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RE: OPRA Request – Annual Reports

Dear Mr. Milner:

Pursuant to your request, attached please find the Hunterdon County Annual Reports for the years 2017, 2018 and 2019 that were sent to the Attorney General. Please be advised that the 2020 report is not due until August 2021. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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

Very truly yours,

MICHAEL J. WILLIAMS
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COUNTY OF HUNTERDON



2017 ANNUAL REPORT

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Message from the Prosecutor,

Anthony P. Kearns, III



I am pleased to present the 2017 Annual Report of the Hunterdon County Prosecutor's Office.

It has been my continuing goal, since my appointment as County Prosecutor in 2010, and now after my reappointment in 2016, to instill new vision for the office. This vision has been transforming the office by eliciting new programs, new philosophies, new technologies, ideas and opinions, new resources, innovation, motivation and community involvement, while still encouraging the wisdom and inspiration of our staff. I have been honored to be a part of the office and part of the Hunterdon County law enforcement community. My seventh year has been another of paramount fulfillment. With my office continually evolving, growing, and transitioning, I am encouraged that we will successfully press forward and continue to provide an efficient means of serving and protecting our communities, first and foremost.

The role as chief law enforcement officer in the county continues to expand because of new challenges. We've encountered significant crime problems, both continuing and emerging. Hunterdon County continues to experience the ill and often tragic effects of our nation's persistent drug abuse problem and the community has begun to acknowledge the deadly effects of the heroin epidemic. Even as we expand our efforts, we still encounter too many deaths, impacting both juveniles and adults. The response by the Hunterdon County Prosecutor's Office has been to aggressively pursue and prosecute those cases, furnish information and education to schools and community groups, and promote awareness.

While experienced assistant prosecutors, detectives and administrative staff from our office have moved on during the past seven years, we continue to seek out and hire talented and dedicated men and women to provide the best services to the citizens and to ensure the quality of life in Hunterdon County.

Attorney General Community Policing Award

The New Jersey Attorney General's Office hosted an award ceremony at Rutgers University, Livingston Campus, to recognize ten recipients for their

community policing initiatives. The Hunterdon County Prosecutor's Office was the sole Prosecutor's Office in the state to be recognized for this honor. The award, presented by Attorney General Christopher S. Porrino, recognized the Hunterdon County Prosecutor's Office for successfully partnering with community members and organizations to offer three highly successful community policing programs to its residents. One Voice, created in 2012, is a two-way communication process that addresses social issues through the faith-based community. LEAP, the Law Enforcement Adolescent Program, is an early intervention program that serves as a diversion from the legal system. START (Steps to Action Recovery and Treatment), an initiative which began in 2013, provides life-saving addiction and crisis services referrals to people in need.

Safe Campus Initiative

The Hunterdon County Prosecutor's Office continues to coordinate the implementation of the multi-pronged Hunterdon County Prosecutor's Office Safe Campus Initiative. Through partnerships and training with schools, first responders and local law enforcement, the Prosecutor's Office has brought common terminology and actions used during a school crisis to over 50 public and private schools, 23,000 students and thousands of teachers, school administrators and faculty.

One Voice Initiative

The One Voice initiative was launched in 2013. One Voice is a two way communication process that addresses social issues through our faith communities. By working together with other community partners, we have assembled a coalition of faith based leaders from all denominations that work together with law enforcement to address social issues affecting the community. Since its inception, Hunterdon County's One Voice initiative has become a model for other communities both locally, and around the country.

START Initiative Expands Statewide

The START (Steps to Action Recovery and Treatment) initiative is a concept designed to provide direct referral information, contained in a prepared packet, to individuals who may be ensnared in the grips of an addiction or other crisis. Initially, these packets were only given to individuals as they were released from jail or police custody. After the initial rollout, the initiative received such an overwhelming response, new partnerships were sought to allow the program to

reach out to an even greater number of people. The packets are now distributed at hospitals, libraries, and community centers.

The START Program received an endorsement from the New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police. With this endorsement, the referral program is being piloted beyond Hunterdon County, through law enforcement, in partnership with prevention treatment resources that are available in each county in New Jersey.

Partnerships Aimed to Combat Confidence Schemes

The Hunterdon County Prosecutor's Office, along with the New Jersey State Police and local law enforcement agencies, have partnered with the New Jersey Cybersecurity and Communications Integration Cell (NJCCIC) to track and investigate on-line/telephone crimes, also known as confidence schemes. These schemes are facilitated by criminals making a communication to a potential victim leading them to believe the e-mail or caller is an authentic representative of a bank, an on-line retail company or even a government agency. Many residents and businesses have fallen victim to confidence schemes initiated by communications through e-mail, web-based sites, or by telephone.

The partnership enables law enforcement officers to take the information received from victims and forward it to an intelligence database maintained by the New Jersey State Police and NJCCIC for further analysis. These reports will allow law enforcement to track the perpetrators and educate the public about new scams.

Community Heroin Presentations

In 2017, in response to the dramatic increase of heroin overdose deaths in Hunterdon County, the Hunterdon County Prosecutor's Office continued its partnerships with school administrators throughout the county to educate, raise awareness and discuss the risks facing our children and the community. The Prosecutor's Office brought together Legislators, County Freeholders, Mayors and Town Council members, local Police Chiefs and State Police Station Commanders, School Board of Education and PTO members, as well as concerned parents and community members from each of the county's four high schools and their sending districts to focus on this serious problem threatening our county. The topics of the presentations focused on the Heroin Epidemic and School Safety.

STAR Program

The STAR program is a new initiative that provides important information to police officers responding to incidents involving special needs individuals. The Hunterdon County Prosecutor's Office developed the STAR Program (Special Training and Registration) in order to provide critical information about an individual to police that will be of assistance in the event of an emergency or other encounter. The program will allow parents and legal guardians, on a voluntary basis, to provide information to law enforcement that they believe is important to the well-being of their loved ones, wards, or clients.

First responders including state, county and local police, fire and EMS and Emergency Management personnel, county communication dispatchers, as well as educators from several school districts in Hunterdon County, received professional training on a number of issues relating to autism/developmental disabilities and safety, with a special emphasis on wandering and elopement.

On-Call Clergy - To assist with Community Victims and Law Enforcement

When a tragic event occurs, members of the clergy can assist police officers with comforting victims and their families while the investigation is being completed. These professionals are trained in grief counseling and are a resource that we have identified as a positive asset for our local law enforcement community. This program began in 2015 with local members of the faith community participating. There is an on-call list of the volunteer clergy members that will be available to respond, if needed, by local police. This program has been designed for clergy to get an opportunity to accompany police on death notifications, but can be expanded as needed. The program will also provide back-up to the Hunterdon Medical Center Chaplain. Additionally, the resources will be available to police officers and other first responders should there be a need.

The on-call Clergy will assist in managing crisis utilizing local Clergy, Best Practices for Managing Death, Serious Injury, and/or Serious Illness, Hunterdon Medical Center's Counseling and Employee Assistance Program and Grief Counseling, and the introduction of Hunterdon County On-Call Clergy List.

Prescription Take Back Initiative

National Take Back Day was an overwhelming success in Hunterdon County. Take Back Day is a national event that aims to provide a safe, convenient, and

responsible means of disposing of prescription drugs, while also educating the general public about the potential for abuse of medications.

Take Back Day continues to result in a record collection of unwanted prescription drugs throughout Hunterdon County. Citizens were able to visit Take Back Day collection sites located at the Clinton Township Police Department, Lambertville City Police Department, Readington Township Police Department, and the Tewksbury Township Police Department to drop off their unused and expired prescription drugs.

Law Enforcement Naloxone Deployment

The Hunterdon County Prosecutor's Office continues to partner with Hunterdon Healthcare Systems to save lives in Hunterdon County by equipping all law enforcement officers with Naloxone. In 2017, Hunterdon County Police deployed Naloxone 25 times and 20 people were saved. Hunterdon Healthcare Systems continues to donate funds to train and equip law enforcement officers in Hunterdon County with this life-saving medication.

Community Outreach- Nixle and Twitter Alerts

Hunterdon County Prosecutor's Office has partnered with Nixle and its Community Notification System to alert residents in real-time for localized emergency situations and relevant community advisories. The Hunterdon County Prosecutor's Office also uses Twitter for press releases and other announcements. For current events on the go, follow us on Twitter at <http://twitter.com/#!/HunterdonCoPros>.

Keeping our residents informed of situations that are affecting their area is a top priority for us. All alerts will be targeted geographically, allowing residents to receive localized, relevant alerts. The service is secure, reliable and easy to use.

Nixle Alerts can be sent via Text, Email, Web, and the Nixle Mobile App in an instant. Nixle is partnered with NLETS for unmatched data security, as well as the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, the National Blue Alert Network, and Google for unmatched reach and two-way information exchange.

Nixle was founded in 2009 and provides a mass communications hub built exclusively for government to provide, secure, reliable, and relevant information to residents in real-time. Today, over 7,200 Agencies around the United States rely on Nixle for Community Engagement and Emergency Communications.

Nixle's exclusive partnerships with NLETS, Google and the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children allow local police departments nationwide to send immediate alerts and advisories. For more information, visit www.nixle.com.

CONCLUSION

As I move through my eighth year, I am delighted with the collaboration, assistance, support, and teamwork that all our partners have extended to our office. I am also excited and enthusiastic for our next step forward and the challenges that 2018 will bring. I am proud of what we accomplish together as an office as we continue to strive to make Hunterdon County a safe environment for its citizens. Finally, I would like to thank my staff for their continued dedication, assistance, and efforts on behalf of our citizens.

LEGAL STAFF

Assistant Prosecutors: 9

- Deborah D. Factor, First Assistant Prosecutor
- Matthew S. Ah Kao, Assistant Prosecutor
- David P. Culley, Assistant Prosecutor
- Kelly Daniels, Assistant Prosecutor
- Kyle M. Herda, Assistant Prosecutor
- Kristin L. Redmond, Assistant Prosecutor
- Michael J. Sweeney, Executive Assistant Prosecutor
- Christopher J. Vaccaro, Assistant Prosecutor
- Jeffrey L. Weinstein, Assistant Prosecutor

INVESTIGATIVE STAFF

Chief of Detectives: John J. Kuczynski

Deputy Chief: 1

- Frank R. Crisologo

Captain: 1

- Joyce P. Hanshaw

Lieutenants: 4

- Kevin R. Burd
- Kristen L. Larsen
- P. Ryan Neiber
- Michael Nugent

Sergeants: 5

- Edmund J. DeFilippis, Jr.
- Linda M. Fabiano
- Peter W. Pfeifer
- Donna M. Snyder
- Marc W. Wilson

Detective First Class: 3

- Aaron C. Lacey
- Kelsey A. Marsh
- Jessica L. Neiber

Detectives: 13

- Paul T. Approvato
- Dean Cerdeira
- Bryan C. Hanley
- Brian C. Jados
- Vanessa Jimenez
- William R. Musacchio
- Edward R. Pawlick
- James E. Price
- Thomas V. Quinn
- Thomas H. Redfern
- William L. Svard
- Katherine M. Terhune
- Bradley B. Winfield

Administrative Investigators: 1

- Nancy B. Compton

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

- Michelle N. Masciola, Prosecutor's Agent, Office Manager
- Christine Musacchio, Secretary to the Prosecutor
- Theresa Cleary, SANE/SART Coordinator

VICTIM WITNESS STAFF

- Janet L. Kerr, Victim Witness Coordinator
- Barbara A. Bates, Supervising Victim Advocate
- Holly D. Hoff, Victim Advocate & MDT Coordinator

SUPPORT STAFF

- Lois M. Baker, Keyboarding Clerk
- Gail M. Bowen, Principal Docket Clerk & Deputy Office Manager
- Donna M. LaRocca, Principal Clerk Transcriber
- Christine S. Nahrebne, Keyboarding Clerk III
- Elaine Mills-Winkler, Principal Clerk Typist
- Debra D. Picard, Keyboarding Clerk II
- Diane M. Ruzicka, Keyboarding Clerk
- Indumathi Shankar, Keyboarding Clerk
- Debra L. VanBilliard, Legal Secretary
- Stephanie E. Wheeler, Keyboarding Clerk II
- Angelica Zieniuk, Principal Clerk Typist
- George A. Becker, Prosecutor's Agent (Part time)

PRETRIAL OPERATIONS & GRAND JURY UNIT

Legal Staff:	First Assistant Prosecutor All Assistant Prosecutors (8)
Investigative Staff:	1 Detective Sergeant 1 Prosecutor's Agent (Part time)
Support Staff:	2 Administrative Assistants

PRE-TRIAL OPERATIONS

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

The unit is staffed by Detective Sergeant Donna Snyder, who possesses vast knowledge of the inner-workings of the Hunterdon County Prosecutor's Office. DSG Snyder, Prosecutor's Agent George Becker, and support personnel Nancy Compton and Christine Nahrebne receive and review every indictable complaint that is filed in Hunterdon County. The intake process includes obtaining discovery expeditiously for the assistant prosecutors' review.

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

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

VERTICAL PROSECUTION

Initially, when any indictable complaint is filed by a citizen, local municipal or State Police, the complaint is reviewed by DSG. Snyder and her staff, along with First Assistant Prosecutor Deborah Factor, who transitioned into the role in 2015.

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

- Prosecutor Anthony P. Kearns, III, Chief Law Enforcement Officer: administration
- Deborah D. Factor, First Assistant Prosecutor: office administration
- Michael J. Sweeney, Executive Assistant Prosecutor: Gangs, Guns & Narcotics Task Force, all drug cases
- Matthew S. Ah Kao, Assistant Prosecutor: general prosecutions, weapons forfeitures, firearms appeals, extraditions
- David Culley, Assistant Prosecutor: Major Crimes, financial crimes, fraud monitoring, Expungment Unit, Veterans Diversion Program
- Kelly Daniels, Assistant Prosecutor: Special Victims Unit, child abuse/sex assault, Megan's Law, mental health
- Kyle M. Herda: Drug Court, daily court calendar, general prosecutions
- Kristin L. Redmond, Assistant Prosecutor: Domestic Violence Unit, general prosecutions
- Christopher J. Vaccaro, Assistant Prosecutor: Juvenile Unit, drug cases
- Jeffrey L. Weinstein, Assistant Prosecutor: Appellate & Policy Unit, legal research, Municipal Prosecutor supervisor, Open Public Records Act Custodian, civil forfeitures

MAJOR CRIMES UNIT

Legal Staff:	1 Assistant Prosecutor
Detective Staff:	2 Detective Sergeant
	1 Detective First Class
	4 Detectives
Support Staff:	1 Administrative Assistant

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

CRIME SCENE INVESTIGATION

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

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

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

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

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

ARSON TASK FORCE

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

Below are some investigative highlights of the Major Crimes Unit.

- During 2017, the Major Crimes Unit initiated twenty-three (23) Return of Weapons and Weapons for Safekeeping investigations. Over 136 firearms were confiscated and/or surrendered from residents of the County by local police departments and turned over to the Prosecutor's Office as a result of incidents of domestic violence. The Major Crimes Unit, Evidence Management Unit is currently responsible for the storage and oversight of over 425 firearms and weapons as a result of the state mandate governing these types of incidents.
- During 2017, the Evidence Management Unit oversaw the secure collection and storage of over 2,392 items to include firearms, narcotics, currency and physical evidence from criminal investigations.
- During 2017, the Major Crimes Unit conducted twenty-four (24) burglary and theft investigations. Through an extensive investigative and cooperative effort between this office, and local police departments, a number of suspects were identified, arrested and pled guilty or are awaiting trial.
- During 2017, the Major Crimes Unit conducted one hundred six (106) death scene investigations, seven (7) fatal and/or serious motor vehicle crashes and eighteen (18) fire scene investigations providing state and local law enforcement with the technical services necessary to ensure each case was properly documented, thoroughly investigated and pursued in a criminal manner as applicable.
- During 2017, forty-five (45) heroin overdoses, seventeen (17) of which were fatal, were investigated and evaluated for prosecution under the New

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

BUREAU OF PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS

Legal Staff:	1 Assistant Prosecutor
Detective Staff:	1 Detective Sergeant
	1 Detective

The Prosecutor's Bureau of Professional Standards is comprised of two experienced investigators from various disciplines and one Assistant Prosecutor. In addition to conducting internal affairs investigations involving members of this office, the Bureau also conducts investigations concerning allegations of official misconduct and other criminal acts involving local police officers and officials. Bureau investigators also assist other county or local law enforcement agencies with internal affairs matters.

In addition to conducting investigations, members of this Bureau are responsible for the development of CORE policies and procedures. These policies are disseminated to all law enforcement agencies within the County, thus implementing a unified approach to standardizing police policy.

Other responsibilities of the Bureau include media relations, background investigations for prospective employees, consolidating administrative functions, and training. The Bureau also is involved in certain community affairs functions.

In 2017, continued strides have been made with regard to the continuity and consistency of the internal investigation process in Hunterdon County. Below are some highlights of the Bureau.

- **Internal Affairs Reporting Centralization & Consolidation**

The Hunterdon County Prosecutor's Office has continued to be progressive with the centralization of all internal investigations within the county. All complaints against officers are being accepted as per the Attorney General's Guidelines and are being forwarded to the Bureau of Professional Standards. The Hunterdon County Prosecutor's Office has instituted an Intake Review process and classification of all complaints made against Hunterdon County Officers and routes the complaints to the appropriate investigational body.

- **Mandated Reporting Process**

In 2015, all Hunterdon County municipal and county law enforcement agencies began sending all reported internal investigations complaints to the Hunterdon County Prosecutor's Office, Bureau of Professional Standards. The Bureau

maintains an intake system to screen complaints, catalog, and consult with an assistant prosecutor regarding the direction of the investigation.

- **Early Warning System**

In 2015, the Bureau of Professional Standards initiated an Early Warning System to identify any concerning trends or deficiencies within a Hunterdon County police agency or with a specific officer. These improvements were done with the intention to improve the counties services to its citizens as well as a commitment to the members of law enforcement who through improved supervision, historical tracking and trending, can assist supervisors to identify potential concerns before they become larger issues for the officer and the municipalities they represent.

- **Training**

The Hunterdon County Prosecutor's Office completed mandatory training of all Hunterdon County and municipal officers conducting Internal Investigations. This training is mandated by the Attorney General's Office and provided the latest updates to the Attorney General's requirements regarding Internal Affairs Investigations. In addition, our office hosted and provided the training to our municipal and county law enforcement internal affairs officers in the latest requirements. The Bureau further provided individual training and guidance as needed and facilitated newer investigators in their internal investigations. The Bureau facilitated an Arrest, Search & Seizure Update seminar for all Hunterdon County Police Departments to establish consistency in the actions of the Departments.

In 2015, the Hunterdon County Prosecutor's Office mandated Hunterdon County Law Enforcement Officers to attend Somerset County Police Academy's two Mandatory Agency Training (MATs) Sessions instructed by a law enforcement expert or certified instructor. The Hunterdon County Prosecutor's Office hosted two training dates within the county to assist departments in attending these training sessions. The requirement to attend the MATS Training conducted by the Somerset County Police Academy was to coordinate consistency within the County in the area of training of Use of Force, Domestic Violence and Pursuit policy training.

- **Use of Force**

In 2015, all Hunterdon County municipal and county law enforcement agencies are now required to report all use of force incidents to the Bureau of Professional Standards. An Early Warning System was also put in place for Use of Force Incidents as well.

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- Any Use of Force resulting in any injury to any person requires the immediate notification to the Hunterdon County Prosecutor's Office. Use of Force reports are required to be submitted to the Bureau of Professional Standards as soon as they are completed, with a 10-day deadline on non-injury incidents.
 - All Hunterdon County Municipal and County Law Enforcement Agencies are mandated to immediately report all in-custody injuries to the Hunterdon County Prosecutor's Office. This is in addition to the mandated in-custody death reporting.

GANGS, GUNS & NARCOTICS TASK FORCE

Legal Staff:

Detective Staff:

1 Assistant Prosecutor

1 Lieutenant

6 Detectives

1 Loaner – NJSP

2 K9 - "Finn" and "Mac"

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

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

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

Case preparation is developed by members of the Gangs, Guns and Narcotic Task Force with the guidance of the Assistant Prosecutor assigned to the Unit.

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

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

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

Below are investigations, activities & accomplishments for 2017:

Arrests	78
Gang Related Arrests	3
Search Warrants Executed	11
Consent Searches	27
Weapons Seized	2
Vehicles Seized and forfeited	5
Value of Vehicles	\$20,500.00
Currency Seized	\$36,106.00
Narcotics Seized:	
Cocaine	293 grams
Cannabis	7.5 pounds
THC Wax	2.5 pounds
Marijuana plants	5
Heroin	3,748 decks
MDMA – Mollie	5 grams
Opiates	634 pills
Methamphetamine	7 grams
Ecstasy	10 pills
Value of Narcotics Seized	\$115,720.00

In 2017, the Gangs, Guns, and Narcotic Task Force continued to utilize a mutual aid agreement between local law enforcement agencies dubbed the County of Hunterdon's Anticrime Initiative into Narcotics ("C.H.A.I.N."). This concept afforded additional resources to the Task Force. It was designed to identify, investigate, and dismantle drug trafficking networks within Hunterdon County. C.H.A.I.N. resources also target local drug consumers who commit collateral crimes to support their addictions. C.H.A.I.N. is comprised of motivated and qualified members of the local law enforcement community teamed with the

Gangs, Guns, and Narcotic Task Force in a collaborative effort to combat these crimes. C.H.A.I.N. has begun to evolve as a galvanizing force within the County of Hunterdon.

The Gangs, Guns, and Narcotic Task Force, along with the Major Crimes Unit, proactively investigates all fatal overdoses. In 2017, Hunterdon County investigated 17 fatal overdoses. To date, the Hunterdon County Prosecutor's Office prosecuted 3 Strict Liability cases resulting in state prison terms.

SPECIAL VICTIMS UNIT

Legal Staff:	1 Assistant Prosecutor
Detective Staff:	1 Lieutenant
	1 Detective Sergeant
	2 Detective First Class
	2 Detectives
Support Staff:	MDT Coordinator/Victim Advocate
	SANE/SART Coordinator
	1 Administrative Assistant

The Special Victims Unit consists of one Lieutenant, one Detective Sergeant, two Detectives, two Detectives First Class, one Assistant Prosecutor, the SANE ("Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner") Coordinator and one MDT ("Multi Disciplinary Team") Coordinator from Victim Witness. The Special Victims Unit is responsible for investigating and prosecuting cases involving sexual assault (both juvenile and adult), child abuse/neglect, elder persons abuse/neglect, developmentally disabled persons abuse/neglect, and ICAC matters (Internet Crimes Against Children) which typically involve the possession and distribution of child pornography. The Special Victims Unit is tasked with coordinating the CART (Child Abduction Response Team), and the Lieutenant and one of the Detectives First Class are the two CART coordinators. They are notified of all missing juveniles through Hunterdon County Communications and then make a determination as to whether a response is needed. The Special Victims Unit also handles all Megan's Law matters which involves the monitoring of all registrants as well as community notification. The Special Victims Unit works in conjunction with the Department of Child Protection and Permanency, Institutional Abuse, the ARC, the Division of Social Services (Aging), and various law enforcement agencies, including all Hunterdon County police agencies and the New Jersey State Police. The Special Victims Unit is a member of the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force.

The Special Victims Unit also manages all of the Megan's Law cases. This includes opening the Megan's Law files, tiering the registrants, and tracking the registrants' whereabouts. In 2017, the SVU teamed up with the US Marshall's Service to visit every registrant's residence in Hunterdon County. Two registrants were taken into custody for outstanding municipal court matters. Due to the SVU's diligence in managing the Megan's Law cases, compliance of the roughly 104 registrants is very good.

The Hunterdon County Special Victims Unit is unique in that all of the aforementioned matters are handled within the same unit to allow for better communication and continuity. All members of the unit are trained in the

forensic interviewing of children; this skill carries over to interviewing those victims that have other special needs, i.e. developmental disabilities. One Detective is a computer forensic examiner and is trained in the investigation of possession/distribution of child pornography, as well as other electronic exploitation of children.

SVU, as in prior years, faces many challenges in 2018. ICAC cases present a unique challenge; specifically, cases involving high tech investigations often are labor intensive, and the SVU only has one trained detective to handle all of these. Major Crimes has allowed the part time use of one of their detectives to assist the high tech detective, as the caseload was too much for one person. Both detectives have been in numerous trainings recently, and continue to participate in the many trainings made available through ICAC and other agencies.

SVU has been involved with several high profile cases at the Edna Mahan Correctional Facility (EMCF) involving inmates and correctional and administrative staff engaging in illegal and inappropriate sexual relationships. The EMCF cases are time consuming, however the SVU managed to investigate many of the allegations while handling all of the usual cases that come to the SVU.

The Special Victims Unit has been involved in several important cases in 2017. Some highlights include:

- State v. Jason Mays: Jason Mays was a Corrections Officer at Edna Mahan Correctional Facility. He was investigated after several inmates came forward with allegations of illegal sexual conduct between them and Mays. He was charged and ultimately his case went to trial in March-May 2018; he was found guilty on 5 of 15 charges and is due to be sentenced.
- State v. Ahnwar Dixon: Ahnwar Dixon was a Corrections Officer at Edna Mahan Correctional Facility; his investigation began after the Mays investigation revealed other officers and inmates involved in sexual relationships. Dixon was charged with Official Misconduct and Sexual Assault. He pled guilty in July 2018 and is pending sentencing.
- State v. Joel Mercado: Joel Mercado was a Corrections Officer at Edna Mahan Correctional Facility (EMCF). Subsequent to an investigation, he was charged with Official Misconduct and Sexual Assault involving two inmates at EMCF. His case was indicted and is pending disposition.

- State v. Steven Newman: Steven Newman was charged in March 2017 with Aggravated Sexual Assault after allegations arose that he had sexually abused a young female years prior. Due to the detailed interviews and investigation, enough probable cause existed to charge Newman. The matter is scheduled for trial in September 2018.
- State v. Daniel Veselko: Daniel Veselko was charged in March 2017 with Aggravated Sexual Assault after allegations arose that he sexually assaulted a young female many years prior. Veselko was interviewed and admitted to the sexual assaults; he subsequently pled guilty and was sentenced to 10 years in state prison.
- State v. Ogers Marcelus/State v. Junior Desir: Both defendants were charged after an investigation revealed that they, separately, engaged in sexual conduct with an underage female. The investigation was part of an on-going investigation into the same victim and multiple suspects. Of those suspects, Marcelus and Desir were positively identified. Both defendants were ultimately entered into PTI.
- State v. Manuel Ramirez-Gonzalez: Ramirez-Gonzalez was charged after an investigation into allegations that he touched a young female in her residence. The victim's sister was also interviewed and disclosed inappropriate behavior as well. The defendant was charged and the case is pending disposition.
- State v. Samuel Sanchez: Samuel Sanchez was charged with Endangering the Welfare of a Child and Simple Assault subsequent to an investigation that defendant was physically abusive to his children. His children presented with injuries consistent with physical abuse; interviews of all involved parties confirmed that the injuries were the result of excessive physical abuse. The case is pending disposition.
- State v. Jaime Baltimore: Baltimore and the victim had a consensual sexual relationship, however Baltimore sent a cell phone picture of the victim in a sexual act with Baltimore to the victim's employer without the victim's knowledge or consent. Baltimore was charged with Invasion of Privacy and Cyber Harassment; additionally it was discovered that he was a sex offender from PA. Baltimore's matter is scheduled for trial in October 2018.

SPECIAL OPERATIONS & TRAINING UNIT

The Special Operations and Training Unit's core functions are the Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) Team, Homeland Security, Emergency Management, School Safety and Active Threat Training and Response.

The SWAT team consists of 27 tactical, crisis negotiation and medical personnel. Most team members volunteer their time through mutual aid agreements with local law enforcement and rescue squads that serve the residents of Hunterdon County. Team members have to meet a minimum of 120 hours of training as well other mandatory requirements. SWAT team members are on-call 24/7 to handle situations such as barricaded person(s), hostage rescue, high-risk warrant service and criminal and non-criminal urban/woodland searches.

Through the Hunterdon County Safe Campus Initiative, numerous trainings, presentations, site assessments and other school safety meetings/drills were conducted throughout the County as well as other Counties who are adopting school safety protocols and trainings the Hunterdon County Prosecutor's Office has put into place. On top of these trainings, several law enforcement active shooter trainings were conducted/hosted including a Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events (CRASE) training that is available for businesses, houses of worship and the general public.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE UNIT

Legal Staff:	2 Assistant Prosecutors
Investigative Staff:	1 Detective
Support Staff:	1 Victim Advocate
	1 Administrative Assistant

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

If the case involves indictable domestic violence charge(s), the case proceeds much like other indictable criminal cases from Pre-Indictment Conference, Grand Jury, Guilty Plea or Trial and Sentencing. Presently, there is vertical prosecution of these cases where one assistant prosecutor handles a case from the complaint stage through sentencing. Some of the common charges we see on the indictable level are Contempt, Aggravated Assault, Terroristic Threats, Stalking, and Criminal Restraint.

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

When Temporary Restraining Orders are issued, the police are often authorized to seize all weapons that are in the possession of the defendant and any Firearms Purchaser Identification Cards (FPIC) or permits to carry. Upon seizure

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

If a person has been convicted of a crime or has a FRO issued against them, they are not permitted to possess weapons or possess a Firearms Purchaser Identification Card. If a person is convicted of the crime of Stalking, a permanent restraining order can be obtained from the court.

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

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

Members of the Domestic Violence Unit attend important meetings of various groups on the county and state levels concerning issues of domestic violence. The Prosecutor's Office is also represented at the County Domestic Violence Working Group meetings and the state-wide Attorney General Domestic Violence Working Group meetings.

JUVENILE UNIT

Legal Staff:	1 Assistant Prosecutor
Investigative Staff:	1 Detective First Class
Support Staff:	1 Victim Advocate
	1 Administrative Assistant

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

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

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

The Hunterdon County Prosecutor's Office, in partnership with Hunterdon Prevention Resources, has a Law Enforcement Adolescent Program (L.E.A.P.) in

which at-risk juveniles identified by police are connected with needed mental health, substance abuse and other services, for early interventions.

APPEALS & POLICY UNIT

Legal Staff:

1 Assistant Prosecutor

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

OFFICE OF VICTIM WITNESS ADVOCACY

Staff:

- 1 Coordinator
- 1 Supervising Advocate
- 1 Victim Advocate/MDT Coordinator

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

The Office of Victim Witness Advocacy is presently comprised of 3 full-time Advocates: Coordinator/Supervisor, Supervising Advocate, Multi-disciplinary Team Coordinator/Victim Advocate. Victim Advocates are professionals who are educated to provide comfort and support to victims of crime. They must be familiar on the subject of Superior Court proceedings as well as Family Court which cover juvenile and domestic violence proceedings. Having this understanding of all the various proceedings and legal jargon enables each Advocate to be able to explain, in laymen's terms, what is occurring with their case as it progresses through the Criminal Justice System.

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

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

The Office of Victim Witness Advocacy in Hunterdon County is responsible for providing supportive and informative assistance to crime victims. The Victim Witness staff strives to ensure that all of the rights afforded to victims of crime are being met. At the present time, some of the services we offer are as follows:

- Written notification of court proceedings
- Assistance filing claims with the Victims of Crime Compensation Board
- Support Assistant Prosecutors when prepping victim or civilian witnesses for trial

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

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

During the year 2017, the Victim Witness Advocates processed a total of 734 victim related cases, which included victims of juvenile offenders.

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

MULTI-DISCIPLINARY TEAM (MDT)

Since 1992, the Hunterdon County Multidisciplinary Team (MDT) has served the needs of children who are victims of physical and/or sexual abuse and families during their involvement with the criminal justice system. Our team is presently comprised of committed professionals from the Hunterdon County Prosecutor's Office, Hunterdon County Division of Child Protection and Permanency, a Mental Health Professional (Psychologist), the Regional Child Protection Center at Dorothy B. Hersh, Office of Victim Witness Advocacy at the Prosecutor's Office, SAFE in Hunterdon and the Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner/Sexual Assault Response Team Coordinator.

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

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

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

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

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

The Sexual Assault Response Team works closely with local law enforcement, Hunterdon Medical Center and Safe in Hunterdon. Education is provided throughout the year to update members of the team about the latest evidence based practice in sexual assault and forensics. This year with grant funding, the SART was able to purchase a new state-of-the-art gynecology stretcher for use at Hunterdon Medical Center. Cameras, lighting and the latest forensic equipment have also been purchased to best meet the unique needs of sexual assault victims. Utilizing both a collaborative and compassionate approach, the SANE/SART program continues to be a great asset to the community and victims of sexual assault.

KIDS ARE RIDING SAFE (KARS)

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

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

Safety events are held at the Route 12 County Complex in Flemington from 5-8 pm. The Somerset County Prosecutor's Office assisted in acquiring a joint grant to provide funding for more safety events. Safety events are now held on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month. The statistics related to child passenger safety are alarming. They show that 80-90% of child safety seats are misused. Our own experience indicates misuse to be closer to 100%. In 2017, 175 child passenger safety seats were checked with approximately 3 installed without any misuse.

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STATISTICS

PROSECUTORIAL SCREENING OF DEFENDANTS

SCREENING OUTCOMES	STAGE OF THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE PROCESS WHEN DECISION OCCURS	
	PRE-COMPLAINT DECISIONS	POST-COMPLAINT DECISIONS
a. Defendants administratively dismissed		164
b. Defendants with charges downgraded to disorderly persons offenses		121
c. Defendants accepted for pre-trial diversion		107
d. Defendants otherwise screened out		10
e. Defendants with change of venue		3
f. Accusations filed		198
g. Defendants with either indictable complaints authorized or charges approved for grand jury		181
h. AOC Correction: Defendants who completed grand jury		220
TOTAL SCREENING DECISIONS FOR YEAR (add a - h)		1004

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	107	53
2. Recommended for acceptance	107	53
3. Recommended for rejection	0	0
4. Accepted into program	107	53

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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	54	5
2. 1+ to 2 months	23	4
3. 2+ to 3 months	37	4
4. 3+ to 4 months	15	0
5. Over 4 months	38	1
6. TOTAL defendant cases pending grand jury	167	14

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

ACTION TAKEN	NUMBER OF DEFENDANTS
1. Defendants presented to the grand jury	329
2. Defendants indicted	326
3. Defendants no billed and remanded to municipal court	0
4. Defendants no billed/no action	3
5. TOTAL defendants completing the grand jury process	329

DEFENDANTS CHARGED BY ACCUSATION

	NUMBER OF DEFENDANTS
TOTAL Defendants charged through Accusation	198

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	41	15
2. 3+ to 6 months	24	9
3. 6+ to 9 months	9	8
4. 9+ to 12 months	9	13
5. 12+ to 24 months	4	37
6. 24+ months	1	117
7. TOTAL post-indictment/accusation defendant cases pending	88	199

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	2	1	6	8	11	10	19	0	161	1	3
2. Guilty plea to lesser indictable offense	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	1
3. Ind. dism., plea to dis. persons offense	0	0	1	0	2	5	1	0	25	0	0
4. Guilty at trial, most serious offense											
a. Jury	0	0	0	0	0	0	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	0	0	0	0	0	0
7. Not guilty at trial											
a. Jury	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0
b. Non-jury	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
8. Acceptance into diversion program	0	0	4	0	3	8	4	0	81	0	1
9. Dismissed over objection of pros.	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
10. Dismissed pros. motion or consent	0	1	0	0	3	1	5	0	32	0	1
11. TOTAL dispositions	3	2	11	8	19	26	29	0	304	2	6

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	39	8	3	3	0	0	10	0	8	293
2. Guilty plea to lesser indictable offense	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	10
3. Ind. dism., plea to dis. persons offense	5	4	0	0	0	0	3	0	1	47
4. Guilty at trial, most serious offense										
a. Jury	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
b. Non-jury	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
5. Guilty at trial, lesser indictable offense										
a. Jury	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
b. Non-jury	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6. Guilty at trial, dis. persons offense										
a. Jury	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
b. Non-jury	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7. Not guilty at trial										
a. Jury	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
b. Non-jury	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
8. Acceptance into diversion program	34	9	11	6	0	0	7	0	4	172
9. Dismissed over objection of pros.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
10. Dismissed pros. motion or consent	13	8	9	0	0	0	3	0	2	78
11. TOTAL dispositions	94	29	25	9	0	0	23	0	17	607

**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	2
2. TOTAL post-conviction relief applications/briefs filed involving the prosecutor's office	5
a. Defendants granted relief	0
b. Defendants denied relief	5
c. Defendants granted relief in part/denied relief in part	0
d. Defendants dismissed/withdrawn	0
3. TOTAL habeas corpus petitions/briefs filed involving the prosecutor's office	0
a. Defendants granted relief	0
b. Defendants denied relief	0
c. Defendants granted relief in part/denied relief in part	0
d. Defendants dismissed/withdrawn	0

CAREER CRIMINAL WORKLOAD AND GRAND JURY ACTION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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CAREER CRIMINAL PROGRAM

CASE INTAKE CRITERIA (LIST)

n/a

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	79	8	2	2	154	245	161
2.	Investigations opened during the year	286	62	3	52	167	570	3
3.	TOTAL Investigative workload for the year (add nos. 1-2)	365	70	5	54	321	815	164
4.	TOTAL Investigations completed during this year	289	45	4	38	235	611	153
a.	Resulting in criminal charges	37	1	1	1	25	65	0
b.	Referred to other agency for criminal prosecution	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
c.	Referred to other agency for civil or administrative action	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
d.	Closed - No further action	252	44	3	37	210	546	0
5.	Investigations pending or inactive at the end of the year	76	25	1	16	86	204	11

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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	72
a. Defendants with complaints administratively dismissed	8
b. Defendants with complaints downgraded to disorderly persons offenses	2
c. Defendants with complaints referred to family court	0
d. Defendants with complaints presented to grand jury	39
2. Defendants with original charges presented to grand jury on direct presentment	0
3. Defendants charged through accusation	21
4. Defendants completing the grand jury process on direct presentment and complaint presentation	38
a. Defendants indicted	38
b. Defendants no billed and remanded to municipal court	0
c. Defendant no billed/no action	0

APPELLATE WORKLOAD AND DISPOSITIONS

Appellate Division and Other Appellate Courts

APPELLATE WORKLOAD AND DISPOSITIONS/OUTCOMES	Appellate Division Appeals						NJ Supreme Court Appeals	U.S. and Other Court Appeals (specify court)	TOTAL
	Criminal referral cases	Other criminal appeals	Criminal Inter-locutory	Juvenile	Law Division (de novo)	Civil			
1. Appeals pending at beginning of the year	8	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	11
2. Notices of appeal received/filed	5	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	9
3. Appellate motions, motion responses filed	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7
4. Appellate briefs filed	1	0	0	0	1	0	5	0	7
5. STATE Appeals and - TOTAL DISPOSED Cross Appeals	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
a. Conviction or order affirmed	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
b. Conviction or order reversed	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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	9	0	0	0	1	0	4	0	14
a. Conviction or order affirmed	4	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	5
b. Conviction or order reversed	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
c. Remanded or judgment modified	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
d. Withdrawn or dismissed	2	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	6
e. Affirmed in part/Reversed and or remanded in part	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	3
7. Appeals pending at the end of the year	4	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	6

APPELLATE WORKLOAD AND DISPOSITIONS

Law Division

APPELLATE WORKLOAD AND DISPOSITIONS/OUTCOMES	MUNICIPAL COURT APPEALS -- BY TYPE OF VIOLATION					TOTAL
	Criminal	Disorderly Persons	Motor Vehicle	Municipal Ordinances	Other	
1. Appeals pending at beginning of year	0	0	0	0	0	0
2. Notices of appeal received/filed	0	2	5	0	0	7
3. Appellate motions, motion responses filed	0	0	0	0	0	0
4. Appellate briefs filed	0	1	1	0	0	2
5. TOTAL APPEALS DISPOSED	0	2	2	0	0	4
a. Conviction or order affirmed	0	1	1	0	0	2
b. Conviction or order reversed	0	0	0	0	0	0
c. Remanded or judgment modified	0	0	0	0	0	0
d. Withdrawn or dismissed	0	1	1	0	0	2
6. Appeals pending at the end of the year	0	0	3	0	0	3

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JUVENILE DELINQUENCY INTAKE

Filings/New Cases	Number of Juveniles	Number of Cases	Number of Offenses
1. Total New Filings During the Calendar Year	114	142	276
VOP Filings			
2. Total Violations of Probation During the Calendar Year	6	7	7
Returned to Court			
3a. Cases Reactivated	10	12	21
3b. Cases Reopened	19	21	36
3c. Cases Successfully Appealed	0	0	0
3. Total Cases Returned to Court	29	33	57
Transfers			
4a. Entering this county	15	17	32
4b. Leaving this county	25	40	68
4. (Net Change)	-10	-23	-36

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

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

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

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JUVENILE DELINQUENCY DISPOSED CASES

	Number of Juveniles	Number of Cases	Number of Offenses
Dismissed/Consolidated/Withdrawn			
1. Total Dismissed/Consolidated/Withdrawn during Calendar Year	27	30	48
Diverted Cases			
2. Total Diversions during Calendar Year	41	43	72
Inactivated Cases			
3a. VOP Cases Inactivated	2	2	2
3b. Non-VOP Cases Inactivated	2	2	4
3. Total Inactivations during Calendar Year	4	4	6
Non-VOP Decisions (Mandatory Calendar)			
4a. Adjudicated Delinquent	46	49	134
4b. Adjudicated Not Delinquent	0	0	0
4c. Not Adjudicated Dismissed	0	0	0
4d. Case Returned/Post Adjudication Decision	7	8	13
4. Total Non-VOP Decisions (Mandatory Calendar)	53	57	147
Non-VOP Decisions (Non-Mandatory Calendar)			
5a. Adjudicated Delinquent	0	0	0
5b. Adjudicated Not Delinquent	0	0	0
5c. Not Adjudicated Dismissed	0	0	0
5d. Case Returned/Post Adjudication Decision	0	0	0
5. Total Non-VOP Decisions (Non-Mandatory Calendar)	0	0	0
Non-VOP Decisions (Juvenile Referee)			
6a. Adjudicated Delinquent	4	4	10
6b. Adjudicated Not Delinquent	0	0	0
6c. Not Adjudicated Dismissed	0	0	0
6d. Case Returned/Post Adjudication Decision	1	1	1
6. Total Non-VOP Decisions (Juvenile Referee)	5	5	11
VOP Decisions (1:1)			
	Mandatory Calendar	Non-Mandatory Calendar	Juvenile Referee
7a. Adjudicated Delinquent	4	0	0
7b. Adjudicated Not Delinquent	0	0	0
7c. Not Adjudicated Dismissed	0	0	0
7d. Case Returned/Post Adjudication Decision	0	0	0
7. Total VOP Decisions	4	0	0

Trials

8a. Total Number of Trials Where the Assistant Prosecutor Appeared. 0

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

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

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

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JUVENILE HABITUAL OFFENDER PROGRAM WORKLOAD AND ADJUDICATIONS

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

JUVENILE HABITUAL OFFENDER PROGRAM

CASE INTAKE CRITERIA (LIST)

n/a

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		
Administrative dismissal	X				X	
Remand to municipal court	X				X	
Indictment returned	X				X	
No bill	X				X	
Acceptance into pre-trial intervention	X				X	
Guilty plea	X				X	
Not guilty at trial	X		X		X	
Guilty at trial	X		X		X	
Indictment dismissed	X				X	
Sentence	X				X	
Parole	X					
Disposition of juvenile cases	X				X	
Other (specify) – released on bail, status conference dates, rescheduled sentencing dates, termination/completion of PTI, fugitive status, mistrials.	X				X	

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

MISCELLANEOUS ACTIVITIES

ACTIVITY	NUMBER	VALUE
1. Notice of intention to solicit funds received	2	
2. Expungement applications received	173	
3. TOTAL number of forfeiture actions	17	
4. Number of motor vehicles obtained through forfeiture actions	1	
5. TOTAL value of property forfeited (add a. - c.)		\$98,965
a. Cash forfeited		\$96,765
b. Value of forfeited motor vehicles		\$1,600
c. Value of other forfeited property		\$600
(Specify property)		
iPhone		

ADULT DEFENDANTS WITH BIAS CRIME RELATED CHARGES DISPOSED

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

JUVENILE DEFENDANTS WITH BIAS CRIME RELATED CHARGES DISPOSED

		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 ALL AGENCIES	County HUNTERDON
Reporting Period 2017	
Person completing report DSG. PAUL APPROVATO	Date completed 3/19/2018
Phone number 908-788-1129	

1. Number of pursuits initiated	10
2. Number of pursuits resulting in accidents	3
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	6
6. Number of vehicles in accidents	
a. Pursued vehicles	3
b. Police vehicles	0
c. Third party vehicles	0
7. Number of people injured	
a. Pursued vehicles	0
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	2
10. Number of pursuits in which a tire deflation device was used	0

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Agency:
Reporting Year:

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ALL AGENCIES
2017

County: Hunterdon

TABLE 1 -- COMPLAINTS FILED

Type of Complaint	Anonymous Complaints	Citizen Complaints	Agency Complaints	Total Complaints
Excessive Force		1		1
Improper Arrest				
Improper Entry		1		1
Improper Search				
Other Criminal Violation		3		3
Differential Treatment		7		7
Demeanor	2	24		26
Domestic Violence		1	1	2
Other Rule Violation		22	23	45
TOTAL	2	59	24	85

PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS SUMMARY REPORT FORMS

Agency: ALL AGENCIES
 Reporting Year: 2017

County: Hunterdon

TABLE 2 -- AGENCY DISPOSITIONS

	Sustained	Exonerated	Not Sustained	Unfounded	Administratively	Total
Excessive Force					1	1
Improper Arrest						
Improper Entry					1	1
Improper Search		1				1
Other Criminal Violation	1	1			1	3
Differential Treatment	1	3		2		6
Demeanor	2	6	1	3	10	22
Domestic Violence	1	1				2
Other Rule Violation	10	1	1	8	28	48
TOTAL	15	13	2	13	41	84

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ALL AGENCIES

County: Hunterdon

Agency:
Reporting Year:

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TABLE 3 -- COURT DISPOSITIONS

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

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The following report contains a statistical summary for reports of police misconduct in Hunterdon County for 2017. In addition, the report provides statistics for the disposition of those complaints. A review of the report and a comparison of this report with the reports prepared in prior years reveal the following:

2017 Hunterdon County Internal Affairs Statistics

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

Total Complaints Filed:

Upon review of the Internal Affairs Summary Reports there was an increase in 2017 of the total number of complaints filed (85) representing a increase of ten (10) total complaints compared to (75) in 2016. It is important to note that the numbers involved in the complaints and dispositions will not add up due to some complaints being disposed are from prior years complaints being disposed in the current year.

- (85) Complaints Filed
- (84) Complaints Disposed
- (41) Administrative Dispositions
- (15) Dispositions Sustained
- (13) Exonerations (2) Not Sustained (13) Unfounded

2017 Professional Standards Executive Summary Hunterdon County

Trends:

There was a slight decrease in number of citizen complaints in 2017 (59) as compared to (61) in 2016. There was an increase in the number of agency generated complaints in 2017 (24) from 2016 (13). The number of demeanor complaints in 2017 (22) decreased from 2016 (26).

Conclusion

Upon review of the data received from all of Hunterdon's Police and Law Enforcement agencies, the trend observed is a positive trend in the decrease of citizen generated complaints and an increase in agency generated complaints. Both positive trends are indicative of increased involvement by the Hunterdon County Prosecutor's Office on the County Municipal Police Department's Internal Affairs process and the increased value and expectations on the local law enforcement officer from a supervisory and accountability standpoint.

Demeanor complaints are the most common complaints from citizens. The added reviews involved in the internal investigation process continues to look for trending issues among law enforcement officers to identify issues, address them proactively and alter concerning behaviors before they become larger issues. These issues can negatively affect the perspective of the citizens toward law enforcement, bringing discredit to the police department and adversely affect the officer's career. Historically, the complaints in Hunterdon originate from a citizen's encounter with a uniformed officer, such as an issuance of a motor vehicle summons. Since the implementation of the mobile video recordings, and most recently Body Worn Cameras, supervisors can typically resolve the complaint by reviewing the videotape.

The Hunterdon County Prosecutor's Office Bureau of Professional Standards provides this office and all municipal law enforcement agencies a centralized resource and contacts to provide guidance and experience in the Internal Affairs process.

The Following Was Accomplished in 2017

1. The Bureau continues to monitor and improve the recently centralized screening policy for all internal affairs complaints occurring in Hunterdon County jurisdictions. This was done to ensure that the early warning and trending system in place assists the Hunterdon County Prosecutor's Office identify and address areas of concern of specific officers in need of training or counseling. The Bureau screens every case and monitors the investigation and disposition of each case, as well as offering guidance if/when needed. Benchmarks have been put in place to create alerts of officers who receive frequent complaints and notifications are directed to the agencies Internal Affairs Officer to conduct a Meaningful Review of the reported incidents to ascertain in any commonalities or trends are apparent which may be resulting in citizen complaints. This process

is put in place to not only protect the citizens from an officer who may be involved in inappropriate conduct but also to provide guidance and training to officers so potential issues are addressed and do not adversely affect their career.

2. In the desire to increase public confidence this office has implemented a Centralized Classification Process in the screening of complaints. This screening process involves multi-level reviews in the decision making process on the direction, classification and findings of internal investigations. Further the process involves a third level of intake review consisting of a legal review by an Assistant Prosecutor on allegations of a criminal nature or involving use of force.
3. The Bureau continues to offer all county agencies experienced resources, assistance and inspection/audit services. We continue to offer professional standards reviews and recommendations to municipal police agencies in the areas of personnel & internal record keeping, policy and procedure, evidence audits, and integrity matters. Annual training in these areas was also completed. Further training was provided in the area of search and seizure, as well as interview skills and techniques.
4. Our centralized web based Core Policy system for all Hunterdon County Police Agencies continues to expand with the addition of several more core policies on our website.
5. The Bureau of Professional Standards provided Internal Affairs Refresher Training for internal affairs officers in the county.
6. An audit of all county agencies revealed that all have implemented the most current Attorney General Internal Affairs Guide.

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Approved By:


Frank R. Crisologo
Chief of Detectives

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BUDGETS AND EXPENDITURES

ACTIVITY	YEAR	Total Operating Budget (excluding Grants)	Total Grants Funding
1. TOTAL actual expenditures, prior report year (include all County, State and Federal funding)	2016	\$4,447,432	\$516,501
a. Salaries and Wages		\$4,227,590	\$184,026
b. Other Expenses		\$219,842	\$332,475
2. TOTAL Budgeted Appropriations, current report year (include all County, State and Federal funding)	2017	\$4,813,825	\$383,401
a. Salaries and Wages		\$4,500,000	\$234,646
b. Other Expenses		\$313,825	\$148,755

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Message from Acting Prosecutor Michael J. Williams



I am pleased to present the 2018 Annual Report of the Hunterdon County Prosecutor's Office.

It has been my continuing goal, since my recent appointment as Acting County Prosecutor in April 2019, to continue seeking out new programs, new technologies and new innovations that further connect my office with the community it serves. I have been honored to be a part of the Hunterdon County law enforcement community. I know that we will successfully press forward and continue to provide an effective and efficient means of serving and protecting the public - our primary job.

The role as chief law enforcement officer in the county continues to expand because of new challenges and responsibilities. We have encountered significant crime problems, both continuing and emerging. Hunterdon County continues to experience the ill and often tragic effects of our nation's persistent drug abuse problem. Foremost among this epidemic is the opioid crisis and the increasingly dangerous impact of fentanyl on that crisis. Even as we expand our efforts to combat this scourge, we still encounter too many deaths of both juveniles and adults. The response by the Hunterdon County Prosecutor's Office has been to aggressively pursue and prosecute those cases, furnish information and education to schools and community groups, and promote awareness along with our numerous community partners.

Although experienced assistant prosecutors, detectives and administrative staff from our office have moved on during the past few years, we continue to seek out and hire talented and dedicated men and women to provide the best services to the citizens and to ensure the quality of life in Hunterdon County.

LEGAL STAFF

Assistant Prosecutors: 8

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

INVESTIGATIVE STAFF

Chief of Detectives: Frank R. Crisologo

Deputy Chief: 1

- Paul T. Approvato

Lieutenants: 3

- Kevin R. Burd
- Kristen L. Larsen
- P. Ryan Neiber

Sergeants: 4

- Linda M. Fabiano
- Peter W. Pfeifer
- Donna M. Snyder
- Marc W. Wilson

Detective First Class: 3

- Aaron C. Lacey
- Kelsey A. Marsh
- Jessica L. Neiber

Detectives: 11

- Dean Cerdeira
- Bryan C. Hanley
- Brian C. Jados
- Vanessa Jimenez
- William R. Musacchio
- Edward R. Pawlick
- Thomas V. Quinn
- Thomas H. Redfern
- William L. Svard
- Katherine M. Terhune
- Bradley B. Winfield

Administrative Investigators: 1

- Nancy B. Compton

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

- Michelle N. Masciola, Prosecutor's Agent, Office Manager
- Christine Musacchio, Secretary to the Prosecutor
- Theresa Cleary, SANE/SART Coordinator

VICTIM WITNESS STAFF

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

SUPPORT STAFF

- Lois M. Baker, Keyboarding Clerk
- Viera Barkoci, Keyboarding Clerk
- Gail M. Bowen, Principal Docket Clerk & Deputy Office Manager
- Jeanine M. Delia, Keyboarding Clerk
- Donna M. LaRocca, Principal Clerk Transcriber
- Christine S. Nahrebne, Keyboarding Clerk III
- Elaine Mills-Winkler, Clerk IV
- Diane M. Ruzicka, Keyboarding Clerk

- Debra L. VanBilliard, Legal Secretary
- Angela Zieniuk, Clerk IV
- George A. Becker, Prosecutor's Agent (Part time)

PRETRIAL OPERATIONS & GRAND JURY UNIT

Legal Staff:	All Assistant Prosecutors (8)
Investigative Staff:	1 Detective Sergeant 1 Detective 1 Prosecutor's Agent (Part time)
Support Staff:	2 Administrative Assistants

PRE-TRIAL OPERATIONS

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

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

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

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

VERTICAL PROSECUTION

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

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

- Acting Prosecutor Michael J. Williams, Chief Law Enforcement Officer: administration
- Michael J. Sweeney, Executive Assistant Prosecutor: office administration, Gangs, Guns & Narcotics Task Force, all drug cases
- Matthew S. Ah Kao, Assistant Prosecutor: general prosecutions, weapons forfeitures, firearms appeals, extraditions
- David Culley, Assistant Prosecutor: Major Crimes, financial crimes, fraud monitoring, Expungement Unit, Veterans Diversion Program
- Kelly Daniels, Assistant Prosecutor: Special Victims Unit, child abuse/sex assault, Megan's Law
- Kyle M. Herda: Drug Court, daily court calendar, general prosecutions
- Kristin L. Redmond, Assistant Prosecutor: Domestic Violence Unit, general prosecutions, Juvenile Unit
- Christopher J. Vaccaro, Assistant Prosecutor: Drug cases, financial
- Jeffrey L. Weinstein, Assistant Prosecutor: Appellate & Policy Unit, legal research, Municipal Prosecutor supervisor, Open Public Records Act Custodian, civil forfeitures, animal cruelty

MAJOR CRIMES UNIT

Legal Staff:	1 Assistant Prosecutor
Detective Staff:	1 Detective Sergeant
	1 Detective First Class
	4 Detectives
Support Staff:	1 Administrative Assistant

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

CRIME SCENE INVESTIGATION

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

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

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

We employ fully trained and qualified experts in the field of accident investigation and reconstruction. In addition, advanced training in the field of accident investigation is provided to members and local police. The purpose of this task force is to investigate motor vehicle crashes involving death or serious bodily injury which may reasonably result in death. This task force will also investigate crashes involving serious bodily injury when a driver is believed to be under the influence of drugs or alcohol while operating a motor vehicle.

ARSON TASK FORCE

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

Below are some investigative highlights of the Major Crimes Unit.

- During 2018, the Major Crimes Unit initiated 35 Return of Weapons and Weapons for Safekeeping investigations. Over 275 firearms were confiscated and/or surrendered from county residents by local police departments and turned over to the Prosecutor's Office as a result of incidents of domestic violence. The Major Crimes Unit/Evidence Management Unit is currently responsible for storing and overseeing of over 500 firearms and weapons as a result of the state mandate governing these types of incidents.
- During 2018, the Evidence Management Unit oversaw the secure collection and storage of over 1,307 items to include firearms, narcotics, currency and physical evidence from criminal investigations.
- During 2018, the Major Crimes Unit conducted 29 burglary and theft investigations. Through an extensive investigative and cooperative effort between this office, New Jersey State Police and local police departments, a number of suspects were identified, arrested and pled guilty or are awaiting trial.
- During 2018, the Major Crimes Unit conducted 100 death scene investigations, 3 fatal and/or serious motor vehicle crashes and twenty-one 21 fire scene investigations and provided state and local law enforcement with the technical services necessary to ensure that each case was properly documented, thoroughly investigated and pursued as applicable.
- During 2018, 55 heroin overdoses, 12 of which were fatal, were investigated and evaluated for prosecution under the New Jersey strict liability statute. Evaluation continues to this date in an attempt to charge one or more suppliers of the heroin under this statute.

BUREAU OF PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS

Legal Staff:	1 Assistant Prosecutor
Detective Staff:	1 Detective

The Prosecutor's Office's Bureau of Professional Standards is comprised of an experienced investigator from various disciplines and one assistant prosecutor. In addition to conducting internal affairs investigations involving members of this office, the Bureau also conducts investigations concerning allegations of official misconduct and other criminal acts involving local police officers and officials. The bureau investigator also assists other county or local law enforcement agencies with internal affairs matters.

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

Other responsibilities of the bureau include media relations, background investigations for prospective employees, consolidating administrative functions, and training. The bureau also is involved in certain community affairs functions.

In 2018, continued strides have been made to the continuity and consistency of the internal investigation process in Hunterdon County.

Below are some highlights of the bureau.

- **Internal Affairs Reporting Centralization & Consolidation**

The Hunterdon County Prosecutor's Office has continued to be progressive by centralizing all internal investigations within the county. All complaints against officers are being accepted as per the Attorney General's Guidelines and are being forwarded to the Bureau of Professional Standards. The Prosecutor's Office has instituted an Intake Review process and classification of all complaints made against Hunterdon County officers and routes the complaints to the appropriate investigational body.

- **Mandated Reporting Process**

In 2015, all Hunterdon County municipal and county law enforcement agencies began sending all reported internal investigations complaints to the Hunterdon County Prosecutor's Office, Bureau of Professional Standards. The bureau continues to maintain an intake system to screen and catalog complaints, and

consults with an assistant prosecutor regarding the direction of internal investigations.

- **Early Warning System**

Since 2015, the Bureau of Professional Standards has employed an Early Warning System to identify any concerning trends or deficiencies within a Hunterdon County police agency or with a specific officer. These improvements were done with the intent to improve the county's services to its citizens and with a commitment to the members of law enforcement who, through improved supervision, historical tracking and trending, can assist supervisors to identify potential concerns before they become larger issues for the officer and the municipalities they represent.

- **Training**

The Hunterdon County Prosecutor's Office provides mandatory and refresher training to all Hunterdon County and municipal officers conducting internal investigations. This training is mandated by the Attorney General's Office and provides the latest updates to the Attorney General's requirements regarding Internal Affairs Investigations. In addition, our office hosted and provided the training to our municipal and county law enforcement internal affairs officers on the latest requirements. The bureau further provided individual training and guidance as needed and facilitated newer investigators in their internal investigations. The bureau facilitated an Arrest, Search & Seizure Update seminar for all Hunterdon County Police Departments to establish consistency in the actions of the Departments.

The Hunterdon County Prosecutor's Office has mandated that all Hunterdon County Law Enforcement Officers attend Somerset County Police Academy's two Mandatory Agency Training Sessions (MATs). These training sessions are taught by a law enforcement expert or certified instructor. The Hunterdon County Prosecutor's Office hosted multiple training dates within the county to assist departments in attending these training sessions. The requirement to attend MATs conducted by the Somerset County Police Academy was to coordinate consistency within the county in training of use of force, domestic violence and pursuit policy.

- **Use of Force**

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

- Any Use of Force resulting in any injury to any person requires immediate notification to the Hunterdon County Prosecutor's Office. Use of Force reports are required to be submitted to the Bureau of Professional Standards as soon as they are completed, with a 10-day deadline on non-injury incidents.
- All Hunterdon County municipal and county law enforcement agencies immediately report all in-custody injuries to the Hunterdon County Prosecutor's Office. This is in addition to the mandated in-custody death reporting.

GANGS, GUNS AND NARCOTICS TASK FORCE

Legal Staff:	1 Assistant Prosecutor
Detective Staff:	1 Lieutenant
	5 Detectives
	2 Loaners – NJSP
	2 K9 - "Finn" and "Mac"

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Below are investigations, activities and accomplishments for 2018:

Arrests	48
Gang Related Arrests	1
Search Warrants Executed	8
Consent Searches	9
Weapons Seized	2
Vehicles Seized and forfeited	3
Value of Vehicles	\$24,000.00
Currency Seized	\$84,292.00
Narcotics Seized:	
Cocaine	81 grams
Cannabis	6 pounds
THC Wax	.25 pounds
Heroin	5,195 decks
Prescription – Opioids	119 tablets
Value of Narcotics Seized	\$75,600.00

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

In 2018, the Hunterdon County Prosecutor's Office received a grant award from the New Jersey State Attorney General's Office for a program dubbed "Operation Helping Hand," a multipronged strategy that involves law enforcement officers arresting users purchasing/possessing heroin or other opioids and connecting those individuals to recovery specialists in an effort to provide them with treatment and recovery services so they can begin a successful path to recovery.

The Gangs, Guns, and Narcotic Task Force, along with the Major Crimes Unit, proactively investigates all fatal overdoses. In 2018, Hunterdon County investigated 12 fatal overdoses. To date, the Hunterdon County Prosecutor's Office successfully prosecuted 3 strict liability cases resulting in state prison terms.

SPECIAL VICTIMS UNIT

Legal Staff:	1 Assistant Prosecutor
Detective Staff:	1 Lieutenant
	1 Detective Sergeant
	2 Detective First Class
	2 Detectives
Support Staff:	MDT Coordinator/Victim Advocate
	SANE/SART Coordinator
	1 Administrative Assistant

The Special Victims Unit consists of one Lieutenant, one Detective Sergeant, two Detectives First Class, two Detectives, one Assistant Prosecutor, the SANE ("Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner") Coordinator and one MDT ("Multi Disciplinary Team") Coordinator from Victim Witness. The Special Victims Unit is responsible for investigating and prosecuting cases involving sexual assault (both juvenile and adult), child abuse/neglect, elder persons abuse/neglect, developmentally disabled persons abuse/neglect, and ICAC matters (Internet Crimes Against Children) which typically involve the possession and distribution of child pornography. The Special Victims Unit is tasked with coordinating the CART (Child Abduction Response Team), and the Lieutenant and one of the Detectives First Class are the two CART coordinators. They are notified of all missing juveniles through Hunterdon County Communications and then determine whether a response is needed. The Special Victims Unit also handles all Megan's Law matters, which involves the monitoring of all registrants and community notification. The Special Victims Unit works in conjunction with the Department of Child Protection and Permanency, Institutional Abuse, the ARC, the Division of Social Services (Aging), and various law enforcement agencies, including all Hunterdon County police agencies and the New Jersey State Police. The Special Victims Unit is a member of the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force.

The Special Victims Unit also manages all Megan's Law cases. This includes opening the Megan's Law files, tiering the registrants, and tracking the registrants' whereabouts. Hunterdon County has approximately 100 registrants; compliance is very good, with few issues with non-compliant registrants.

The Special Victims Unit is unique in that the aforementioned matters are handled within the same unit to allow for better communication and continuity. All members of the unit are trained in the forensic interviewing of children; this skill carries over to interviewing those victims that have other special needs, i.e., developmental disabilities. One Detective is a computer forensic examiner and

is trained in investigating possession/distribution of child pornography, as well as other electronic exploitation of children.

The Special Victims Unit as in prior years, faces many challenges in 2019. ICAC cases present a unique challenge; specifically, cases involving high-tech investigations often are labor intensive, and the Special Victims Unit only has one trained detective to handle all of these. Major Crimes has allowed the part-time use of one of their detectives to assist the high-tech detective, as the caseload was too much for one person. Both detectives are highly trained and continue to participate in the many trainings made available through ICAC and other agencies.

Special Victims Unit has been and continues to be involved with several high-profile cases at the Edna Mahan Correctional Facility (EMCF) involving inmates and correctional and administrative staff engaging in illegal and inappropriate sexual relationships. The EMCF cases are time consuming; however the Special Victims Unit has managed to investigate many of the allegations while handling the usual cases that come to the unit.

SPECIAL OPERATIONS AND TRAINING UNIT

The Special Operations and Training Unit's core functions are the Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) Team, Homeland Security, Emergency Management, School Safety and Active Assailant Training and Response.

The SWAT team consists of 29 tactical, crisis negotiation and tac-medical personnel. Most team members volunteer their time through mutual aid agreements with local law enforcement and rescue squads that serve the residents of Hunterdon County. Team members have to meet a minimum of 196 hours of training and other mandatory requirements. SWAT team members are on-call 24/7 to handle situations such as barricaded person(s), hostage rescue, high-risk warrant service and criminal and non-criminal urban/woodland searches.

Through the Hunterdon County Safe Campus Initiative, numerous trainings, presentations, site assessments and other school safety meetings/drills were conducted throughout Hunterdon County and other counties who are adopting school safety protocols and trainings the Hunterdon County Prosecutor's Office has put in place. In addition to these trainings, several law enforcement "active shooter" trainings were conducted/hosted, including a Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events (CRASE) training that is available for businesses, houses of worship and the general public. During 2018, the Hunterdon County Safe Campus Initiative also assisted school personnel in bleeding control training through the national "Stop the Bleed" campaign. Hunterdon County SWAT personnel assisted in training over 500 school staff members countywide.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE UNIT

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

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

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

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

When TROs are issued, the police are often authorized to seize all weapons in the defendant's possession and any Firearms Purchaser Identification Cards (FPIC) or permits to carry. Upon seizure of the weapons, they are turned over to the evidence custodian in the Prosecutor's Office. A Weapons Forfeiture

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

If a person has been convicted of a crime or has a FRO issued against them, they are not permitted to possess weapons or possess a Firearms Purchaser Identification Card. If a person is convicted of stalking, a permanent restraining order can be obtained from the court.

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

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

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

JUVENILE UNIT

Legal Staff:	1 Assistant Prosecutor
Investigative Staff:	1 Detective First Class
Support Staff:	1 Victim Advocate
	1 Administrative Assistant

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

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

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

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

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

APPEALS & POLICY UNIT

Legal Staff:

1 Assistant Prosecutor

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

ANIMAL CRUELTY/HUMANE LAW ENFORCEMENT UNIT

Legal Staff:	1 Assistant Prosecutor
Detective Staff:	1 Detective First Class

During 2018, various laws took effect that made County Prosecutors responsible for investigating and prosecuting violations of the animal cruelty laws. These new laws also required prosecutors to "promote the interests of" and to "protect and care for" the animals within the county. The County Prosecutor is required to appoint an animal cruelty prosecutor and a chief humane law enforcement officer to fulfill these law enforcement responsibilities. Additionally, the Prosecutor designates a non-profit county society for the prevention of cruelty to animals to assist in animal care and sheltering that may stem from animal cruelty investigations. During 2018, the Hunterdon County Prosecutor's Office devoted time and resources to assemble the team necessary to comply with its new obligations, which, as to investigations and animal care, were previously undertaken by the New Jersey Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. Hunterdon County faces enhanced challenges in light of its significant domestic, as well as agricultural and livestock animal population.

OFFICE OF VICTIM WITNESS ADVOCACY

Staff: 1 Coordinator/MDT Coordinator
2 Victim Advocates
1 Keyboarding Clerk

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

The Office of Victim Witness Advocacy is presently comprised of 3 full-time Advocates: Coordinator/Multi-disciplinary Team Coordinator, 2 Victim Advocates and 1 Keyboarding Clerk. Victim Advocates are professionals who are educated to provide comfort and support to victims of crime. They must be familiar with Superior Court proceedings and Family Court, which cover juvenile and domestic violence proceedings. Having this understanding of all the various proceedings and legal jargon enables each advocate to explain, in laymen's terms, what is occurring with their case as it progresses through the criminal justice system.

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

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

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

Some of the services we offer are as follows:

- Written notification of court proceedings
- Assistance filing claims with the Victims of Crime Compensation Board

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

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

During the year 2018, the Victim Witness Advocates processed a total of 1,374 victim related cases, which include victims of juvenile offenders.

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

MULTI-DISCIPLINARY TEAM (MDT)

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Sexual Assault Response Team works closely with local law enforcement, the Hunterdon Medical Center and Safe in Hunterdon. Education is provided throughout the year to update members of the team on the latest evidence-based practices in sexual assault and forensics. This year, with grant funding the SART was able to purchase a new state-of-the-art gynecological colposcope to aid in examining sexual assault victims. The SART has the latest cameras, lighting and forensic equipment to best meet the unique needs of such victims. Utilizing both a collaborative and compassionate approach, the SANE/SART program continues to be a great asset to the community and victims of sexual assault.

KIDS ARE RIDING SAFE (KARS)

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

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

Safety events are held at the Route 12 County Complex in Flemington from 5:00-8:00 pm on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month. The Somerset County Prosecutor's Office assisted in acquiring a joint grant to provide funding for more safety events. The statistics related to child passenger safety are alarming - 80-90% of child safety seats are misused. Our own experience indicates misuse to be closer to 100%. In 2018, 186 child passenger safety seats were checked with approximately 5 installed without any misuse.

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STATISTICS

PROSECUTORIAL SCREENING OF DEFENDANTS

SCREENING OUTCOMES	STAGE OF THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE PROCESS WHEN DECISION OCCURS	
	PRE-COMPLAINT DECISIONS	POST-COMPLAINT DECISIONS
a. Defendants administratively dismissed	0	161
b. Defendants with charges downgraded to disorderly persons offenses	0	80
c. Defendants accepted for pre-trial diversion	0	112
d. Defendants otherwise screened out	0	15
e. Defendants with change of venue	0	8
f. Accusations filed	0	205
g. Defendants with either indictable complaints authorized or charges approved for grand jury	0	179
h. AOC Correction: Defendants who completed grand jury	0	174
TOTAL SCREENING DECISIONS FOR YEAR (add a - h)	0	934

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	112	54
2. Recommended for acceptance	112	53
3. Recommended for rejection	0	1
4. Accepted into program	112	53

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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	69	0
2. 1+ to 2 months	23	3
3. 2+ to 3 months	24	5
4. 3+ to 4 months	21	2
5. Over 4 months	29	3
6. TOTAL defendant cases pending grand jury	166	13

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

ACTION TAKEN	NUMBER OF DEFENDANTS
1. Defendants presented to the grand jury	297
2. Defendants indicted	294
3. Defendants no billed and remanded to municipal court	0
4. Defendants no billed/no action	3
5. TOTAL defendants completing the grand jury process	297

DEFENDANTS CHARGED BY ACCUSATION

	NUMBER OF DEFENDANTS
TOTAL Defendants charged through Accusation	205

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	27	13
2. 3+ to 6 months	33	6
3. 6+ to 9 months	10	13
4. 9+ to 12 months	5	12
5. 12+ to 24 months	4	43
6. 24+ months	6	143
7. TOTAL post-indictment/accusation defendant cases pending	85	230

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	2	2	5	3	5	15	17	0	112	0	4
2. Guilty plea to lesser indictable offense	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3. Ind. dism., plea to dis. persons offense	0	0	2	0	2	2	4	0	21	0	1
4. Guilty at trial, most serious offense											
a. Jury	0	1	0	1	0	0	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	0	0	0	0	0	0
7. Not guilty at trial											
a. Jury	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
b. Non-jury	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
8. Acceptance into diversion program	0	0	0	0	10	12	3	0	88	0	3
9. Dismissed over objection of pros.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10. Dismissed pros. motion or consent	0	0	1	0	0	3	1	0	17	0	1
11. TOTAL dispositions	2	3	9	4	17	32	25	0	240	0	9

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	38	7	9	2	0	0	12	1	11	245
2. Guilty plea to lesser indictable offense	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3. Ind. dism., plea to dis. persons offense	5	2	1	2	0	0	0	0	1	43
4. Guilty at trial, most serious offense										
a. Jury	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	4
b. Non-jury	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5. Guilty at trial, lesser indictable offense										
a. Jury	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
b. Non-jury	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6. Guilty at trial, dis. persons offense										
a. Jury	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
b. Non-jury	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7. Not guilty at trial										
a. Jury	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
b. Non-jury	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
8. Acceptance into diversion program	24	13	14	6	0	0	6	0	6	185
9. Dismissed over objection of pros.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10. Dismissed pros. motion or consent	12	1	3	0	0	0	3	0	2	44
11. TOTAL dispositions	79	23	27	10	0	0	21	1	21	523

**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	2
2. TOTAL post-conviction relief applications/briefs filed involving the prosecutor's office	7
a. Defendants granted relief	1
b. Defendants denied relief	1
c. Defendants granted relief in part/Denied relief in part	0
d. Defendants dismissed/Withdrawn	2
3. TOTAL habeas corpus petitions/briefs filed involving the prosecutor's office	0
a. Defendants granted relief	0
b. Defendants denied relief	0
c. Defendants granted relief in part/Denied relief in part	0
d. Defendants dismissed/Withdrawn	0

CAREER CRIMINAL WORKLOAD AND GRAND JURY ACTION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

CAREER CRIMINAL PROGRAM

CASE INTAKE CRITERIA (LIST)

n/a

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	62	22	0	14	73	171	0
2.	Investigations opened during the year	217	57	6	13	164	457	42
3.	TOTAL Investigative workload for the year (add nos. 1-2)	279	79	6	27	237	628	42
4.	TOTAL Investigations completed during this year	233	58	3	18	156	468	39
a.	Resulting in criminal charges	26	2	0	1	34	63	0
b.	Referred to other agency for criminal prosecution	4	0	0	1	1	6	0
c.	Referred to other agency for civil or administrative action	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
d.	Closed - No further action	203	56	3	16	121	399	0
5.	Investigations pending or inactive at the end of the year	46	21	3	9	81	160	3

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	87
a. Defendants with complaints administratively dismissed	5
b. Defendants with complaints downgraded to disorderly persons offenses	0
c. Defendants with complaints referred to family court	1
d. Defendants with complaints presented to grand jury	38
2. Defendants with original charges presented to grand jury on direct presentment	0
3. Defendants charged through accusation	40
4. Defendants completing the grand jury process on direct presentment and complaint presentation	41
a. Defendants indicted	41
b. Defendants no billed and remanded to municipal court	0
c. Defendant no billed/no action	0

APPELLATE WORKLOAD AND DISPOSITIONS

Appellate Division and Other Appellate Courts

APPELLATE WORKLOAD AND DISPOSITIONS/OUTCOMES	Appellate Division Appeals						NJ Supreme Court Appeals	U.S. and Other Court Appeals (specify court)	TOTAL
	Criminal referral cases	Other criminal appeals	Criminal Interlocutory	Juvenile	Law Division (de novo)	Civil			
1. Appeals pending at beginning of the year	6	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	8
2. Notices of appeal received/ filed	5	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	8
3. Appellate motions, motion responses filed	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10
4. Appellate briefs filed	12	0	0	0	0	0	8	0	20
5. STATE Appeals and - TOTAL DISPOSED Cross Appeals	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
a. Conviction or order affirmed	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
b. Conviction or order reversed	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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	8	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	11
a. Conviction or order affirmed	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
b. Conviction or order reversed	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
c. Remanded or judgment modified	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
d. Withdrawn or dismissed	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	4
e. Affirmed in part/Reversed and or remanded in part	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
7. Appeals pending at the end of the year	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	4

APPELLATE WORKLOAD AND DISPOSITIONS

Law Division

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

Section/Unit JUVENILECounty: Hunterdon

(completing report)

Section IV. 9.a.

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	72	85	166
VOP Filings			
2. Total Violations of Probation During the Calendar Year	8	10	10
Returned to Court			
3a. Cases Reactivated	7	9	17
3b. Cases Reopened	22	26	65
3c. Cases Successfully Appealed	0	0	0
3. Total Cases Returned to Court	29	35	82
Transfers			
4a. Entering this county	14	17	34
4b. Leaving this county	6	7	12
4. (Net Change)	8	10	22

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

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

- a. An Assistant Prosecutor appears at all V.O.P. hearings. X
- 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 JUVENILE
(completing report)
Section IV. 9.b.

County: Hunterdon

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	16	18	31
Diverted Cases			
2. Total Diversions during Calendar Year	40	44	84
Inactivated Cases			
3a. VOP Cases Inactivated	2	2	2
3b. Non-VOP Cases Inactivated	9	11	25
3. Total Inactivations during Calendar Year	11	13	27
Non-VOP Decisions (Mandatory Calendar)			
4a. Adjudicated Delinquent	30	34	72
4b. Adjudicated Not Delinquent	0	0	0
4c. Not Adjudicated Dismissed	0	0	0
4d. Case Returned/Post Adjudication Decision	2	3	5
4. Total Non-VOP Decisions (Mandatory Calendar)	32	37	77
Non-VOP Decisions (Non-Mandatory Calendar)			
5a. Adjudicated Delinquent	0	0	0
5b. Adjudicated Not Delinquent	0	0	0
5c. Not Adjudicated Dismissed	0	0	0
5d. Case Returned/Post Adjudication Decision	0	0	0
5. Total Non-VOP Decisions (Non-Mandatory Calendar)	0	0	0
Non-VOP Decisions (Juvenile Referee)			
6a. Adjudicated Delinquent	0	0	0
6b. Adjudicated Not Delinquent	0	0	0
6c. Not Adjudicated Dismissed	0	0	0
6d. Case Returned/Post Adjudication Decision	2	2	9
6. Total Non-VOP Decisions (Juvenile Referee)	2	2	9
	Mandatory Calendar	Non-Mandatory Calendar	Juvenile Referee
VOP Decisions (1:1)			
7a. Adjudicated Delinquent	5	0	0
7b. Adjudicated Not Delinquent	0	0	0
7c. Not Adjudicated Dismissed	0	0	0
7d. Case Returned/Post Adjudication Decision	0	0	0
7. Total VOP Decisions	5	0	0

Trials	
8a. Total Number of Trials Where the Assistant Prosecutor Appeared.	<u>0</u>
8b. Total Number of Juveniles Adjudicated Delinquent on One or More Charges at Trial.	<u>0</u>
8c. Total Number of Juveniles Adjudicated Not Delinquent at Trial.	<u>0</u>

JUVENILE WAIVER DECISIONS

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

JUVENILE HABITUAL OFFENDER PROGRAM WORKLOAD AND ADJUDICATIONS

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

JUVENILE HABITUAL OFFENDER PROGRAM

CASE INTAKE CRITERIA (LIST)

n/a

VICTIM/WITNESS NOTIFICATION SERVICES

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

VICTIM/WITNESS ASSISTANCE SERVICES PROVIDED

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

MISCELLANEOUS ACTIVITIES

ACTIVITY	NUMBER	VALUE
1. Notice of intention to solicit funds received	0	
2. Expungement applications received	197	
3. TOTAL number of forfeiture actions	22	
4. Number of motor vehicles obtained through forfeiture actions	3	
5. TOTAL value of property forfeited (add a. - c.)		\$37,567.67
a. Cash forfeited		\$31,368.67
b. Value of forfeited motor vehicles		\$6,199.00
c. Value of other forfeited property		0
(Specify property)		
n/a		

ADULT DEFENDANTS WITH BIAS CRIME RELATED CHARGES DISPOSED

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

JUVENILE DEFENDANTS WITH BIAS CRIME RELATED CHARGES DISPOSED

		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	ALL AGENCIES	County	HUNTERDON
Reporting Period	2018		
Person completing report	Deputy Chief Paul Approvato	Date completed	3/12/19
Phone number	908-788-1129		

1. Number of pursuits initiated	15
2. Number of pursuits resulting in accidents	2
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	5
6. Number of vehicles in accidents	
a. Pursued vehicles	2
b. Police vehicles	0
c. Third party vehicles	2
7. Number of people injured	
a. Pursued vehicles	0
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	6
10. Number of pursuits in which a tire deflation device was used	0

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PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS SUMMARY REPORT FORMS

Agency: ALL AGENCIESCounty: HUNTERDONReporting Year: 2018

TABLE 1 -- COMPLAINTS FILED

Type of Complaint	Anonymous Complaints	Citizen Complaints	Agency Complaints	Total Complaints
Excessive Force	0	3	0	3
Improper Arrest	0	0	0	0
Improper Entry	0	0	0	0
Improper Search	0	0	0	0
Other Criminal Violation	0	12	2	14
Differential Treatment	0	2	0	2
Demeanor	0	19	0	19
Domestic Violence	0	0	0	0
Other Rule Violation	1	15	11	27
TOTAL	1	51	13	65

PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS SUMMARY REPORT FORMS

Agency: ALL AGENCIES County: HUNTERDON

Reporting Year: 2018

TABLE 2 -- AGENCY DISPOSITIONS

	Sustained	Exonerated	Not Sustained	Unfounded	Administratively	Total
Excessive Force	0	1	0	0	2	3
Improper Arrest	0	0	0	0	0	0
Improper Entry	0	0	0	0	0	0
Improper Search	0	0	0	0	1	1
Other Criminal Violation	0	3	1	0	9	13
Differential Treatment	0	0	0	1	1	2
Demeanor	2	2	6	4	8	22
Domestic Violence	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Rule Violation	12	2	5	1	8	28
TOTAL	14	8	12	6	29	69

PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS SUMMARY REPORT FORMS

Agency: ALL AGENCIES County: HUNTERDON

Reporting Year: 2018

TABLE 3 -- COURT DISPOSITIONS

Court	Cases Dismissed	Cases Diverted	Acquittals	Convictions
Municipal Court	0	0	0	0
Superior Court	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	0	0	0	0

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

2018 Hunterdon County Internal Affairs Statistics:

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

Total Complaints Filed:

Upon review of the Internal Affairs Summary Reports, countywide the total number of complaints filed in 2018 was 65. In 2017 the total number of complaints filed was 85. This data shows a 23% decrease in the total complaints filed. It is important to note that the numbers involved in the complaints and dispositions will not add up due to some complaints being disposed are from prior years complaints being disposed in the current year.

(65) Complaints Filed
(69) Complaints Disposed
(29) Administrative Dispositions
(14) Dispositions Sustained
(8) Exonerations (12) Not Sustained (6) Unfounded

2018 PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS EXECUTIVE SUMMARY HUNTERDON COUNTY

Trends:

There was a slight decrease in number of citizen complaints in 2018 (51) as compared to (59) in 2017. There was a decrease in the number of agency generated complaints in 2018 (13) from 2017 (24). There was a slight decrease in the number of demeanor complaints in 2018 (22) from 2017 (26).

CONCLUSION:

Upon review of the data received from all of Hunterdon's Police and Law Enforcement agencies, the trend observed is a positive trend in the decrease in the number of complaints filed and demeanor complaints. Both positive trends are indicative of increased involvement by the Hunterdon County Prosecutor's Office on the County Municipal Police Department's Internal Affairs process and the increased value and expectations on the local law enforcement officer from a supervisory and accountability standpoint.

Demeanor complaints are the most common complaints from citizens. The added reviews involved in the internal investigation process continues to look for trending issues among law enforcement officers to identify issues, address them proactively and alter concerning behaviors before they become larger issues. These issues can negatively affect the perspective of the citizens toward law enforcement, bringing discredit to the police department and adversely affect the officer's career. Historically, the complaints in Hunterdon originate from a citizen's encounter with a uniformed officer, such as an issuance of a motor vehicle summons. Since the implementation of the mobile video recordings, and most recently Body Worn Cameras, supervisors can typically resolve the complaint by reviewing the videotape.

The Hunterdon County Prosecutor's Office Bureau of Professional Standards provides this office and all municipal law enforcement agencies a centralized resource and contacts to provide guidance and experience in the Internal Affairs process.

THE FOLLOWING WAS ACCOMPLISHED IN 2018:

1. The Bureau continues to monitor and improve the recently centralized screening policy for all internal affairs complaints occurring in Hunterdon County jurisdictions. This was done to ensure that the early warning and trending system in place assists the Hunterdon County Prosecutor's Office identify and address areas of concern of specific officers in need of training or counseling. The Bureau screens every case and monitors the investigation and disposition of each case, as well as offering guidance if/when needed. Benchmarks have been put in place to create alerts of officers who receive frequent complaints and notifications are directed to the agencies Internal Affairs Officer to conduct a Meaningful Review of the reported incidents to ascertain if any commonalities or trends are apparent which may be resulting in citizen complaints. This process is put in place to not only protect the citizens from an officer who may be involved in inappropriate conduct but also to provide guidance and training to officers so potential issues are addressed and do not adversely affect their career.
2. In the desire to increase public confidence this office has implemented a Centralized Classification Process in the screening of complaints. This screening process involves multi-level reviews in the decision-making process on the direction, classification and findings of internal investigations. Further the process involves a third level of intake review consisting of a legal review by an Assistant Prosecutor on allegations of a criminal nature or involving use of force.
3. The Bureau continues to offer all county agencies experienced resources, assistance and inspection/audit services. We continue to offer professional standards reviews and recommendations to municipal police agencies in the areas of personnel & internal record keeping, policy and procedure, evidence audits, and integrity matters. Annual training in these areas was also completed.

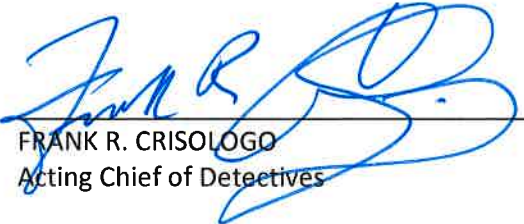
4. Our centralized web-based Core Policy system for all Hunterdon County Police Agencies continues to expand with the addition of several more core policies on our website.
5. The Bureau of Professional Standards provided Internal Affairs Refresher Training for internal affairs officers in the county.
6. An audit of all county agencies revealed that all have implemented the most current Attorney General Internal Affairs Guidelines.

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BUDGETS AND EXPENDITURES

ACTIVITY	YEAR	Total Operating Budget (excluding Grants)	Total Grants Funding
1. TOTAL actual expenditures, prior report year (include all County, State and Federal funding)	2017	\$4,446,695	\$171,104
a. Salaries and Wages		\$4,204,116	\$155,629
b. Other Expenses		\$242,579	\$15,475
2. TOTAL Budgeted Appropriations, current report year (include all County, State and Federal funding)	2018	\$4,908,802	\$259,426
a. Salaries and Wages		\$4,594,977	\$163,876
b. Other Expenses		\$313,825	\$95,550

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Message from Acting Prosecutor Michael J. Williams



I am pleased to present the 2019 Annual Report of the Hunterdon County Prosecutor's Office.

It has been my continuing goal, since my appointment as Acting County Prosecutor in 2019, to continue seeking out new programs, new technologies and new innovations that further connect my Office with the community it serves. I have been honored to be a part of the Hunterdon County law enforcement community. I know that we will successfully

press forward and continue to provide an effective and efficient means of serving and protecting the public - our primary job.

The role as chief law enforcement officer in the county continues to expand because of new challenges and responsibilities. We have encountered significant crime problems, both continuing and emerging. Hunterdon County continues to experience the ill and often tragic effects of our nation's persistent drug abuse problem. Foremost among this epidemic is the opioid crisis and the increasingly dangerous impact of fentanyl on that crisis. Even as we expand our efforts to combat this scourge, we still encounter too many deaths of both juveniles and adults. The response by the Hunterdon County Prosecutor's Office has been to aggressively pursue and prosecute those cases, furnish information and education to schools and community groups, and promote awareness along with our numerous community partners.

Although experienced detectives and administrative staff from our Office have moved on during the past few years, we continue to seek out and hire talented and dedicated men and women to provide the best services to the citizens and to ensure the quality of life in Hunterdon County.

LEGAL STAFF

Assistant Prosecutors: 8

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

INVESTIGATIVE STAFF

Acting Chief of Detectives: Frank R. Crisologo

Acting Deputy Chief: Paul T. Approvato

Lieutenants: 3

- Kevin R. Burd
- Kristen L. Larsen
- P. Ryan Neiber

Sergeants: 4

- Linda M. Fabiano
- Peter W. Pfeifer
- Donna M. Snyder
- Marc W. Wilson

Detective First Class: 3

- Aaron C. Lacey
- Kelsey A. Marsh
- Jessica L. Neiber

Detectives: 12

- Dean Cerdeira
- Colin C. Frinzi
- Bryan C. Hanley

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

Administrative Investigators: 1

- Nancy B. Compton

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

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

VICTIM WITNESS STAFF

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

SUPPORT STAFF

- Lois M. Baker, Keyboarding Clerk II
- Gail M. Bowen, Principal Docket Clerk & Deputy Office Manager
- Jeanine M. Delia, Keyboarding Clerk
- Donna M. LaRocca, Principal Clerk Transcriber
- Christine S. Nahrebne, Keyboarding Clerk III
- Elaine Mills-Winkler, Clerk IV
- Diane M. Ruzicka, Keyboarding Clerk
- Debra L. VanBilliard, Legal Secretary
- Angela Zieniuk, Clerk IV
- George A. Becker, Prosecutor's Agent (Part time)

PRETRIAL OPERATIONS & GRAND JURY UNIT

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

PRE-TRIAL OPERATIONS

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

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

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

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

VERTICAL PROSECUTION

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

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

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

MAJOR CRIMES UNIT

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

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

CRIME SCENE INVESTIGATION

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

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

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

We employ fully trained and qualified experts in the field of accident investigation and reconstruction. In addition, advanced training in the field of accident investigation is provided to members and local police. The purpose of this task force is to investigate motor vehicle crashes involving death or serious bodily injury which may reasonably result in death. This task force will also investigate crashes involving serious bodily injury when a driver is believed to be under the influence of drugs or alcohol while operating a motor vehicle.

ARSON TASK FORCE

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

Below are some investigative highlights of the Major Crimes Unit.

- During 2019, the Major Crimes Unit initiated 40 Return of Weapons and Weapons for Safekeeping investigations. Over 255 firearms were confiscated and/or surrendered from county residents by local police departments and turned over to the Prosecutor's Office as a result of incidents of domestic violence. The Major Crimes Unit/Evidence Management Unit is currently responsible for storing and overseeing of over 500 firearms and weapons as a result of the state mandate governing these types of incidents.
- During 2019, the Evidence Management Unit oversaw the secure collection and storage of over 1,185 items to include firearms, narcotics, currency and physical evidence from criminal investigations.
- During 2019, the Major Crimes Unit conducted 21 burglary and theft investigations. Through an extensive investigative and cooperative effort between this office, New Jersey State Police and local police departments, a number of suspects were identified, arrested and pled guilty or are awaiting trial.
- During 2019, the Major Crimes Unit conducted 81 death scene investigations, 1 fatal and/or serious motor vehicle crash and 11 fire scene investigations and provided state and local law enforcement with the technical services necessary to ensure that each case was properly documented, thoroughly investigated and pursued as applicable.
- During 2019, 55 heroin overdoses, 6 of which were fatal, were investigated and evaluated for prosecution under the New Jersey strict liability statute. Evaluation continues to this date in an attempt to charge one or more suppliers of the heroin under this statute.

BUREAU OF PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS

Legal Staff:	1 Assistant Prosecutor
Detective Staff:	1 Detective

The Prosecutor's Office's Bureau of Professional Standards is comprised of an experienced investigator from various disciplines and one assistant prosecutor. In addition to conducting internal affairs investigations involving members of this office, the Bureau also conducts investigations concerning allegations of official misconduct and other criminal acts involving local police officers and officials. The bureau investigator also assists other county or local law enforcement agencies with internal affairs matters.

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

Other responsibilities of the bureau include media relations, background investigations for prospective employees, consolidating administrative functions, and training. The bureau also is involved in certain community affairs functions.

In 2019, continued strides have been made to the continuity and consistency of the internal investigation process in Hunterdon County.

Below are some highlights of the bureau.

- **Internal Affairs Reporting Centralization & Consolidation**

The Hunterdon County Prosecutor's Office has continued to be progressive by centralizing all internal investigations within the county. All complaints against officers are being accepted as per the Attorney General's Guidelines and are being forwarded to the Bureau of Professional Standards. The Prosecutor's Office has instituted an Intake Review process and classification of all complaints made against Hunterdon County officers and routes the complaints to the appropriate investigational body.

- **Mandated Reporting Process**

In 2015, all Hunterdon County municipal and county law enforcement agencies began sending all reported internal investigations complaints to the Hunterdon County Prosecutor's Office, Bureau of Professional Standards. The bureau continues to maintain an intake system to screen and catalog complaints, and

consults with an assistant prosecutor regarding the direction of internal investigations.

- **Early Warning System**

Since 2015, the Bureau of Professional Standards has employed an Early Warning System to identify any concerning trends or deficiencies within a Hunterdon County police agency or with a specific officer. These improvements were done with the intent to improve the county's services to its citizens and with a commitment to the members of law enforcement who, through improved supervision and historical tracking and trending, can assist supervisors to identify potential concerns before they become larger issues for the officer and the municipalities they represent.

- **Internal Affairs Policy & Procedure**

In 2019, the Attorney General issued a series of directives aimed at strengthening and supplementing current State and County-wide policies for Internal Affairs matters. Attorney General Grewal mandated each County develop a policy to satisfy the State's obligations under Brady v. Maryland and Giglio v. United States. The Prosecutor's Office is responsible for ensuring that the County and local police departments are aware of said obligations and continue to comply with same.

- **Training**

The Hunterdon County Prosecutor's Office provides mandatory and refresher training to all Hunterdon County and municipal officers conducting internal investigations. This training is mandated by the Attorney General's Office and provides the latest updates to the Attorney General's requirements regarding Internal Affairs Investigations. In addition, our office hosted and provided the training to our municipal and county law enforcement internal affairs officers on the latest requirements. The bureau further provided individual training and guidance as needed and facilitated newer investigators in their internal investigations. The bureau facilitated an Arrest, Search & Seizure Update seminar for all Hunterdon County Police Departments to establish consistency in the actions of the Departments. In 2020, the Prosecutor's Office hosted a training pertaining to updated Internal Affairs Policies and Procedures and educating local police departments on the State's discovery obligations under Brady v. Maryland and Giglio v. United States.

The Hunterdon County Prosecutor's Office has mandated that all Hunterdon County Law Enforcement Officers attend Somerset County Police Academy's two Mandatory Agency Training Sessions (MATs). These training sessions are

taught by a law enforcement expert or certified instructor. The Hunterdon County Prosecutor's Office hosted multiple training dates within the county to assist departments in attending these training sessions. The requirement to attend MATs conducted by the Somerset County Police Academy was to coordinate consistency within the county in training of use of force, domestic violence and pursuit policy.

- **Use of Force**

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

- Any Use of Force resulting in any injury to any person requires immediate notification to the Hunterdon County Prosecutor's Office. Use of Force reports are required to be submitted to the Bureau of Professional Standards as soon as they are completed, with a 10-day deadline on non-injury incidents.
- All Hunterdon County municipal and county law enforcement agencies immediately report all in-custody injuries to the Hunterdon County Prosecutor's Office. This is in addition to the mandated in-custody death reporting.

GANGS, GUNS AND NARCOTICS TASK FORCE

Legal Staff:	1 Assistant Prosecutor
Detective Staff:	1 Lieutenant
	5 Detectives
	2 Loaners – NJSP
	2 K9 - "Finn" and "Mac"

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Below are investigations, activities and accomplishments for 2019:

Arrests	48
Gang Related Arrests	1
Search Warrants Executed	8
Consent Searches	9
Weapons Seized	2
Vehicles Seized and forfeited	3
Value of Vehicles	\$27,500.00
Currency Seized	\$48,250.00
Narcotics Seized:	
Cocaine	61 grams
Cannabis	2.5 pounds
Heroin	2,635 decks
Prescription – Opioids	88 tablets
Methamphetamine	18 grams
Value of Narcotics Seized	\$33,885.00

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

In 2019, the Hunterdon County Prosecutor's Office received a 2nd grant award from the New Jersey State Attorney General's Office for "Operation Helping Hand," a multipronged strategy that involves law enforcement officers arresting users purchasing/possessing heroin or other opioids and connecting those individuals to recovery specialists in an effort to provide them with treatment and recovery services so they can begin a successful path to recovery.

The Gangs, Guns, and Narcotic Task Force, along with the Major Crimes Unit, proactively investigates all fatal overdoses. In 2019, Hunterdon County investigated 6 fatal overdoses. To date, the Hunterdon County Prosecutor's Office successfully prosecuted 3 strict liability cases resulting in state prison terms.

SPECIAL VICTIMS UNIT

Legal Staff:	1 Assistant Prosecutor
Detective Staff:	1 Lieutenant
	1 Detective Sergeant
	2 Detective First Class
	2 Detectives (1 ICAC trained)
	1 Part-time Detective (assist ICAC)
Support Staff:	MDT Coordinator/Victim Advocate
	SANE/SART Coordinator

The Special Victims Unit consists of one Lieutenant, one Detective Sergeant, two Detectives, two Detectives First Class, one Assistant Prosecutor, the SANE ("Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner") Coordinator and one MDT ("Multi Disciplinary Team") Coordinator from Victim Witness. The Special Victims Unit is responsible for investigating and prosecuting cases involving sexual assault (both juvenile and adult), child abuse/neglect, elder persons abuse/neglect, developmentally disabled persons abuse/neglect, and ICAC matters (Internet Crimes Against Children) which typically involve the possession and distribution of child pornography. The Special Victims Unit is tasked with coordinating the CART (Child Abduction Response Team), and the Lieutenant and one of the Detectives First Class are the two CART coordinators. They are notified of all missing juveniles through Hunterdon County Communications and then they determine whether a response is needed. The Special Victims Unit also handles all Megan's Law matters which involves the monitoring of all registrants as well as community notification. The Special Victims Unit works in conjunction with the Department of Child Protection and Permanency, Institutional Abuse, the ARC, the Division of Social Services (Aging), and various law enforcement agencies, including all Hunterdon County police agencies and the New Jersey State Police. The Special Victims Unit is a member of the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force.

The Special Victims Unit also manages all Megan's Law cases. This includes opening the Megan's Law files, tiering the registrants, and tracking the registrants' whereabouts. Hunterdon County has approximately 100 registrants throughout the county. Non-compliant registrants are routinely charged, however Hunterdon does have a high compliance rate.

The Hunterdon County Special Victims Unit is unique in that the afore-mentioned matters are handled within the same unit to allow for better communication and continuity. This translates into a heavier caseload in the SVU. All members of the unit are trained in the forensic interviewing of children; this skill carries over to interviewing those victims that have other special needs, i.e. developmental

disabilities. One Detective is a computer forensic examiner and is trained in the investigation of possession/distribution of child pornography, as well as other electronic exploitation of children. There is a second detective, who spends part-time in the computer lab working ICAC cases as well. Several other members of the SVU are part of the ICAC task force to allow for further training.

ICAC cases present a unique challenge; specifically, cases involving high tech investigations often are labor intensive, and the SVU only has one trained detective to handle all of these; a second detective had been placed in ICAC part-time to alleviate the caseload. Both detectives are highly trained and continue to participate in the many trainings made available through ICAC and other agencies.

SVU has been and continues to be involved with several high-profile cases at the Edna Mahan Correctional Facility (EMCF) involving inmates and correctional and administrative staff engaging in illegal and inappropriate sexual relationships. The SVU resolved some of these cases, as more cases were reported, and one case went to a jury trial.

Some notable cases for the SVU in 2019 included:

- State v. Brian Ambrose: Former Corrections Officer Brian Ambrose was charged twice for separate cases stemming from illegal sexual conduct in Edna Mahon Correctional Facility. In 2019, his second matter went to a jury trial. Unfortunately, he was found not guilty, but the case preparation that SVU and the SID of the Dept. of Corrections was involved in was a testament to relationships forged between agencies to bring justice to victims.
- State v. Wayne Brisson: A victim, now an adult, reported that many years prior she had been sexually assaulted by her former step-father. Detectives worked to establish the time-frame, and it was determined that it fell within the statute of limitations. The victim and other witnesses provided statements, and a consensual phone call to the suspect lead to charges of sexual assault. Brisson pled guilty.
- State v. August Blew: an ICAC tip revealed that the suspect, August Blew, was in possession of child pornography. A search warrant was executed and various digital evidence, all hidden throughout his living quarters, was located. An analysis revealed a large amount of child pornography. Blew was charged with 2nd degree Endangering the Welfare of a Child; his matter is pending in court.
- State v. Darren Pieper: Pieper, a former substitute teacher, driving instructor, bouncy-house business owner, and former foster parent, had been secreting a teenaged run away at his residence. He came to the attention of the local police and our office in 2018 and again in 2019

when the runaway was located on his property. After the second referral, enough evidence was gathered to obtain a search warrant for his residence. Digital evidence was obtained that revealed Pieper had multiple underaged victims from years prior that he met on-line, and then sexually assaulted in Hunterdon County. Pieper was charged and pled guilty. He is serving his sentence in Avenel.

- State v. Carlos Zacarias: Zacarias had been previously charged with a first-degree Aggravated Sexual Assault for the sexual assault of a young female; he also had given the female a sexually transmitted disease. While detained in the county jail on his sexual assault charges, Zacarias sent letters to a protected party under the SORO in an effort to tamper with a witness. He was charged with Contempt and Tampering With a Witness. He pled guilty and was sentenced in January 2020, resolving all of his outstanding charges.
- State v. Hermilla Rojas: a referral was received regarding a child abuse incident. The victim reported that Rojas hit her with a cable wire, leaving behind visible injuries. The victim reported that the abuse inflicted on her was not isolated to this incident and that Rojas had abused her many times previously. Rojas was charged with a 4th degree Child Abuse and was entered into PTI, so that she could receive the services that she requires for mental health and anger management issues.

SPECIAL OPERATIONS AND TRAINING UNIT

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

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

Through the Hunterdon County Safe Campus Initiative, numerous trainings, presentations, site assessments and other school safety meetings/drills were conducted throughout Hunterdon County and other counties who are adopting school safety protocols and trainings the Hunterdon County Prosecutor's Office has put in place. In addition to these trainings, several law enforcement "active shooter" trainings were conducted/hosted, including a Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events (CRASE) training that is available for businesses, houses of worship and the general public. During 2019, the Hunterdon County Safe Campus Initiative also assisted school personnel in bleeding control training through the national "Stop the Bleed" campaign. Hunterdon County SWAT personnel assisted in training over 500 school staff members countywide.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE UNIT

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

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

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

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

When TROs are issued, the police are often authorized to seize all weapons in the defendant's possession and any Firearms Purchaser Identification Cards (FPIC) or permits to carry. Upon seizure of the weapons, they are turned over to the evidence custodian in the Prosecutor's Office. A Weapons Forfeiture

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

If a person has been convicted of a crime or has a FRO issued against them, they are not permitted to possess weapons or possess a Firearms Purchaser Identification Card. If a person is convicted of stalking, a permanent restraining order can be obtained from the court.

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

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

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

JUVENILE UNIT

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

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

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

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

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

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

APPEALS & POLICY UNIT

Legal Staff:

1 Assistant Prosecutor

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

ANIMAL CRUELTY/HUMANE LAW ENFORCEMENT UNIT

Legal Staff:	1 Assistant Prosecutor
Detective Staff:	1 Detective First Class

During 2019, various laws took effect that made County Prosecutors responsible for investigating and prosecuting violations of the animal cruelty laws. These new laws also required prosecutors to "promote the interests of" and to "protect and care for" the animals within the county. The County Prosecutor is required to appoint an animal cruelty prosecutor and a chief humane law enforcement officer to fulfill these law enforcement responsibilities. Additionally, the Prosecutor designates a non-profit county society for the prevention of cruelty to animals to assist in animal care and sheltering that may stem from animal cruelty investigations. The Hunterdon County Prosecutor's Office coordinates with local Humane Law Enforcement Officers to conduct animal cruelty investigations and to provide animal care when needed, roles previously undertaken by the New Jersey Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. Hunterdon County faces enhanced challenges to fulfill this role in light of its significant domestic, as well as agricultural and livestock animal population.

OFFICE OF VICTIM WITNESS ADVOCACY

Staff: 1 Coordinator/MDT Coordinator
1 Victim Advocate
1 Support Personnel

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

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

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

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

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

Some of the services we offer are as follows:

- Written notification of court proceedings
- Assistance filing claims with the Victims of Crime Compensation Board

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

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

During the year 2019, the Victim Witness Office serviced a total of 2,079 victims.

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

MULTI-DISCIPLINARY TEAM (MDT)

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Sexual Assault Response Team works closely with local law enforcement, the Hunterdon Medical Center and Safe in Hunterdon. Education is provided throughout the year to update members of the team on the latest evidence-based practices in sexual assault and forensics. This year, with grant funding the SART was able to purchase a new state-of-the-art gynecological colposcope to aid in examining sexual assault victims. The SART has the latest cameras, lighting and forensic equipment to best meet the unique needs of such victims. Utilizing both a collaborative and compassionate approach, the SANE/SART program continues to be a great asset to the community and victims of sexual assault.

KIDS ARE RIDING SAFE (KARS)

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

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

Safety events are held at the Route 12 County Complex in Flemington from 5:00-8:00 pm on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month. The Somerset County Prosecutor's Office assisted in acquiring a joint grant to provide funding for more safety events. The statistics related to child passenger safety are alarming - 80-90% of child safety seats are misused. Our own experience indicates misuse to be closer to 100%. In 2019, 228 child passenger safety seats were checked with approximately 8 installed without any misuse.

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STATISTICS

PROSECUTORIAL SCREENING OF DEFENDANTS

SCREENING OUTCOMES	STAGE OF THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE PROCESS WHEN DECISION OCCURS	
	PRE-COMPLAINT DECISIONS	POST-COMPLAINT DECISIONS
a. Defendants administratively dismissed	0	158
b. Defendants with charges downgraded to disorderly persons offenses	0	124
c. Defendants accepted for pre-trial diversion	0	105
d. Defendants otherwise screened out	0	10
e. Defendants with change of venue	0	1
f. Accusations filed	0	190
g. Defendants with either indictable complaints authorized or charges approved for grand jury	0	158
h. AOC Correction: Defendants who completed grand jury	0	140
TOTAL SCREENING DECISIONS FOR YEAR (add a - h)	0	886

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	106	55
2. Recommended for acceptance	105	54
3. Recommended for rejection	2	0
4. Accepted into program	105	55

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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	42	0
2. 1+ to 2 months	38	5
3. 2+ to 3 months	25	2
4. 3+ to 4 months	20	4
5. Over 4 months	17	5
6. TOTAL defendant cases pending grand jury	142	16

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

ACTION TAKEN	NUMBER OF DEFENDANTS
1. Defendants presented to the grand jury	246
2. Defendants indicted	245
3. Defendants no billed and remanded to municipal court	0
4. Defendants no billed/no action	1
5. TOTAL defendants completing the grand jury process	246

DEFENDANTS CHARGED BY ACCUSATION

	NUMBER OF DEFENDANTS
TOTAL Defendants charged through Accusation	190

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	24	16
2. 3+ to 6 months	5	2
3. 6+ to 9 months	10	17
4. 9+ to 12 months	2	9
5. 12+ to 24 months	6	34
6. 24+ months	5	160
7. TOTAL post-indictment/accusation defendant cases pending	52	238

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	1	1	11	5	8	13	16	0	87	0	2
2. Guilty plea to lesser indictable offense	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3. Ind. dism., plea to dis. persons offense	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	28	0	0
4. Guilty at trial, most serious offense											
a. Jury	0	0	0	0	0	0	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	0	0	0	0	0	0
7. Not guilty at trial											
a. Jury	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
b. Non-jury	2	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0
8. Acceptance into diversion program	0	1	3	0	2	9	5	0	72	0	0
9. Dismissed over objection of pros.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10. Dismissed pros. motion or consent	0	0	0	0	1	4	0	0	20	0	0
11. TOTAL dispositions	3	2	14	5	13	30	22	0	208	0	2

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	50	9	3	5	0	0	9	1	5	226
2. Guilty plea to lesser indictable offense	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3. Ind. dism., plea to dis. persons offense	5	3	4	0	0	0	2	1	0	46
4. Guilty at trial, most serious offense										
a. Jury	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
b. Non-jury	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5. Guilty at trial, lesser indictable offense										
a. Jury	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
b. Non-jury	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6. Guilty at trial, dis. persons offense										
a. Jury	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
b. Non-jury	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7. Not guilty at trial										
a. Jury	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
b. Non-jury	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	8
8. Acceptance into diversion program	16	13	24	6	0	0	7	0	4	162
9. Dismissed over objection of pros.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10. Dismissed pros. motion or consent	11	2	1	0	0	0	2	1	1	43
11. TOTAL dispositions	82	27	33	11	0	0	21	3	10	486

**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	4
2. TOTAL post-conviction relief applications/briefs filed involving the prosecutor's office	1
a. Defendants granted relief	0
b. Defendants denied relief	2
c. Defendants granted relief in part/Denied relief in part	0
d. Defendants dismissed/Withdrawn	3
3. TOTAL habeas corpus petitions/briefs filed involving the prosecutor's office	0
a. Defendants granted relief	0
b. Defendants denied relief	0
c. Defendants granted relief in part/Denied relief in part	0
d. Defendants dismissed/Withdrawn	0

CAREER CRIMINAL WORKLOAD AND GRAND JURY ACTION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

CAREER CRIMINAL PROGRAM

CASE INTAKE CRITERIA (LIST)

n/a

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	49	21	3	9	79	161	4
2.	Investigations opened during the year	173	50	5	13	132	373	46
3.	TOTAL Investigative workload for the year (add nos. 1-2)	222	71	8	22	211	534	50
4.	TOTAL Investigations completed during this year	172	61	5	17	138	393	44
a.	Resulting in criminal charges	4	2	1	1	12	20	0
b.	Referred to other agency for criminal prosecution	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
c.	Referred to other agency for civil or administrative action	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
d.	Closed - No further action	166	59	4	16	126	371	0
5.	Investigations pending or inactive at the end of the year	50	10	3	5	73	141	6

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	72
a. Defendants with complaints administratively dismissed	7
b. Defendants with complaints downgraded to disorderly persons offenses	6
c. Defendants with complaints referred to family court	0
d. Defendants with complaints presented to grand jury	22
2. Defendants with original charges presented to grand jury on direct presentment	0
3. Defendants charged through accusation	34
4. Defendants completing the grand jury process on direct presentment and complaint presentation	23
a. Defendants indicted	23
b. Defendants no billed and remanded to municipal court	0
c. Defendant no billed/no action	0

APPELLATE WORKLOAD AND DISPOSITIONS

Appellate Division and Other Appellate Courts

APPELLATE WORKLOAD AND DISPOSITIONS/OUTCOMES	Appellate Division Appeals						NJ Supreme Court Appeals	U.S. and Other Court Appeals (specify court)	TOTAL
	Criminal referral cases	Other criminal appeals	Criminal Inter-locutory	Juvenile	Law Division (de novo)	Civil			
1. Appeals pending at beginning of the year*	4	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	6
2. Notices of appeal received/ filed	5	1	1	0	0	0	2	0	9
3. Appellate motions, motion responses filed	9	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	11
4. Appellate briefs filed	5	1	1	0	0	0	6	0	13
5. STATE Appeals and - TOTAL DISPOSED Cross Appeals	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
a. Conviction or order affirmed	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
b. Conviction or order reversed	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
c. Remanded or judgment modified	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
d. Withdrawn or dismissed	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
e. Affirmed in part/Reversed and or remanded in part	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6. DEFENSE Appeals - TOTAL DISPOSED	5	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	7
a. Conviction or order affirmed	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
b. Conviction or order reversed	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
c. Remanded or judgment modified	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
d. Withdrawn or dismissed	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	2
e. Affirmed in part/Reversed and or remanded in part	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7. Appeals pending at the end of the year	4	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	7

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

APPELLATE WORKLOAD AND DISPOSITIONS

Law Division

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

JUVENILE DELINQUENCY INTAKE

Filings/New Cases	Number of Juveniles	Number of Cases	Number of Offenses
1. Total New Filings During the Calendar Year	43	49	106
VOP Filings			
2. Total Violations of Probation During the Calendar Year	2	2	2
Returned to Court			
3a. Cases Reactivated	2	2	18
3b. Cases Reopened	8	13	30
3c. Cases Successfully Appealed	0	0	0
3. Total Cases Returned to Court	10	15	48
Transfers			
4a. Entering this county	5	8	26
4b. Leaving this county	8	8	22
4. (Net Change)	-3	0	4

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

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

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

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

Section/Unit JUVENILE

County: Hunterdon

(completing report)

Section IV. 9.b.

Year...: 2019

JUVENILE DELINQUENCY DISPOSED CASES

	Number of Juveniles	Number of Cases	Number of Offenses
Dismissed/Consolidated/Withdrawn			
1. Total Dismissed/Consolidated/Withdrawn during Calendar Year	9	11	21
Diverted Cases			
2. Total Diversions during Calendar Year	25	30	49
Inactivated Cases			
3a. VOP Cases Inactivated	1	1	1
3b. Non-VOP Cases Inactivated	4	4	24
3. Total Inactivations during Calendar Year	5	5	25
Non-VOP Decisions (Mandatory Calendar)			
4a. Adjudicated Delinquent	18	22	55
4b. Adjudicated Not Delinquent	0	0	0
4c. Not Adjudicated Dismissed	0	0	0
4d. Case Returned/Post Adjudication Decision	7	8	19
4. Total Non-VOP Decisions (Mandatory Calendar)	25	30	74
Non-VOP Decisions (Non-Mandatory Calendar)			
5a. Adjudicated Delinquent	0	0	0
5b. Adjudicated Not Delinquent	0	0	0
5c. Not Adjudicated Dismissed	0	0	0
5d. Case Returned/Post Adjudication Decision	0	0	0
5. Total Non-VOP Decisions (Non-Mandatory Calendar)	0	0	0
Non-VOP Decisions (Juvenile Referee)			
6a. Adjudicated Delinquent	0	0	0
6b. Adjudicated Not Delinquent	0	0	0
6c. Not Adjudicated Dismissed	0	0	0
6d. Case Returned/Post Adjudication Decision	1	1	2
6. Total Non-VOP Decisions (Juvenile Referee)	1	1	2
	Mandatory Calendar	Non-Mandatory Calendar	Juvenile Referee
VOP Decisions (1:1)			
7a. Adjudicated Delinquent	5	0	0
7b. Adjudicated Not Delinquent	0	0	0
7c. Not Adjudicated Dismissed	0	0	0
7d. Case Returned/Post Adjudication Decision	0	0	0
7. Total VOP Decisions	5	0	0

Trials

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

0

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

0

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

0

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JUVENILE WAIVER DECISIONS

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

JUVENILE HABITUAL OFFENDER PROGRAM WORKLOAD AND ADJUDICATIONS

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

JUVENILE HABITUAL OFFENDER PROGRAM

CASE INTAKE CRITERIA (LIST)

n/a

VICTIM/WITNESS NOTIFICATION SERVICES

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

VICTIM/WITNESS ASSISTANCE SERVICES PROVIDED

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

MISCELLANEOUS ACTIVITIES

ACTIVITY	NUMBER	VALUE
1. Notice of intention to solicit funds received	0	
2. Expungement applications received	268	
3. TOTAL number of forfeiture actions	14	
4. Number of motor vehicles obtained through forfeiture actions	2 *	
5. TOTAL value of property forfeited (add a. - c.)		\$86,625.40
a. Cash forfeited		\$35,215.40
b. Value of forfeited motor vehicles		\$50,910.00
c. Value of other forfeited property		0
(Specify property)		
* Vehicle forfeited but returned for cash payment		

ADULT DEFENDANTS WITH BIAS CRIME RELATED CHARGES DISPOSED

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

JUVENILE DEFENDANTS WITH BIAS CRIME RELATED CHARGES DISPOSED

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

POLICE PURSUIT SUMMARY REPORT

Agency ALL LOCAL AGENCIES	County HUNTERDON
Reporting Period 2019	
Person completing report Acting Deputy Chief Paul Approvato	Date completed March 2020
Phone number 908-788-1129	

1. Number of pursuits initiated	15
2. Number of pursuits resulting in accidents	2
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	2
6. Number of vehicles in accidents	
a. Pursued vehicles	0
b. Police vehicles	0
c. Third party vehicles	0
7. Number of people injured	
a. Pursued vehicles	0
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	14
10. Number of pursuits in which a tire deflation device was used	0

POLICE PURSUIT SUMMARY REPORT

Agency	HUNTERDON COUNTY PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE	County	HUNTERDON
Reporting Period	2019		
Person completing report	Acting Deputy Chief Paul Approvato	Date completed	March 2020
Phone number	908-788-1129		

1. Number of pursuits initiated	1
2. Number of pursuits resulting in accidents	0
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	1
6. Number of vehicles in accidents	
a. Pursued vehicles	0
b. Police vehicles	0
c. Third party vehicles	0
7. Number of people injured	
a. Pursued vehicles	0
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	1
10. Number of pursuits in which a tire deflation device was used	0

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The following report contains a statistical summary for reports of police misconduct in Hunterdon County for 2019. In addition, the report provides statistics for the disposition of those complaints. A review of the report, and a comparison of this report with the reports prepared in prior years, reveal the following:

2019 Hunterdon County Internal Affairs Statistics:

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

Total Complaints Filed:

Upon review of the Internal Affairs Summary Reports, county-wide the total number of complaints filed in 2019 was 71. In 2018 the total number of complaints filed was 65. This data shows a slight increase in the total number of complaints filed. It is important to note that the numbers involved in the complaints and dispositions will not add up because some complaints from prior years were disposed of in the current year.

- (71) Complaints Filed
- (69) Complaints Disposed
- (15) Administrative Dispositions
- (22) Dispositions Sustained
- (6) Exonerations (4) Not Sustained (22) Unfounded

2019 PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS EXECUTIVE SUMMARY HUNTERDON COUNTY

Trends:

There was a slight decrease in the number of citizen complaints in 2019 (47) as compared to 2018 (51). There was an increase in the number of agency-generated complaints in 2019 (19) from 2018 (13). There was a slight decrease in the number of demeanor complaints in 2019 (19) from 2018 (22).

CONCLUSION:

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

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

THE FOLLOWING WAS ACCOMPLISHED IN 2019:

1. The Bureau continues to monitor and improve the recently centralized screening policy for all internal affairs complaints occurring in Hunterdon County jurisdictions. This was done to ensure that the early warning and trending system in place assists the Hunterdon County Prosecutor's Office in identifying and addressing areas of concern of specific officers in need of training or counseling. The Bureau screens and monitors the investigation and disposition of each case, and offers guidance if/when needed. Benchmarks have been put in place to create alerts of officers who receive frequent complaints, and notifications are directed to the agency's internal affairs officer to conduct a meaningful review of the reported incidents to ascertain any apparent commonalities or trends that may be triggering citizen complaints. This process is put in place to not only protect the citizens from an officer who may be involved in inappropriate conduct but also

to provide guidance and training to officers so that potential issues are addressed and do not adversely affect their careers.

2. To increase public confidence this office has implemented a centralized classification process when screening complaints. This screening process involves multi-level reviews in the decision-making process on the direction, classification, and findings of internal investigations. The process also involves a third level of intake review consisting of a legal review by an assistant prosecutor of allegations of a criminal nature or that involve the use of force.

3. The Bureau continues to offer all county agencies experienced resources, assistance, and inspection/audit services. We continue to offer professional standards reviews and recommendations to municipal police agencies in the areas of personnel and internal record keeping, policy and procedure, evidence audits, and integrity matters. Annual training in these areas was also completed for 2019.

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

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

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PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS SUMMARY REPORT FORMS

Agency: ALL LOCAL AGENCIESCounty: HUNTERDONReporting Year: 2019

TABLE 1 -- COMPLAINTS FILED

Type of Complaint	Anonymous Complaints	Citizen Complaints	Agency Complaints	Total Complaints
Excessive Force	0	0	0	0
Improper Arrest	0	3	0	3
Improper Entry	0	0	2	2
Improper Search	0	2	0	2
Other Criminal Violation	2	3	0	5
Differential Treatment	0	10	0	10
Demeanor	0	19	0	19
Domestic Violence	0	0	0	0
Other Rule Violation	3	10	17	30
TOTAL	5	47	19	71

PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS SUMMARY REPORT FORMS

Agency: ALL LOCAL AGENCIES County: HUNTERDON

Reporting Year: 2019

TABLE 2 -- AGENCY DISPOSITIONS

	Sustained	Exonerated	Not Sustained	Unfounded	Administratively Closed	Total Dispositions
Excessive Force	0	0	0	0	0	0
Improper Arrest	0	0	0	3	0	3
Improper Entry	0	0	0	0	2	2
Improper Search	2	0	0	0	0	2
Other Criminal Violation	0	0	1	1	3	5
Differential Treatment	0	2	1	6	2	11
Demeanor	2	4	2	7	3	18
Domestic Violence	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Rule Violation	18	0	0	5	5	28
TOTAL	22	6	4	22	15	69

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PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS SUMMARY REPORT FORMS

Agency: ALL LOCAL AGENCIES

County: HUNTERDON

Reporting Year: 2019

TABLE 3 -- COURT DISPOSITIONS

Court	Cases Dismissed	Cases Diverted	Acquittals	Convictions
Municipal Court	0	0	0	0
Superior Court	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	0	0	0	0

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PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS SUMMARY REPORT FORMS

Agency:

HUNTERDON COUNTY PROSECUTOR'S OFFICECounty: HUNTERDON

Reporting Year:

2019

TABLE 1 -- COMPLAINTS FILED

Type of Complaint	Anonymous Complaints	Citizen Complaints	Agency Complaints	Total Complaints
Excessive Force	0	0	0	0
Improper Arrest	0	0	0	0
Improper Entry	0	0	2	2
Improper Search	0	0	0	0
Other Criminal Violation	1	0	0	1
Differential Treatment	0	0	0	0
Demeanor	0	0	0	0
Domestic Violence	0	0	0	0
Other Rule Violation	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	1	0	2	3

PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS SUMMARY REPORT FORMS

County: HUNTERDON

Agency: HUNTERDON COUNTY PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE

Reporting Year: 2019

TABLE 2 -- AGENCY DISPOSITIONS

	Sustained	Exonerated	Not Sustained	Unfounded	Administratively Closed	Total Dispositions
Excessive Force	0	0	0	0	0	0
Improper Arrest	0	0	0	0	0	0
Improper Entry	0	0	0	0	2	0
Improper Search	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Criminal Violation	0	0	0	0	1	0
Differential Treatment	0	0	0	0	0	0
Demeanor	0	0	0	0	0	0
Domestic Violence	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Rule Violation	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	0	0	0	0	3	0

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PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS SUMMARY REPORT FORMS

Agency:

HUNTERDON COUNTY PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE

County: HUNTERDON

Reporting Year:

2019

TABLE 3 -- COURT DISPOSITIONS

Court	Cases Dismissed	Cases Diverted	Acquittals	Convictions
Municipal Court	0	0	0	0
Superior Court	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	0	0	0	0

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BUDGETS AND EXPENDITURES

ACTIVITY	YEA R	Total Operating Budget (excluding Grants)	Total Grants Funding
1. TOTAL actual expenditures, prior report year (include all County, State and Federal funding)	2018	\$4,703,033	\$284,407
a. Salaries and Wages		\$4,435,416	\$196,975
b. Other Expenses		\$267,617	\$87,432
2. TOTAL Budgeted Appropriations, current report year (include all County, State and Federal funding)	2019	\$5,000,702	\$359,426
a. Salaries and Wages		\$4,686,877	\$183,455
b. Other Expenses		\$313,825	\$175,971