
Warren County Prosecutor's Office

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Organization

- 86 employees – appointed
 - Over \$6 million budget – child support grants and incentives, general fund, DTAC funds, Victim/Witness grant, FOJ
 - Elected every 4 years – salary set by legislature
 - 25,000 cases per year
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Civil “Half” – varied, complex

- In-House Counsel
 - Commissioners
 - 30 agencies
 - 8 townships
 - 5 public libraries



Employment Law



- 1,200 employees
- Classified civil servants
- 4 unions
- FMLA, FLSA, PERS, collective bargaining, etc.

Land-Use Planning

- Zoning
- Annexation
- Subdivision Regulations
- Performance Bonds



Transactional



- Contracts
- Commissioners – \$50 million appropriation authority

Litigation

- Federal §1983
- Torts

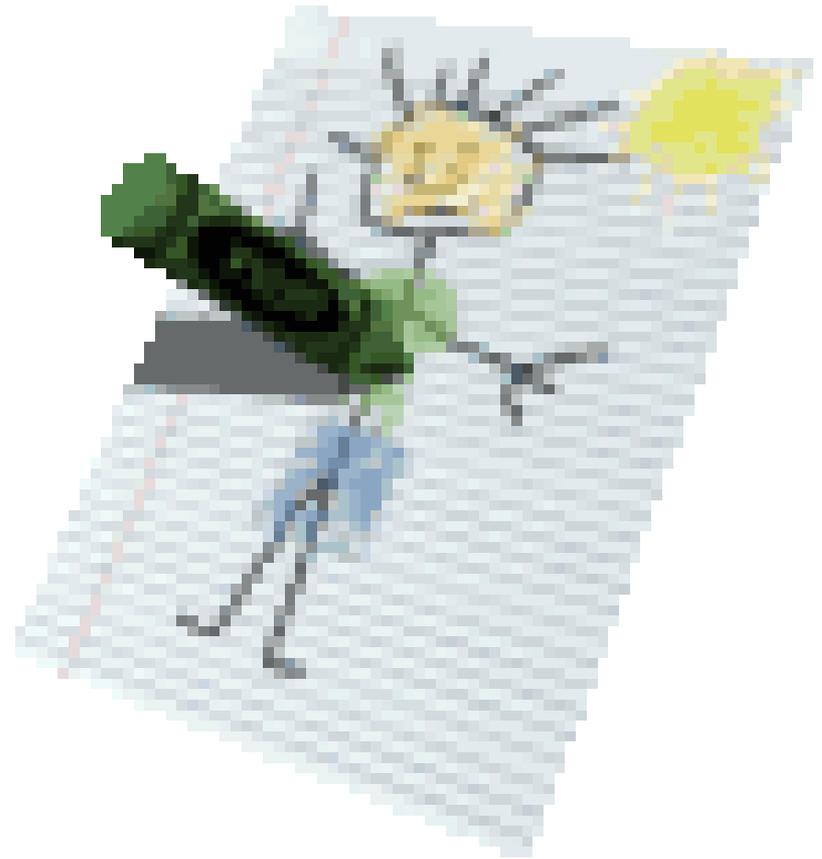


Tax/Fine Recovery Unit

- Double the amount of drug fines and forfeitures collected
 - 10% increase in taxes collected
 - \$8m in taxes collected in 2003
 - Among best in state
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Child Support Collection

- 11,000 child support cases
- \$32 million child support dollars in total collections
- Represent 1% of all C.S. cases in state
- Collect 1.5% of all C.S. dollars in state



Child Support Collection

– A Success Story

- National child support average – \$1 for \$5 collected
 - Our average – \$1 for \$13 collected – among best in state
 - Felony – fail to pay for 26 of 104 payments.
Triple the number of felony C.S. cases
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Truancy



- 150 cases per year, including parents
- Meeting with superintendents, principals
- Evidence collection – “make them stick”
- Prosecution of more parents and younger children
- Gateway crime – results in delinquency and illiteracy



Criminal “Half”

- “Challenging” cases
- Juvenile Court
- County Court
- Common Pleas Court



Juvenile Court

- 5,400 cases
- 2,000 traffic
- 1,800 unruly, delinquency
- 1,000 child support
- 150 child abuse and neglect



County Court

- 7,700 cases
- Traffic
 - Less serious: speeding
 - More serious: OVI
- Misdemeanors
 - Less serious: Hunting and fishing laws
 - More serious: Domestic violence



Family Violence Unit

- 2004 – 38,000 domestic violence arrests in Ohio
- National average – 34% conviction rate
- Our average – 82% conviction rate
- Alvin Tucker
- Rocky Barton
- Rhonda Ricketts



Child Abuse/Exploitation Cases

- Felonies – rape, unlawful sexual conduct with a minor, child endangering, kidnapping, abduction, pandering obscenity
 - Civil-abuse, neglect, dependency
 - Team effort – includes education
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Drug Cases

- 2005 – 210 felonies
- Marijuana, cocaine primarily
- Increase in pharmaceuticals – Oxycontin, Vicodin, Xanax
- Largest cocaine case – Scott Koval
- Drug-Free Warren County, Drug-Free Greater Cincinnati
- Drug Task Force Policy Board



Methamphetamine

- Meth labs – Sudaphed, ether, anhydrous ammonia, battery acid, starter fluid, pseudoephedrine, drain cleaner
 - Second in state after Clermont County
 - Southwest Ohio – 65% of all meth labs
 - Largest meth case
 - Priority:
 - 94% recidivism rate – effect on reunification
 - Violent and paranoid
 - Children present in majority of residential meth labs
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Pornography

- Marriott – civil
- Bristols – criminal
- Matthew Cooper - 100 counts
- Kinnison
- Cyber Crimes Task Force



Other Felonies



- One (1) homicide per year – average for last 10 years
 - 2005 – Plymesser – Aggravated Murder
 - Voss – Cold Case
 - Stacy – Shaken Baby Case
- Death penalty sentences in last 10 years – Hanna, Hancock, Barton
 - Two in 2003
- Nearly a 90% conviction rate

Community Efforts

- Newspaper articles
 - Website
 - Newsletter
 - Police trainings
 - Parents Who Host
 - Now You Are 18
 - Child Abuse
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- Victim-Witness Advocates are available
- We can help make contacts and referrals to law enforcement agencies
- Additional resources are available on our website:

www.co.warren.oh.us/Prosecutor

