the Third Degree
- Possession of a Weapon for Unlawful Purpose,
N.J.S. 2C:39-4D, a crime of the Third Degree
- Unlawful Poss. Of a Weapon,
N.J.S. 2C:39-5D, a crime of the Fourth Degree
- Criminal Restraint- Risk of SBI to Victim,
N.J.S. 2C:13-2a, a crime of the Third Degree
- Terroristic Threats – Threat of Crime of Violence,
2C:12-1b(1), a crime of the Third Degree
- Sexual Assault- Victim less than 13 & defendant 4+ years older,
2C:14-2b, a crime of the Second Degree.

Squad 2

State v. Jessica Gaeckle

On March 2, 2018, the Atlantic County Prosecutor’s Office (ACPO) Special Victims Unit (SVU) was contacted by a Pleasantville High School (PHS) resource officer, to report allegations that an English

as a Second-Language teacher, Jessica Gaeckle (DOB: 08/07/1988) was having an inappropriate relationship with a high school student.

Witnesses were subsequently interviewed at the PHS corroborating the inappropriate behavior of Mrs. Gaeckle with the victim and her knowledge of the victim's fragile state of mind after he was removed from her classroom. It was also learned thru search warrants (electronic forensic examinations) and cellular communications data warrants that Mrs. Gaeckle asked the victim to erase all previous text message conversations and images shared between them after the relationship had become public to PHS staff. Moreover, Mrs. Gaeckle told the victim that she needed to be careful at work and she did not trust anyone as a result of the relationship being discovered. The victim interview revealed he had vaginal intercourse with Mrs. Gaeckle on two different dates at his residence and she had sent him several inappropriate pictures via text messages.

Jessica Gaeckle was charged with (2) two counts of 2nd degree Official Misconduct and (1) one count of 3rd degree Hindering Apprehension. The case is pending.

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INTELLIGENCE UNIT



Unit Commander: Lieutenant Charles DeFebbo

Unit Supervisor: Sergeant Ian Finnimore

Detectives: Caroline Macdonald
Jason Salter

Agent: Joseph McFadden

In 2018, the Intelligence Unit continued to support both traditional and technology based information sharing initiatives in support of Atlantic County law enforcement efforts. This includes the New Jersey Intel Database, the Automated License Plate Reader (ALPR) system and Police Information Network (PIN) and South Jersey Intel meetings.

In recent years, the focus of the Intelligence Unit was geared towards the collection of information for use in executive level strategic intelligence assessments. This created a gap as it related to tactical/operational intelligence gathering and assessments. The Intelligence Unit retooled its operations to focus appropriate resources to fill this gap. Personnel use intensive techniques to cultivate and operate human intelligence assets to further active criminal investigations and/or identify criminal activity unknown to law enforcement.

The Atlantic County Prosecutor's Office continues as the lead agency for the Emergency Support Function 13 – Public Safety and Security Annex as it relates to “all hazards emergencies” in Atlantic County. In this role, the Intelligence Unit coordinates all law enforcement activities during an activation/emergency from the Emergency Operations Center and in coordination with the Atlantic County Office of Emergency Preparedness.

The Intelligence Unit continues to coordinate the Cooperating Defendants System and serves as the bias crime clearing house in Atlantic County.

The Intelligence Unit performs a variety of support functions, which include:

- Gathering and disseminating tactical, operational, and strategic criminal intelligence information, including street gangs;

- Coordinating intelligence matters with the Municipal Intelligence Coordinators;
- Analyzing crime data to identify specific areas affected by high crime rates and mapping those areas for intelligence purposes;
- Conducting surveillance within high crime areas;
- Publication of the Police Information Network (PIN) newsletter;
- Developing Confidential Sources of Information;
- Maintaining and administering the confidential informant files;
- Maintaining and administering the covert accounts used to support undercover operations;
- Coordinating the use of the License Plate (ALPR) Systems with the office;
- Conducting Gang Threat Assessments;
- Monitoring the social media sites (including Facebook, Twitter, etc.) of known violent offenders or other persons of interest when needed;
- Conducting the annual (consensuals) Electronic Surveillance Report for submission to the Attorney General's Office;
- Preparing special projects, presentation and analytical products on request;
- Maintain and audit deconfliction of planned law enforcement events as per Prosecutor's directive PD-00974-16;
- Coordinate defendant case files deemed High Risk For Violence (HRV) with Atlantic City Violent Crime Unit;
- Coordinate defendant case files deemed Targeted Anti-Gun Violence with municipal and state agencies;
- Liaison between the NJSP Regional Operations Center (ROIC), newly formed NJSP Real Time Crime Center (RTCC), and Atlantic County Prosecutor's Office;
- Coordinate the use, maintenance, and deployment of two overt, stand alone, remote camera units through-out the county.

HOMELAND/SCHOOL SECURITY UNIT



Unit Commander: Lieutenant Charles DeFebbo

Unit Supervisor: Sergeant Ian Finnimore

Agent: Joseph McFadden

The Homeland Security/School Security Unit of the Atlantic County Prosecutor's Office conducts criminal investigations as directed by the Prosecutor and/or the Chief of County Detectives.

The Unit works closely with the New Jersey Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness (NJ OHS&P) on various tips and leads on potential terrorism developed in or referred to Atlantic County. The Unit handled several multi-agency terrorism related matters during the reporting period.

In 2018, some of the Homeland/School Security Unit's additional responsibilities included:

- Investigating threats to the security of Atlantic County and the State;
- Investigating domestic and international terrorism incidents;
- Reviewing and collating Suspicious Activities Reports from other County entities;
- Coordinating the development and implementation of buffer-zone protection plans for areas deemed critical infrastructures;
- Coordinating and facilitating meetings between state and municipal counter-terrorism coordinators;
- Participating in an annual Data Call with NJ OHS&P and assisting with identifying additional Critical Infrastructure/Key Resources in Atlantic County utilizing the NJ Critical Infrastructure Criteria Matrix;
- Assisting NJ OHS&P with site assistance visits of critical infrastructure sites;

- Conducting reviews and making submissions in the state asset database (SADB);
- Participating with the Atlantic County Executive's Homeland Security and Emergency Management Advisory Board;
- Participating with the County Working Group to coordinate the spending plan of the Homeland Security Grant;

ADMINISTRATION SECTION

ADMINISTRATION – INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY – OFFICE SUPPORT

Office Manager:	Captain Brian S. Barnett
Assistant Office Manager:	Lieutenant Brian Lee
Payroll Clerk:	Lisa Johnson
Account Clerk:	Cecelia Khoury

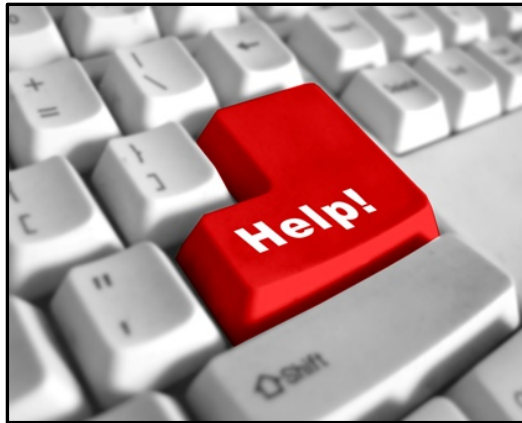
The Administrative Services Unit, a component of the Administration Section of the Atlantic County Prosecutor's Office, was responsible for overseeing financial and personnel functions within the office in 2018. Additionally, the staff was responsible for physical security, employee safety, and facility utilization, and acted as the liaison to vendors providing services to the office.

During the year 2018, in addition to preparing a 13.1 million dollar budget, Administrative Services was responsible for processing employee payroll, tracking accounts payable and receivable, tracking financial grant expenditures, reconciling the confidential fund, overtime, petty cash and forfeiture accounts, maintaining an inventory of equipment purchased with county or forfeiture funds and for the orientation of all new employees.

The unit captain, a New Jersey Certified Public Manager and a graduate of the NJSACOP Command and Leadership Program, is a member of the Prosecutor's Office Management Association and the Certified Public Managers' Association of New Jersey. The Unit lieutenant and Assistant Office Manager is graduate of the NJSACOP Command and Leadership Program and a member of the Prosecutor's Office Management Association. The lieutenant was the agency's internship program coordinator serving as liaison with colleges and universities.

In 2018, the Captain, one Lieutenant and two Clerical employees staffed the Atlantic County Prosecutor's Office Administrative Services Unit.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY UNIT



Senior Technician Management Information Systems: Sherry Meyers

Technician Management Information Systems: Heather Colts-Wanton

The Information Technology Unit, a component of the Administration Section of the Atlantic County Prosecutor's Office, was responsible for all computer hardware, software, network infrastructure and peripheral equipment utilized by the office in 2017. This includes implementing, upgrading, and managing 14 servers, 30 printers, and over 200 end-user computers.

The Information Technology Unit, a component of the Administration Section of the Atlantic County Prosecutor's Office, was responsible for all computer hardware, software, network infrastructure and peripheral equipment utilized by the office in 2018. This unit upgraded three of its 13 physical servers to virtual servers. Management of 30 printers, and over 200 end-user computers.

In 2018, the Information Technology Unit have maintained and tracked all request for support tickets throughout the year. In 2018, end-users opened 3362 support tickets and the staff completed and closed 3287 of those requests. In addition to answering service tickets, the IT staff completed infrastructure system upgrades such as implementing a portal for E-Discovery

Throughout 2018, the unit provided a "Help Desk" service for all staff, diagnosed a variety of equipment malfunctions and failures and identified component, software and user-related problems. In addition, unit personnel trained the staff on various software used throughout the agency and created databases and forms for multiple units to streamline the collection of reportable data.

OFFICE SUPPORT UNIT



Senior Photostat Operator: Frank Campbell

Building Maintenance: Little Jeffrey Grier
Susan Krout
Brittany Wells

In 2018, The Office Support Unit, a component of the Administration Section of the Atlantic County Prosecutor's Office, was responsible for copying documents and building maintenance.

The Senior Photostat Operator provided copies of all court documents for the Grand Jury and Trial sections of the Atlantic County Prosecutor's Office and discovery in all cases to Public Defenders and private attorneys representing defendants in Atlantic County for ADP cases.

The Building Maintenance workers were responsible for custodial care of the Mays Landing office, and maintaining a clean, comfortable working environment for the staff. Building maintenance employees were also responsible for identifying and reporting any hazardous conditions that might affect adversely on employee health and/or safety, and building security.

In 2018, the Senior Photostat Operator and three Building Maintenance workers staffed the Atlantic County Prosecutor's Office Support Unit.

TRAINING, ACCREDITATION, AND PLANNING SECTION (TAPS)



Unit Commander:	Captain Brian Barnett
Unit Manager:	Lieutenant Matt Paley
Unit Supervisor:	Sergeant Tracey Thompson
Strategic Long-Range Planning (SLRP):	Agent Mark Cooker

In 2013, the County Prosecutor devoted additional staff resources and technology to systems analysis, standards development, and policy review and amendment, with the purpose of ensuring continuous improvement within the organization. This unit continues to provide training within the organization, analyze past practices and current policies of this agency and the municipal agencies within the County, and recommend improvement and policy change.

Within the purview of the section is:

- Staff education, training, and development;
- Agency accreditation through the NJSACOP;
- Systematic review of internal policy and procedures, and the Prosecutor's Directives to Local Law Enforcement for improvement and update to include the creation, amendment, storage, and distribution with the approval of the Prosecutor;
- Identify changes to law, Attorney General Directives and Guidelines, and local need that require prompt adaptation by our agency; and
- Develop long-range plans for the future to address changed conditions or priorities, and enhance the agency's delivery of service in the cause of justice.

Section IV. 1.

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		613
b. Defendants with charges downgraded to disorderly persons offenses		1721
c. Defendants accepted for pre-trial diversion		2
d. Defendants otherwise screened out		201
e. Defendants with change of venue		4
f. Accusations filed		376
g. Defendants with either indictable complaints authorized or charges approved for grand jury		1999
h. AOC Correction: Defendants who completed grand jury		1316
TOTAL SCREENING DECISIONS FOR YEAR (add a - h)		6232

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	3	270
2. Recommended for acceptance	2	257
3. Recommended for rejection	1	15
4. Accepted into program	2	269

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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	349	0
2. 1+ to 2 months	343	5
3. 2+ to 3 months	231	53
4. 3+ to 4 months	217	36
5. Over 4 months	670	95
6. TOTAL defendant cases pending grand jury	1810	189

DEFENDANTS COMPLETING THE GRAND JURY PROCESS AND ACTION TAKEN

ACTION TAKEN	NUMBER OF DEFENDANTS
1. Defendants presented to the grand jury	2294
2. Defendants indicted	2290
3. Defendants no billed and remanded to municipal court	0
4. Defendants no billed/no action	4
5. TOTAL defendants completing the grand jury process	2294

DEFENDANTS CHARGED BY ACCUSATION

	NUMBER OF DEFENDANTS
TOTAL Defendants charged through Accusation	376

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	467	0 / 70
2. 3+ to 6 months	279	0 / 95
3. 6+ to 9 months	166	0 / 60
4. 9+ to 12 months	109	0 / 52
5. 12+ to 24 months	251	3 / 247
6. 24+ months	136	4 / 3560
7. TOTAL post-indictment/accusation defendant cases pending	1408	7 / 4084

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	20	21	26	69	41	234	141	0	805	0	9
2. Guilty plea to lesser indictable offense	5	10	8	46	3	36	12	0	69	0	2
3. Ind. dism., plea to dis. persons offense	0	3	3	7	10	62	12	0	116	0	1
4. Guilty at trial, most serious offense											
a. Jury	7	0	1	2	0	2	0	0	1	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	1	0	0	0	0	0
7. Not guilty at trial											
a. Jury	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
b. Non-jury	0	0	0	0	2	3	0	0	0	0	0
8. Acceptance into diversion program	0	1	1	6	10	45	12	0	81	0	1
9. Dismissed over objection of pros.	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	3	0	0
10. Dismissed pros. motion or consent	1	1	1	8	1	27	14	0	125	0	5
11. TOTAL dispositions	33	36	41	139	67	411	191	0	1200	0	18

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	257	37	70	11	0	0	58	4	88	1891
2. Guilty plea to lesser indictable offense	38	3	9	4	0	0	8	0	2	255
3. Ind. dism., plea to dis. persons offense	41	8	7	4	0	0	9	0	12	295
4. Guilty at trial, most serious offense										
a. Jury	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	15
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	1	1
7. Not guilty at trial										
a. Jury	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2
b. Non-jury	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
8. Acceptance into diversion program	79	11	14	10	0	0	5	0	14	290
9. Dismissed over objection of pros.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
10. Dismissed pros. motion or consent	53	8	20	0	0	0	6	0	14	284
11. TOTAL dispositions	469	67	120	30	0	0	86	4	130	3042

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	37
2. TOTAL post-conviction relief applications/ briefs filed involving the prosecutor's office	35
a. Defendants granted relief	2
b. Defendants denied relief	25
c. Defendants granted relief in part/Denied relief in part	0
d. Defendants dismissed/Withdrawn	8
3. TOTAL habeas corpus petitions/ briefs filed involving the prosecutor's office	6
a. Defendants granted relief	0
b. Defendants denied relief	6
c. Defendants granted relief in part/Denied relief in part	0
d. Defendants dismissed/Withdrawn	0

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	222	12	9	40	405	688	1
2.	Investigations opened during the year	800	25	12	105	495	1437	3
3.	TOTAL Investigative workload for the year (add nos. 1-2)	1022	37	21	145	900	2125	4
4.	TOTAL Investigations completed during this year	690	25	10	101	513	1339	3
a.	Resulting in criminal charges	39	1	0	6	83	129	0
b.	Referred to other agency for criminal prosecution	10	0	0	2	13	25	0
c.	Referred to other agency for civil or administrative action	2	0	0	0	10	12	0
d.	Closed - No further action	639	24	10	93	407	1173	0
5.	Investigations pending or inactive at the end of the year	332	12	11	44	387	786	1

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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	157
a. Defendants with complaints administratively dismissed	3
b. Defendants with complaints downgraded to disorderly persons offenses	0
c. Defendants with complaints referred to family court	0
d. Defendants with complaints presented to grand jury	146
2. Defendants with original charges presented to grand jury on direct presentment	8
3. Defendants charged through accusation	18
4. Defendants completing the grand jury process on direct presentment and complaint presentation	124
a. Defendants indicted	110
b. Defendants no billed and remanded to municipal court	2
c. Defendant no billed/no action	12

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	37	0	0	0	0	0	0	6 (Federal District Court of Appeals)	43
2. Notices of appeal received/filed	127	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	134
3. Appellate motions, motion responses filed	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	4
4. Appellate briefs filed	85	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	89
5. STATE Appeals and - TOTAL DISPOSED Cross Appeals	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	4
a. Conviction or order affirmed	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
b. Conviction or order reversed	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	3
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	117	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	117
a. Conviction or order affirmed	70	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	70
b. Conviction or order reversed	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
c. Remanded or judgment modified	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10
d. Withdrawn or dismissed	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	20
e. Affirmed in part/Reversed and or remanded in part	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	14
7. Appeals pending at the end of the year	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	16

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	1	8	0	0	9
2. Notices of appeal received/filed	0	0	19	0	0	19
3. Appellate motions, motion responses filed	0	0	0	0	0	0
4. Appellate briefs filed	0	0	19	0	0	19
5. TOTAL APPEALS DISPOSED	0	0	17	0	0	17
a. Conviction or order affirmed	0	0	15	0	0	15
b. Conviction or order reversed	0	0	2	0	0	2
c. Remanded or judgment modified	0	0	0	0	0	0
d. Withdrawn or dismissed	0	0	0	0	0	0
6. Appeals pending at the end of the year	0	0	2	0	0	2

Section/Unit FAMILY COURT
(completing report)
Section IV. 9.a.

County: Atlantic

Year...: 2018

JUVENILE DELINQUENCY INTAKE

Filings/New Cases	Number of Juveniles	Number of Cases	Number of Offenses
1. Total New Filings During the Calendar Year	572	844	1,571
VOP Filings			
2. Total Violations of Probation During the Calendar Year	42	56	56
Returned to Court			
3a. Cases Reactivated	65	147	306
3b. Cases Reopened	127	152	305
3c. Cases Successfully Appealed	0	0	0
3. Total Cases Returned to Court	192	299	611
Transfers			
4a. Entering this county	29	32	44
4b. Leaving this county	41	47	75
4. (Net Change)	-12	-15	-31

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 XXX
- 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. XXX
- 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. _____

Section/Unit FAMILY COURT
(completing report)

County: Atlantic

Section IV. 9.b.

Year...: 2018

JUVENILE DELINQUENCY DISPOSED CASES

	Number of Juveniles	Number of Cases	Number of Offenses
Dismissed/Consolidated/Withdrawn			
1. Total Dismissed/Consolidated/Withdrawn during Calendar Year	110	161	274
Diverted Cases			
2. Total Diversions during Calendar Year	355	413	555
Inactivated Cases			
3a. VOP Cases Inactivated	21	25	25
3b. Non-VOP Cases Inactivated	96	175	348
3. Total Inactivations during Calendar Year	117	200	373
Non-VOP Decisions (Mandatory Calendar)			
4a. Adjudicated Delinquent	87	149	372
4b. Adjudicated Not Delinquent	0	0	0
4c. Not Adjudicated Dismissed	0	0	0
4d. Case Returned/Post Adjudication Decision	11	11	30
4. Total Non-VOP Decisions (Mandatory Calendar)	98	160	402
Non-VOP Decisions (Non-Mandatory Calendar)			
5a. Adjudicated Delinquent	83	110	236
5b. Adjudicated Not Delinquent	0	0	0
5c. Not Adjudicated Dismissed	1	2	4
5d. Case Returned/Post Adjudication Decision	9	9	22
5. Total Non-VOP Decisions (Non-Mandatory Calendar)	93	121	262
Non-VOP Decisions (Juvenile Referee)			
6a. Adjudicated Delinquent	1	1	1
6b. Adjudicated Not Delinquent	0	0	0
6c. Not Adjudicated Dismissed	0	0	0
6d. Case Returned/Post Adjudication Decision	11	11	28
6. Total Non-VOP Decisions (Juvenile Referee)	12	12	29
VOP Decisions (1:1)	Mandatory Calendar	Non-Mandatory Calendar	Juvenile Referee
7a. Adjudicated Delinquent	34	4	0
7b. Adjudicated Not Delinquent	0	0	0
7c. Not Adjudicated Dismissed	0	0	0
7d. Case Returned/Post Adjudication Decision	1	0	3
7. Total VOP Decisions	35	4	3

Trials

8a. Total Number of Trials Where the Assistant Prosecutor Appeared.	2
8b. Total Number of Juveniles Adjudicated Delinquent on One or More Charges at Trial.	1
8c. Total Number of Juveniles Adjudicated Not Delinquent at Trial.	1

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	8
3. Juvenile Waiver Decisions (Prosecutor's Motions)	
a. Waived on Prosecutor's Motion with Juvenile's Consent	2
b. Waived on Prosecutor's Motion without Juvenile Consent and after a Hearing	2
c. Motion Voluntarily Withdrawn by Prosecutor	0
d. Waivers Denied	0
e. Total Decisions (sum of 3a through 3d)	4
4. Juvenile Waiver Motions filed by Prosecutor Pending at Year's End (2.a. + 2.b. - 3.e.)	4

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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)	X		X		X	
Appeal filed & outcome, PCR cases, hearing date and outcome, apply & completed PTI, release from prison, status conferences & pre-trial conferences.						

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	X	X
VCCB referral	X	X		
Social service information/referral	X	X	X	X
Crime prevention information/referral	X	X		
Property return information	X	X		
Witness fee information	X	X		
Public education, community awareness	X	X	X	X
LOGISTIC SERVICES				
Stand-by subpoena and call	X	X		
Witness waiting area	X	X	X	X
Response to witness intimidation, harassment	X	X		
Restitution recommendation at sentencing	X	X		
VCCO claim assistance	X	X		
Social service intervention	X	X	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	X	X		
Victim impact statement assistance	X	X		
Counseling	X	X		
Other (specify)				

MISCELLANEOUS ACTIVITIES

ACTIVITY	NUMBER	VALUE
1. Notice of intention to solicit funds received	0	
2. Expungement applications received	810	
3. TOTAL number of forfeiture actions	100	
4. Number of motor vehicles obtained through forfeiture actions	13	
5. TOTAL value of property forfeited (add a. - c.)		\$337,526.16
a. Cash forfeited		\$284,549.16
b. Value of forfeited motor vehicles		\$33,106.00
c. Value of other forfeited property		\$19,871.00
(Specify property)		
Jewelry, Movie DVD's, Bulk low voltage electrical wire, Hand Truck, Apple iPad, Snow Blower, Back Pack Blower, Air Compressor, Air Horn, Power Winch, Power Tools, Flat Screen TV, Radar Detectors, Gift Cards, Garmin GPS, Utility Pump		

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					

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JUVENILE DEFENDANTS WITH BIAS CRIME RELATED CHARGES DISPOSED

		NUMBER CONVICTED				
	TOTAL	PLEA	TRIAL	ACQUITTED	DISMISSED	DOWNGRADE/ REMAND
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: Atlantic County Police Agencies	County: Atlantic
Reporting Period: 01/01/2018 – 12/31/2018	
Person completing report: Captain Kevin Hincks	Date completed: 02/15/2019
Phone number: (609) 909-7800	

1. Number of pursuits initiated	39
2. Number of pursuits resulting in accidents	6
3. Number of pursuits resulting in injuries (NO DEATHS)	0
4. Number of pursuits resulting in death	0
5. Number of pursuits resulting in arrest	28
6. Number of vehicles in accidents	
a. Pursued vehicles	6
b. Police vehicles	0
c. Third party vehicles	1
7. Number of people injured	
a. Pursued vehicles	1
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	39
10. Number of pursuits in which a tire deflation device was used	0

PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS SUMMARY REPORT FORMS

TABLE 1 -- COMPLAINTS FILED

Type of Complaint	Anonymous Complaints	Citizen Complaints	Agency Complaints	Total Complaints
Excessive Force	0	22	3	25
Improper Arrest	0	4	0	4
Improper Entry	0	3	0	3
Improper Search	0	9	1	10
Other Criminal Violation	0	4	2	6
Differential Treatment	0	21	0	21
Demeanor	0	16	2	18
Domestic Violence	0	3	0	3
Other Rule Violation	0	55	65	120
TOTAL	0	137	73	210

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TABLE 2 -- AGENCY DISPOSITIONS

	Sustained	Exonerated	Not Sustained	Unfounded	Administratively Closed	Total Dispositions
Excessive Force	1	21	10	1	2	35
Improper Arrest	0	3	0	1	0	4
Improper Entry	0	1	2	0	0	3
Improper Search	1	3	1	1	3	9
Other Criminal Violation	1	1	4	0	1	7
Differential Treatment	0	11	3	6	0	20
Demeanor	4	3	7	3	1	18
Domestic Violence	2	0	0	0	1	3
Other Rule Violation	39	16	20	5	22	102
TOTAL	48	59	47	17	30	201

TABLE 3 -- COURT DISPOSITIONS

Court	Cases Dismissed	Cases Diverted	Acquittals	Convictions
Municipal Court	0	0	0	1
Superior Court	0	0	0	2
TOTAL	0	0	0	3

2018 PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS EXECUTIVE SUMMARY ATLANTIC COUNTY

The following report contains a statistical summary for reports of police misconduct in Atlantic County for 2018. In addition, the report provides the disposition of those complaints. A review and comparison of this report with the reports prepared in prior years reveals the following:

(a) Number of complaints filed

- 232 (2017)
- 210 (2018)
- -9.48%

(b) Number of complaints disposed

- 224 (2017)
- 201 (2018)
- -10.27%

(c) Criminal dispositions

- 2 (2017)
- 3 (2018)
- +50%

(d) Administrative dispositions

- 25 (2017)
- 30 (2018)
- +20%

(e) Trends

- No significant statistical change from prior year

- (f) A brief synopsis of all complaints where a fine or suspension of ten days or more was assessed to a member of the agency.

Atlantic City Police Department:

- 1 officer was suspended for one hundred and forty four (144) days for standards of conduct. The officer was formally charged with a first, second, and third degree crimes.
- 1 officer was suspended for seventy-eight (78) days for standards of conduct. The officer was intoxicated while on duty.
- 1 officer was suspended for twelve (12) days for domestic violence. The officer was in a domestic violence incident while on duty.
- 1 officer was suspended for ten (10) days for neglect of duty. The officer failed to report off duty incidents involving law enforcement contact.
- 1 officer was suspended for forty-nine (49) days for obedience to laws and regulations. The officer was indicted by a Federal Grand Jury for Title 18 U.S.C. Section 242 and Section 1519.
- 1 officer was suspended for ten (10) days for obedience to laws and regulations. The officer was involved in a domestic violence incident while off duty. While on duty the officer improperly left his post to go to court for the domestic violence incident.
- 1 officer was suspended for six (6) months for obedience to laws and regulations. The officer was charged with DUI while off duty.
- 1 officer was suspended for twenty-four (24) days for excessive force. The force the officer utilized to affect an arrest was deemed to have been excessive.

Egg Harbor City Police Department:

- 1 officer was placed on paid suspension pending either his later transfer to another law enforcement agency, his resignation, or his retirement. The suspension was based upon the report of Hearing Officer Steven Perskie regarding two internal affairs complaints that were initiated in 2017. Judge Perskie sustained the allegations of “truthfulness,” reporting for duty,” and “intervening in a case by another officer” as defined in Egg Harbor City Rules and Regulations.

Linwood Police Department:

- 1 officer is pending termination. The Linwood Police Department is currently awaiting a decision from the Hearing Officer. The officer committed terroristic threat, improperly un-holstered his weapon and engaged in extramarital affairs while on duty.

Pleasantville Police Department:

- 1 officer was suspended without pay (continuing over from 2017) and subsequently terminated in November 2018 after pleading guilty to charges of Theft.

Somers Point Police Department:

- 1 officer is pending demotion and a 90 day suspension of multiple rule and policy violations regarding the administering of random and reasonable suspicion testing. Currently pending a Civil Service hearing.

Stockton University Police Department:

- 1 officer was terminated in combination with a 2018 DWI complaint that occurred while the officer was on suspension for a 2017 Internal Affairs investigation related to the officers fitness for duty

Ventnor City Police Department:

- A SLEO Class I Seasonal Employee was suspended immediately after being arrested for theft by another jurisdiction. The employee subsequently resigned from their position with the Ventnor City Police Department.

Atlantic County Sheriff's Office:

- 1 officer was charged after testing positive for methamphetamine. The officer subsequently resigned.
- 1 officer was charged criminally after a domestic violence incident. The officer was terminated after being convicted and barred from public service.
- 1 officer is being investigated for excessive force. The officer has been on unpaid suspension for more than 10 days pending the outcome of the case.

(g) Conclusions

- Departments continue to compile and dispose of complaints within acceptable timeframes and parameters.

(h) Recommendations / goals for new calendar year

- Atlantic County Prosecutor's Office will continue to review all internal complaints county-wide per County directive.

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)	2017	\$13,918,289	\$982,918
a. Salaries and Wages		\$13,152,743	\$615,663
b. Other Expenses		\$765,546	\$367,255
2. TOTAL Budgeted Appropriations, current report year (include all County, State and Federal funding)	2018	\$14,719,322	\$1,013,092
a. Salaries and Wages		\$13,955,287	\$701,279
b. Other Expenses		\$764,035	\$311,813

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