



WAYNE COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S  
OFFICE

HALL OF JUSTICE

LYONS, NEW YORK 14489

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2019

ANNUAL REPORT

**DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S  
2020 (2019) ANNUAL REPORT**

**STAFF**

District Attorney and three full-time Assistant District Attorneys handling felony prosecution in the Grand Jury and County Court. One full time ADA has resigned. That position remains vacant.

Currently Two part-time Assistant District Attorneys and my full time staff including myself are handling misdemeanor, vehicle and traffic and petty offenses in the County's 28 Town and Village justice courts. One part time ADA position remains unfilled. The Board has approved converting a part time position to a full time position. Through January 31<sup>st</sup> of this year, there have been 1378 cases in Justice courts. This number is based on 17 of 28 Courts providing reports.

Two confidential secretaries, a clerk typist, a victim-witness coordinator and a part-time criminal investigator.

**PROSECUTIONS**

The part-time Assistant District Attorneys prosecuted approximately 431 misdemeanor crimes through June in justice court, as well as traffic and petty offenses in 2019. The total number of DMV and petty offenses is not yet available. There were over 17000.00 of these offenses in 2018.

The full-time Assistant District Attorneys reviewed all felony arrests that totaled 208 through June. There were 168 Felony indictments and SCI combined. That exceeds through the third quarter of 2018 where there were 132 Indictments and SCI's resolved. These numbers reflect only 55% of courts reporting statistics through November of 2019. While the overall numbers may end up being down, violent felony offenses have almost doubled.

168 FELONY INDICTMENTS AND SUPERIOR COURT INFORMATIONS were completed in 2019.

Based on statistics from 2018 our conviction rates are up across the board. I believe this is based on a change in policy for my office from previous years. In

addition, I believe my hiring of younger and more talented prosecutors has contributed greatly to this.

In 2019, the last of the Homicide cases were resolved. I can proudly say that all the Homicides ended up with convictions either by plea or trial. All of these resulted in long prison sentences being handed down.

In 2019, I conducted visits to every Justice Court except 1 which I will visit in April. I received positive feedback from every Court.

In 2020, I am planning on meeting with every School Superintendent of every district in the County.

### **BUDGET**

\$1,059,291.00 annual budget for 2019. \$1,132,712.00 annual budget for 2020. This figure is projected as I have requested amendments due to personnel changes. This includes \$130,686.00 of revenues including \$ 40,147.00 State Aid to Prosecution grant and \$72,189 District Attorney salary reimbursement for 2020.

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### **ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEYS FULL TIME**

- Christine Callanan, 1st Asst.  
County Court
- Scott Kadien  
County Court
- Matt Tantillo  
County Court
- Tracey Fox

**JUSTICE COURTS**

ARCADIA	JUDGE WILLIAMS
ARCADIA	JUDGE MILLER
NEWARK VILLAGE	JUDGE MILLER
WOLCOTT TOWN	JUDGE KRASUCKI/LACHNICHT
WOLCOTT VILLAGE	JUDGE KRASUCKI/WACHTMAN
SAVANNAH	JUDGE SLOAN/TENEYCK

**PART TIME ADA'S**

**TBD**

LYONS TOWN	JUDGE DESAIN
ONTARIO	JUDGE BENEDICT
SODUS TOWN	JUDGE PUTNAM
WALWORTH	JUDGE YOUNG
WILLIAMSON	JUDGE STRITZEL
PALMYRA	JUDGE ABBOTT
WILLIAMSON	JUDGE VANNOSTRAND
MARION TOWN	JUDGE BONAFEDE

**TBD**

GALEN	JUDGE'S HEALD/CARR
ROSE	JUDGE'S VANHANEHAN/HOPKINS
SAVANNAH	JUDGE SLOAN
BUTLER	JUDGE'S STONE/HARPER
HURON	JUDGE'S WACHTMAN/URBAN
ONTARIO	JUDGE SUCHER

**KEITH LORD**

MARION	JUDGE BENDER
PALMYRA	JUDGE RODMAN
SODUS	JUDGE FRATANGELO
LYONS TOWN	JUDGE HARTWELL
WALWORTH	JUDGE MAJCHRZAK
LYONS	JUDGE DESAIN
MARION	JUDGE BONEFEDE
WALWORTH	JUDGE YOUNG

- These assignments will change with the addition of the 5<sup>th</sup> full time ADA.
- Full time staff is covering the open Justice Courts at this time.

**2019 Victim/Witness Services Statistics:**

See attached report.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Michael D. Calarco*

Michael D. Calarco, DA.

# Victim/Witness Services Wayne County District Attorney's Office 2019 Annual Report

**A. Staffing:** One fulltime employee

One volunteer, approximately 12 hours per month from January to June 2019

**B. Outcomes of current program:**

- Prepare and process reimbursement claims for crime-related expenses through OVS
- Coordinate victim access to prosecutors and the courts
- Prepare victims for grand jury and court appearances
- Court and trial accompaniment
- Promote enhanced and informed decision-making for victims
- Support awareness of the criminal justice system and processes, victims' rights and options
- Connect victims with community supports and services
- Provide emotional support to and decrease anxiety of victims
- Promote crisis awareness and prevention strategies to victims
- Direct program feedback from victims to appropriate agencies and individuals
- Maintain electronic and paper files
- Prepare and submit period reports to funding agents and local administration

**C. Total Victims Served:**

- Yearly total: 339 victims with more than 2100 contacts
- Monthly average: 64 victims

**D. Victim Demographics:**

<b>Gender:</b>		Age 0-12	15
Male	78	Age 13-17	18
Female	218	Age 18-24	29
Not Reported	43	Age 25-59	174
		Age 60+	25
		Not Reported	94

**Age at time of Crime:**

**E. Special Classification – self reported:**

- Deaf/Hard of Hearing 3
- Immigrants/Refugees 1
- LGBTQ 0

- Veterans 3
- Victims with Disabilities 31
- Limited English Proficiency 1

**F. Individuals who received Services by Victimization Type:**

Adult physical assault	82	Elder abuse/neglect	4
Adult sexual assault	13	False imprisonment	2
Adult sexually abused as child	1	Family violence	127
Arson	3	Identity theft/fraud	6
Bullying	2	Kidnapping-Non-custodial/adult	3
Burglary	13	Other vehicular	10
Child endangerment	42	Reckless Endangerment	1
Child physical abuse	19	Robbery	9
Child pornography	4	Stalking/harassment	62
Child sexual abuse	64	Survivors of homicide	25
Criminal mischief	16	Teen Dating Violence	6
Criminal trespass	7	Violation of court order	40
DUI/DWI incidents	9	Other	59

**G. Service Objectives:**

- Assistance with OVS Applications – *target of 7 victims served per month*
- Information and Referral – *target of 24 victims served per month*
- Victim Rights Information/Follow-up – *target of 77 times per month*
- Personal Advocacy – *target of 22 times per month*
- Hotline/Crisis Counseling – *target of 60 times per month*
- Individual Counseling – *target of 20 times per month*
- Criminal Justice Advocacy – *target of 90 times per month*

**H. Services Provided – see chart on page 3**

	Goal	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Monthly Average
Number of Clients Served	--	72	61	51	79	68	24	0	64	72	89	93	100	<b>64</b>
Assistance with OVS Applications and Compensation Claim Information (# of Clients)	<b>7</b>	5	7	4	10	3	1	0	11	7	9	4	1	<b>5</b>
Information and Referral (# of clients)	<b>24</b>	46	44	33	56	52	17	0	40	46	49	59	53	<b>41</b>
Information/ Follow-up (times provided)	<b>77</b>	77	84	86	133	214	23	0	91	93	118	126	143	<b>99</b>
Personal Advocacy (times provided)	<b>22</b>	16	42	29	35	47	12	0	32	26	10	5	14	<b>22</b>
Hotline/Crisis Counseling (times provided)	<b>60</b>	47	68	49	96	59	19	0	62	70	72	83	71	<b>58</b>
Individual Counseling (times provided)	<b>20</b>	29	15	29	43	167	8	0	23	15	21	35	29	<b>35</b>
Criminal Justice Advocacy (times provided)	<b>90</b>	80	78	72	111	165	25	0	141	162	158	182	239	<b>118</b>



## **I. SWOT Analysis:**

### **Internal Factors**

#### **Strengths:**

- Meeting and exceeding program goals and objectives
- Victim surveys report increased information and understanding of the criminal justice system and victim rights due to their interaction with victim services.

#### **Weaknesses:**

- Limited staffing – one employee working in all functions including administrative, fiscal and direct service
- The only staff member left the position in June and the position was empty for several weeks.
- There is no one cross trained to meet the demands of the position
  
- Proximity to the District Attorney's main office in the Hall of Justice. Current location is not conducive with job demands, it hinders communication with prosecutors and is inconvenient for victims
- Unsecured office space creates a safety concern.
- Administrative duties take away time from direct service to victims

### **External Factors**

#### **Strengths:**

- Office of Victim Services Funding stream is long standing
- Strong linkage with area agencies

#### **Threats:**

- Increasing administrative demands and directives from NYS Office of Victim Services regarding grant preparation and renewals, new fiscal and programmatic reporting requirements, newly required strategic planning, evaluation reports and desk audits.
- Bail reform act is likely to create increased workload as victims try to understand the new laws.

## **J. Desirable Program Expansion:**

- Add the support of a part-time Senior clerk typist
- Anticipated achievements with clerk position:
  - Increase the number of victims served
  - Increase number of services provided to victims of crime
  - Assist in serving clients in a timely manner

- Allow for more efficient implementation of reporting, administrative duties and fiscal responsibilities
- Increase effectiveness of victim/witness preparation for prosecution purposes
- Enable staff to engage in necessary training opportunities