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Mission Statement

The mission of the Prosecutor's Office is to perform a variety of statutorily mandated services on behalf of the citizens of Kent County. This includes appearances in all criminal proceedings involving charges brought on behalf of the People of the State of Michigan in the various County District and Circuit Courts as well as appearances in delinquency, neglect/dependency, mental incompetency, and adult guardianship proceedings in both the Probate Court and Family Division of the Circuit Court. Additionally, the Appellate Division initiates and responds to appeals resulting from cases in which the Prosecutor's Office has appeared. Further, the Family Law Division, by virtue of both statutory requirements and contractual obligations, is responsible for the establishment of paternity and the securing of child support payments in cooperation with the Department of Human Services.

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While we have provided you with our yearly statistics, we have also provided some comparisons below between our office and the six largest counties in the state (excluding Wayne). We do so to demonstrate that not only is the staff of the Kent County Prosecutor's Office among the hardest working and most efficient in the state but that the Kent County taxpayers get far more for their tax dollars than do the citizens of other jurisdictions.

The felony conviction rate was chosen for a variety of reasons: (1) the conviction rates are based on the most recent statistics from the Michigan Department of Corrections. As such, we are assured that we are comparing apples and apples. The data of the Department of Corrections is collected in a consistent format from county to county; i.e. there is no concern that the various counties count their cases differently.

The total number of assistant prosecutors per county was divided into the number of felony convictions to show the average number of felony convictions per assistant, per county. This is, however, somewhat misleading because not all our assistants handle felony cases. For example, four are assigned exclusively to paternity and non-support cases, five handle nothing but juvenile delinquency and abuse and neglect cases, four are responsible for filing appeals and three are assigned solely to reviewing police reports and issuing warrants. In addition, the Chief Assistant does not have an assigned caseload and at least two other assistants are assigned to the district courts in Rockford and Cascade. As such, we only have seventeen assistants assigned to handle over 3,000 felony cases. While each county is required to utilize their assistants in a similar fashion, local practices and requirements vary dramatically and, as a result, make it difficult to get an accurate count as to the number of attorneys who actually are responsible for handling felony cases. Consequently, we simply divided the number of felony convictions by the total number of assistants.

	Budget	Assistants	Convictions	Convictions per APA
Oakland	\$22,611,600	104	5,483	53
Macomb	\$9,600,000	64	4,283	67
Kent	\$ 7,918,900	37	3,266	88
Genesee	\$ 9,076,400	36	1,872	52
Ingham	\$ 6,995,100	31.5	1,327	42
Kalamazoo	\$ 5,682,100	30	2,275	76

While these numbers are self-explanatory, three counties in particular show how efficiently we utilize staff: (1) Oakland has double the population of Kent County, almost three times the number of assistants and a budget that is three times as large, yet has a felony disposition rate that is not even twice that of Kent's; (2) Macomb County obtained 1,017 more convictions than Kent, but required an additional 27 assistants to do so. Put another way, while Macomb obtained 31% more convictions it required about 75% more attorneys; and (3) Genesee has a budget that is \$1,157,500 more than that of Kent, but it had 1,394 fewer felony convictions. Equally telling is the success rate of our assistants at trial. Of the 99 felony trials in Kent County 90 resulted in a guilty verdict (91%); 8 resulted in a verdict of not guilty; and 1 ended with a hung jury. We hope you can see from the information provided above that by any measurement, Kent County gets far more out of its assistants and its budget than any other large county in the State.

William A. Forsyth
Kent County Prosecuting Attorney

ATTORNEY STAFF

CHRISTOPHER BECKER, Michigan State University, B.A.; Valparaiso University Law School, J.D.; 13 years of prosecution experience.

JAMES K. BENISON, Michigan State University, B.A.; University of Chicago, J.D.; 11 years of prosecution experience.

GREGORY T. BOER, Calvin College, B.A.; University of Iowa, J.D.; 19 years of prosecution experience.

LAWRENCE BOIVIN, McGill University, M.A.; B.A.; Thomas M. Cooley Law School, J.D.; 2 years of prosecution experience.

KEVIN M. BRAMBLE, Western Michigan University, B.S.; Thomas M. Cooley Law School, J.D.; 22 years of prosecution experience.

HELEN V. BRINKMAN, Michigan State University, B.S.; Thomas M. Cooley Law School, J.D.; 19 years of prosecution experience.

TRACEY E. BROWER, Michigan State University, B.A.; Thomas M. Cooley Law School, J.D.; 3 years of prosecution experience.

STEVEN R. BURCH, Michigan State University, B.A.; Thomas M. Cooley Law School, J.D.; 23 years of prosecution experience.

LAURA A. CLIFTON, Michigan State University, B.A.; Thomas M. Cooley Law School, J.D.; 6 years of prosecution experience.

TIMOTHY M. DOYLE, Michigan State University, B.A.; Detroit College of Law, J.D.; 10 years of prosecution experience.

TRAVIS J. EARLEY, Grand Valley State University, B.S.; Thomas M. Cooley Law School, J.D. 2 years of prosecution experience.

ROBIN D. ESLINGER, University of Illinois, B.A.; Northern Illinois University College of Law, J.D.; 13 years of prosecution experience.

GERARD E. FABER, Chaminade University, B.S.; Thomas M. Cooley Law School, J.D.; 4 years of prosecution experience.

ALICIA M. FABIANO, Michigan State University, B.A.; Michigan State University-Detroit College of Law, J.D.; 5 years of prosecution experience.

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T. LYNN HOPKINS, Michigan State University, B.A.; Thomas M. Cooley Law School, J.D.; 16 years of prosecution experience.

JACK C. IMHOFF, Michigan State University, B.S.; Detroit College of Law, J.D.; 32 years of prosecution experience.

MONICA M. JANISKEE, Wayne State University, B.A.; Detroit College of Law, J.D.; 11 years of prosecution experience.

ROBERT L. KLOOSTRA, Calvin College, B.A.; Indiana University School of Law, J.D.; 23 years of prosecution experience.

KELLEE A. KONCKI, University of Missouri-Columbia, B.A.; St. Louis University School of Law, J.D.; 16 years of prosecution experience.

JOSHUA J. KUIPER, University of Michigan, B.A.; Wayne State University School of Law, J.D.; 4 years of prosecution experience.

BLAIR T. LACHMAN, University of Rhode Island, B.A.; Thomas M. Cooley Law School, J.D.; 6 years of prosecution experience.

EDWARD J. LIS, Aquinas College, B.S.; Thomas M. Cooley Law School, J.D.; 17 years of prosecution experience.

TIMOTHY K. MCMORROW, University of Notre Dame, B.A.; University of Michigan Law School, J.D.; 29 years of prosecution experience.

JANICE KITTEL MANN, University of Michigan, B.A.; Wayne State University School of Law, J.D.; 19 years of prosecution experience.

KIMBERLY M. MANNS, Hope College, B.A.; Thomas M. Cooley Law School, J.D.; 3 years of prosecution experience.

GARY A. MOORE, University of Michigan, B.A.; Wayne State University School of Law, J.D.; 8 years of prosecution experience.

BONNIE L. PREVETTE, Michigan State University, B.A.; Thomas M. Cooley Law School, J.D.; 3 years of prosecution experience.

ROSEMARY PRINCE MORT, Aquinas College, B.S.; Wayne State University, J.D.; 18 years of prosecution experience.

KIM RICHARDSON, Hope College, B.A.; Valparaiso University School of Law, J.D.; 8 years of prosecution experience.

DAVID M. SCHIEBER, University of Michigan, B.A.; Marshall School of Law - Cleveland, J.D.; 28 years of prosecution experience.

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VICKI L. SEIDL, Central Michigan University, B.S.; Southern Illinois University of Law, J.D.; 13 years of prosecution experience.

MICHELLE C. SMITH, Grand Rapids Baptist College, B.A.; Thomas M. Cooley Law School, J.D.; 6 years of prosecution experience.

JAY W. STONE, University of Michigan, B.A.; University of Toledo Law School, J.D.; 25 years of prosecution experience.

B. SCOTT VANDERKOLK, Grand Valley State University, B.S.; Michigan State University-Detroit College of Law, J.D.; 6 years of prosecution experience.

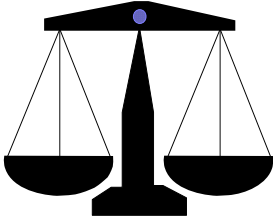
MARK R. VANDERMOLEN, University of Michigan, B.A.; Wayne State University, J.D.; 30 years of prosecution experience.

MARK A. VERMEER, Calvin College, B.A.; Valparaiso Law School, J.D.; 21 years of prosecution experience.

GARY A. WALLIN, Michigan State University, B.A.; Vanderbilt University Law School, J.D.; 35 years of prosecution experience.

ELIZABETH A. WETENKAMP, University of Tampa, B.S.; Thomas M. Cooley Law School, J.D.; 2 years of prosecution experience.

The average seniority for attorney staff in the Kent County Prosecutor's Office is 14+ years per attorney.



CRIMINAL DIVISION

The Criminal Division handles the prosecution of State law violations in Kent County Circuit Court, 61st District Court, 62nd District Court-Divisions A & B, 63rd District Court-North and South, and 59th District Court. The office promotes specialization by assigning an attorney(s) to a specific type of case.

Specialized Areas:

Arson	DEQ/DNR
Criminal Sexual Conduct	Vulnerable Adult Abuse
Controlled Substances	Child Abuse
Domestic Violence	Vehicular Homicide
Asset Forfeitures	

SUPPORT STAFF

Kelly Roelofs----- Administrative Manager

Dawn Bredeweg -----Clerk/Steno III (Bind Overs, Arraignments, DLRs)
Deb Dornbush----- Legal Clerk (Warrants, LEIN, Fingerprint Cards)
Beulah Doyle-----Clerk/Clerk Typist II (File Clerk)
Kara L. Ferris ----- Paralegal Assistant (Supps, Diversion, Extraditions/Detainers)
Lisa Flory-----Clerk III (Circuit Court)
Linda Kovach ----- Clerk III (Floater)
Denise Lange-----Legal Clerk (62nd/59th DC, Drug Forfeitures)
Suzanne Maurice ----- Legal Clerk (Nolles, Schedule, Trial Sheets, Warrants)
Joni Mehl -----Legal Clerk (Appeals, Warrants, Forensics)
Patricia Novak/Briana Krepps ----- Clerk/Typist II (Receptionist)
Carol Parsaca----- Clerk III (61st District Court)
Elaine Pellerito----- Clerk III (63S DC, Assist w/61st District Court)
Katie Perlmutter-----Clerk III (Floater)
Shonnie Plasman -----Legal Clerk (Motions, Amendeds, Bond Estreatments)
Lori Watson ----- Clerk IV (63N DC, Assist w/61st District Court)

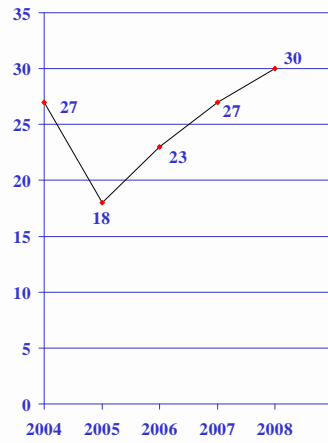
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Kent County has seventeen law enforcement agencies that submit charging/warrant requests to the Kent County Prosecutor's Office for review and approval or denial. Three Assistant Prosecuting Attorneys are responsible for thoroughly reviewing all evidence that accompany these warrant requests, including incident reports, witness statements, and a review of the suspect's criminal history before a charging decision is made. Other Assistant Prosecutors may also review warrant requests, particularly if the case involves an allegation of criminal sexual conduct, child abuse, or homicide.

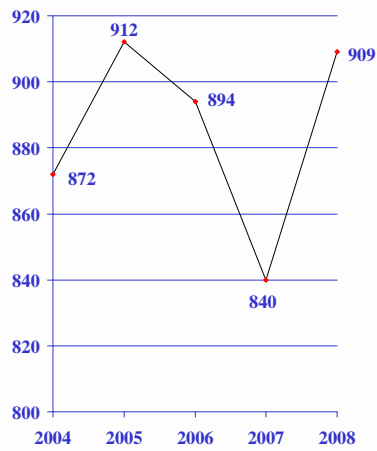
Additionally, since felony lockups require arraignment within 24 hours of arrest, both attorney and support personnel are in the office on Saturday and Sunday mornings, as well as holidays for warrant review and production.

WARRANTS AUTHORIZED								
	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Felony	4,188	4,137	4,328	4,295	4,525	4,635	4,538	4,597
High Misdemeanor	3,698	3,454	3,479	3,659	3,731	4,056	3,668	3,793
Small Misdemeanor	1,346	1,310	1,324	1,193	1,507	1,302	1,235	1,411
Total	9,232	8,901	9,131	9,147	9,763	9,993	9,441	9,801
WARRANTS DENIED								
	2006	2007	2008					
Felony	542	591	605					
High Misdemeanor	323	293	337					
Small Misdemeanor	1,093	1,301	1,375					
Total	1,958	2,185	2,317					

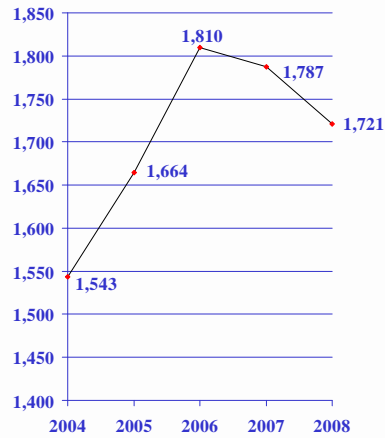
HOMICIDE CHARGES



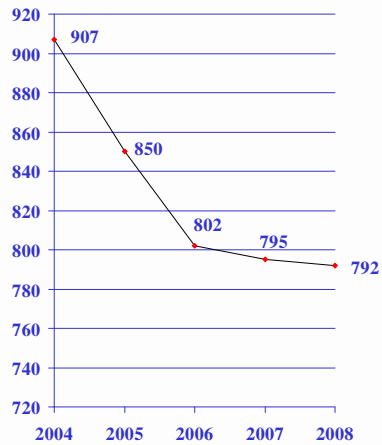
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CHARGES



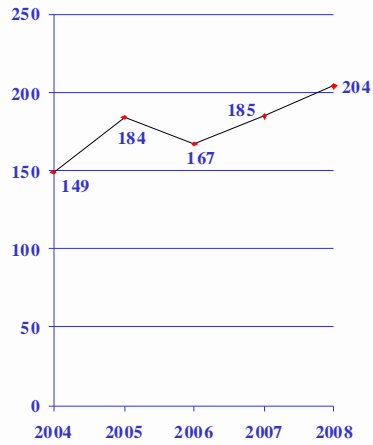
CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE CHARGES



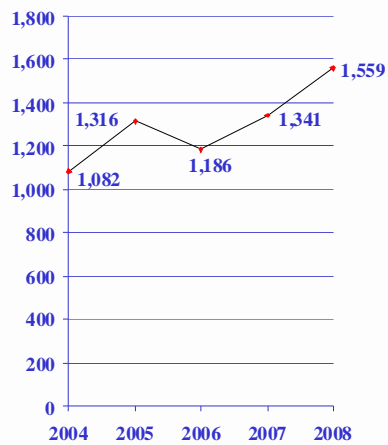
OUIL/OWVI CHARGES



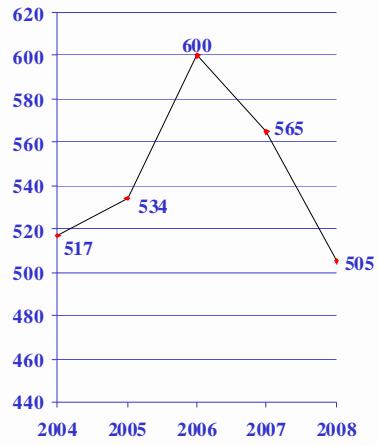
ROBBERY CHARGES



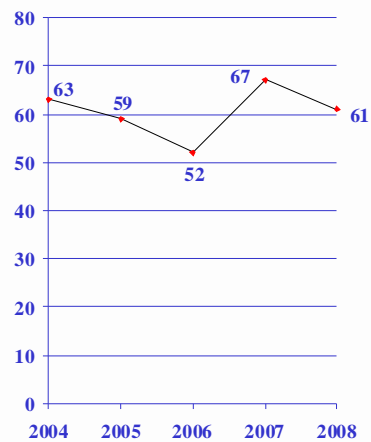
RETAIL FRAUD/ LARCENY CHARGES



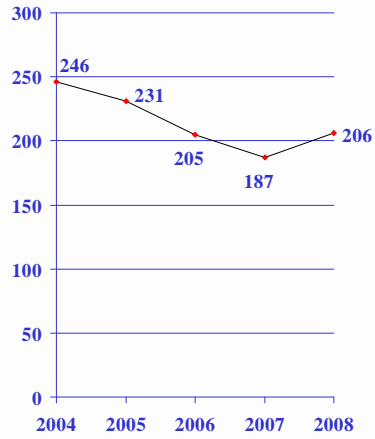
BURGLARY CHARGES



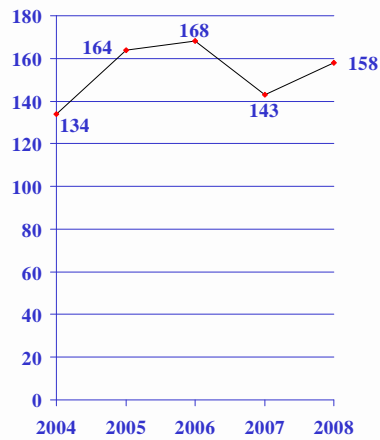
CHILD ABUSE CHARGES



CRIMINAL SEXUAL CONDUCT CHARGES



EMBEZZLEMENT CHARGES



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CONTESTED FORFEITURES

In an effort to reduce the financial incentive to commit drug offenses, the State Legislature gave police agencies the ability to seize and forfeit money, vehicles, or other property which are the direct result of drug trafficking. Police may seize property based on probable cause that it is the proceeds of illegal drug trafficking. If the owner does not contest the seizure within 20 days, the property is automatically forfeited to the seizing police agency. If the owner does contest the seizure, the case is reviewed by the Prosecutor's Office for possible civil filing with the Circuit Court.

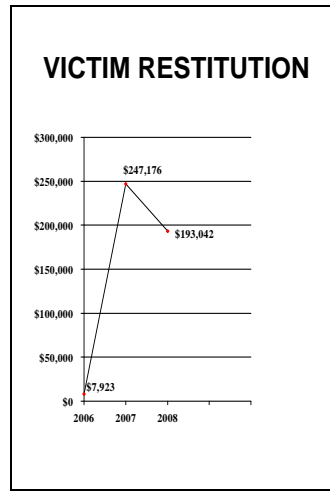
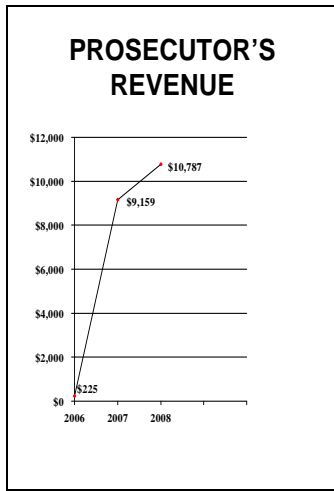


CASH/VEHICLES FORFEITED

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
KCSD					
Forfeitures Filed	4	2	3	1	5
Vehicles Forfeited	0	1	2	0	1
Cash Forfeited	\$29,635	\$500	\$42,413	\$2,000	\$6,870
GRPD					
Forfeitures Filed	22	8	9	12	7
Vehicles Forfeited	2	2	4	4	3
Cash Forfeited	\$35,680	\$13,870	\$29,796	\$7,137	\$16,545
MET					
Forfeitures Filed	6	7	9	4	1
Vehicles Forfeited	0	3	2	1	0
Cash Forfeited	\$39,350	\$4,500	\$6,659	\$14,140	\$2,800
WYOM					
Forfeitures Filed	1	0	0	0	0
Vehicles Forfeited	0	0	0	0	0
Cash Forfeited	\$0	\$0	0	0	0
MSPR					
Forfeitures Filed	0	2	0	0	1
Vehicles Forfeited	0	0	0	0	1
Cash Forfeited	\$0	\$250	\$750	\$0	\$4,320
Total Forfeitures Filed	33	19	21	17	14
Total Vehicles Forfeited	2	6	8	5	5
Total Cash Forfeited	\$104,665	\$19,120	\$79,618	\$23,277	\$30,535

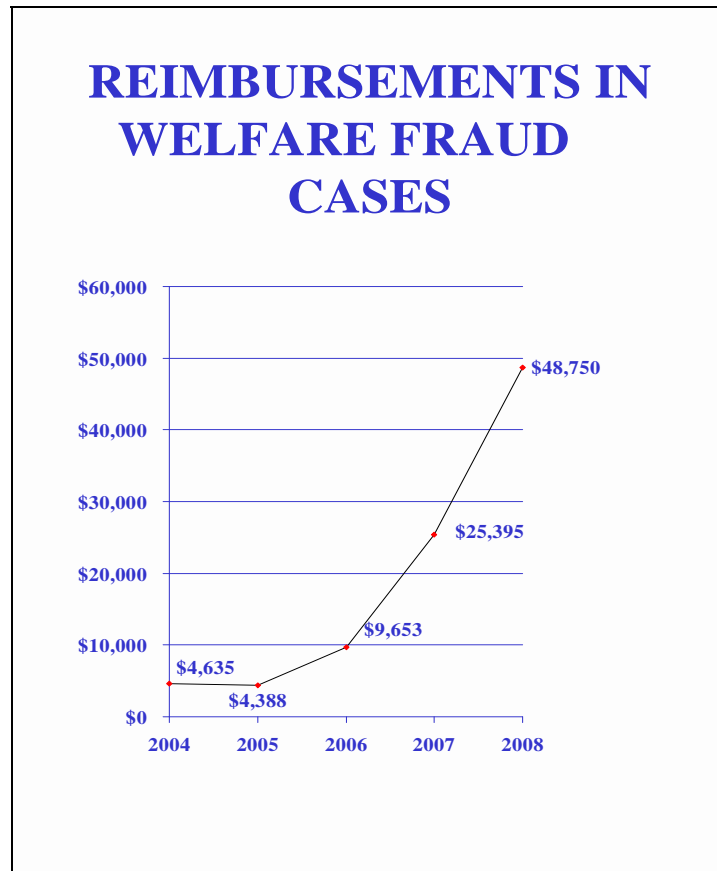
Judgments for forfeited money and property may not necessarily occur in the same year as a contested forfeiture filing. Cases may be filed in one year and not reach resolution until the following year. Hence, cash and vehicles forfeited are not always directly related to the specific filings for that year. Additionally, often there are miscellaneous items forfeited (e.g., jewelry, stereo equipment, cell phones, etc.) that are not reported in this publication.

Bad Check Program

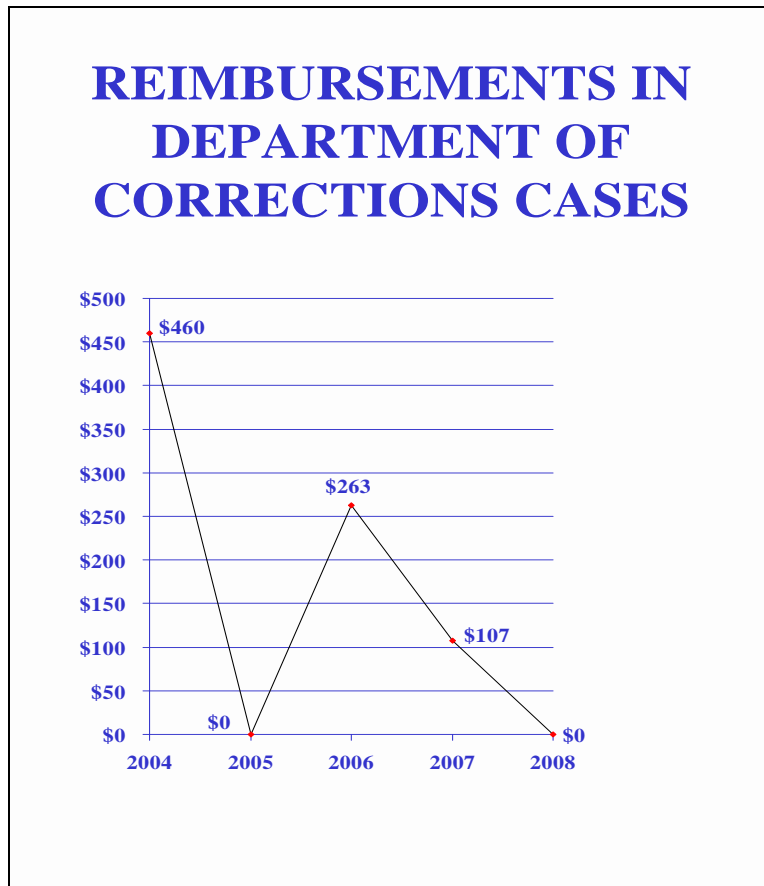


Year	Prosecutor's Revenue	Victim Restitution	Class Attendance	Check Volume
2006	\$225	\$7,923	N/A	938
2007	\$9,159	\$247,176	984	6,297
2008	\$10,787	\$193,042	815	4,244
TOTALS	\$20,171	\$448,141	1,799	11,479

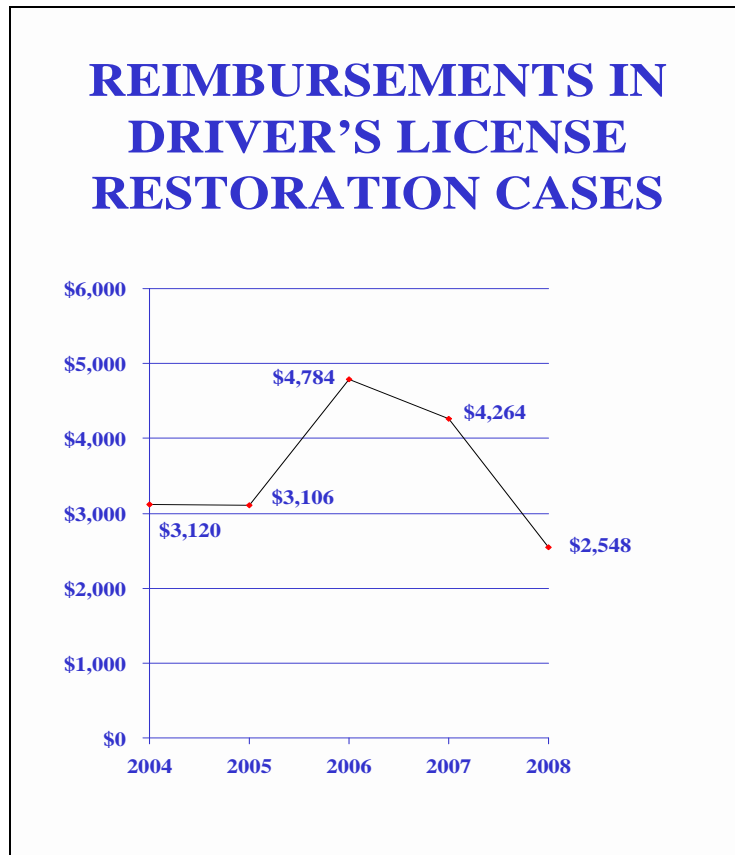
A Bad Check Restitution Program was initiated in November 2006. The program was implemented in an effort to assist local merchants with losses stemming from bad checks and to help ease the burden of check enforcement by local law enforcement agencies. In lieu of police agencies devoting precious resources to investigate non-sufficient fund and/or closed account check complaints, merchants are referred to the check program. The primary goal of the program is to obtain full restitution for the victim without adding to the financial burden of the criminal justice system and operates at no cost to the county or taxpayers. First time bad check offenders are given the opportunity to avoid criminal prosecution by attending a mandatory intervention class, in addition to paying restitution. The benefits of the program are multi-faceted: (1) merchants receive restitution (2) law enforcement is relieved of the responsibility of having to investigate thousands of bad check complaints (3) offenders avoid criminal prosecution and are offered a course in money management in an effort to provide them the skills to avoid future difficulties, and (4) an already busy court system is freed from the burden of additional cases and the costs attendant to such cases.



Pursuant to US Code: Title 7, Section 2025(a), the Secretary is authorized to pay to each State agency an amount equal to 50 percent of all administrative costs involved in each State agency's operation of the food stamp program, which costs shall include, but not be limited to, ... (7) food stamp program investigations and prosecutions, ... The State then reimburses the County a portion of what it costs to prosecute cases where an offender has been charged with food stamp fraud.

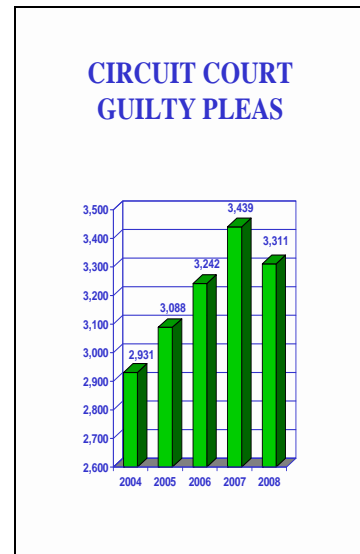
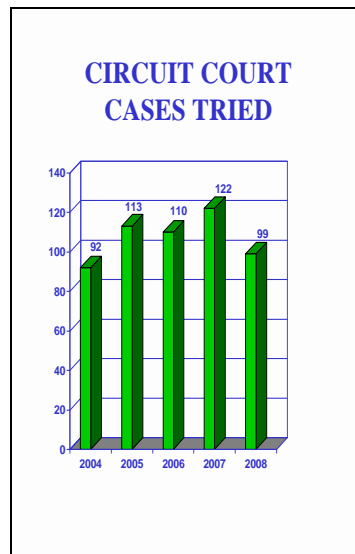
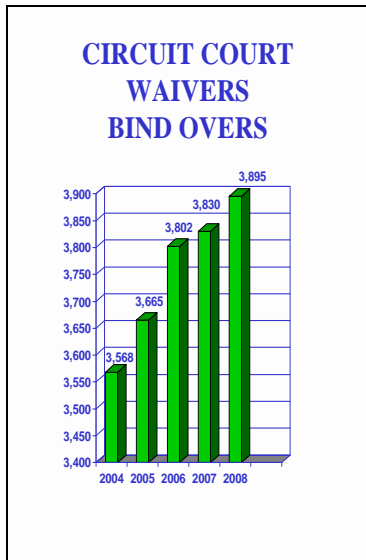


Public Act 272 of 1987, MCL 800.452, Sec. 2., (1) requires the state to reimburse each county's Office of the Prosecuting Attorney for a proportion of the fees in cases of new felony offenses committed by inmates of state correctional facilities during a period of state incarceration, new felonies committed during escape and cases of escape from custody as prescribed in section 65a(3) of Act No. 232 of the Public Acts of 1953, being section 791.265 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.



Pursuant to MCL 257.323; MSA 9.2023, the Prosecuting Attorney represents the Secretary of State in response to a petition filed in circuit court for judicial review of a revocation or suspension of a driver's license imposed by the Secretary of State. The Office of the Prosecuting Attorney receives reimbursement for representing the State in these cases.

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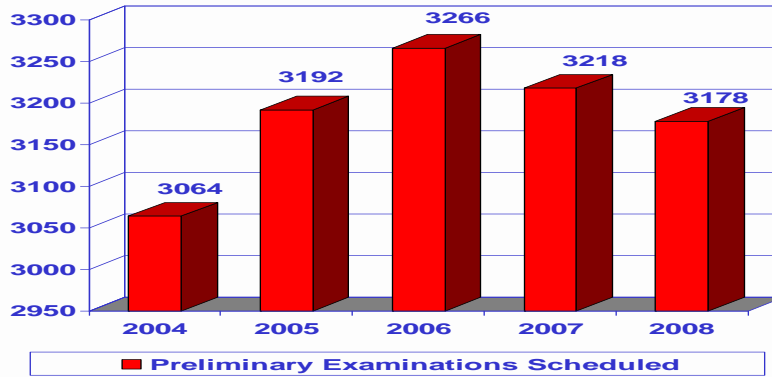


CIRCUIT COURT

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Cases Waived or Bound Over	3,568	3,665	3,802	3,830	3,895
Trials	92	113	110	122	99
Guilty Pleas					
Capital	144	176	147	140	137
Non-Capital	2,787	2,912	3,095	3,299	3,174
Total	2,931	3,088	3,242	3,439	3,311

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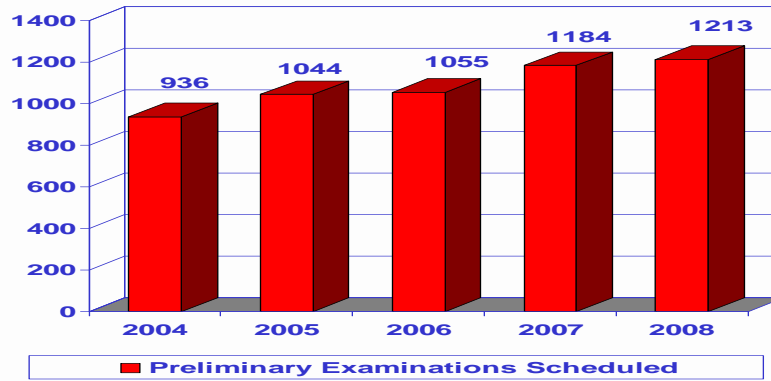
61ST DISTRICT COURT



	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Preliminary Examinations Scheduled	3064	3192	3266	3218	3178
Waived	1395	1415	1555	1669	1790
Bound Over	176	163	205	189	161
Misdemeanor Pleas	505	531	436	434	394
Felony Pleas	310	335	338	250	248
Adjourned	484	485	521	499	379
	(54-Drug Ct)	(69-Drug Ct)	(62-Drug Ct)	(38-Drug Ct)	(44-Drug Ct)
Nolle/Dismissed (By Court or Prosecutor)	118	148	135	112	112
Defendant FTA	76	115	76	65	48
Pre-Trials	2013	2164	1847	1544	1311
Jury Picks	320	319	312	230	267
Settlement Conferences	1918	1825	1677	1494	1750
Formal Hearings	67	57	33	64	38
Trials Scheduled	191	154	200	143	139
Motions	235	164	103	57	73

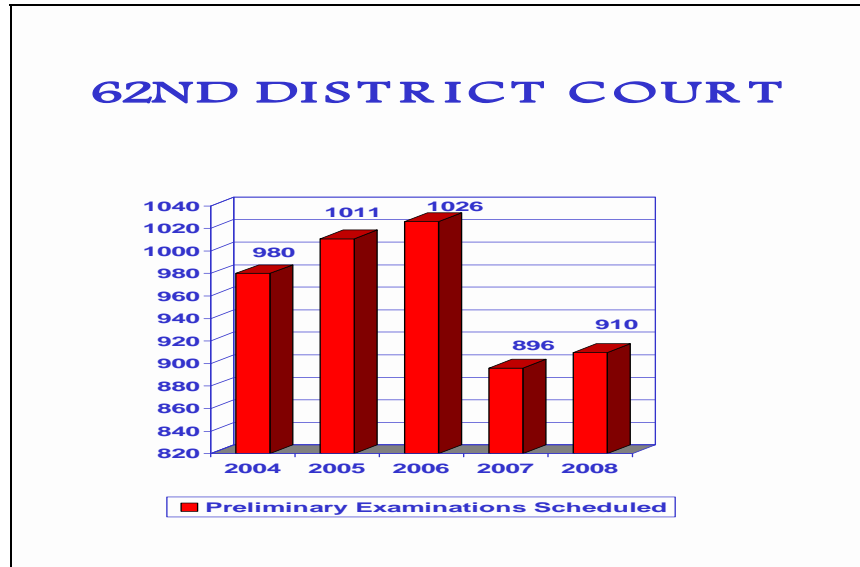
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63RD DISTRICT COURT



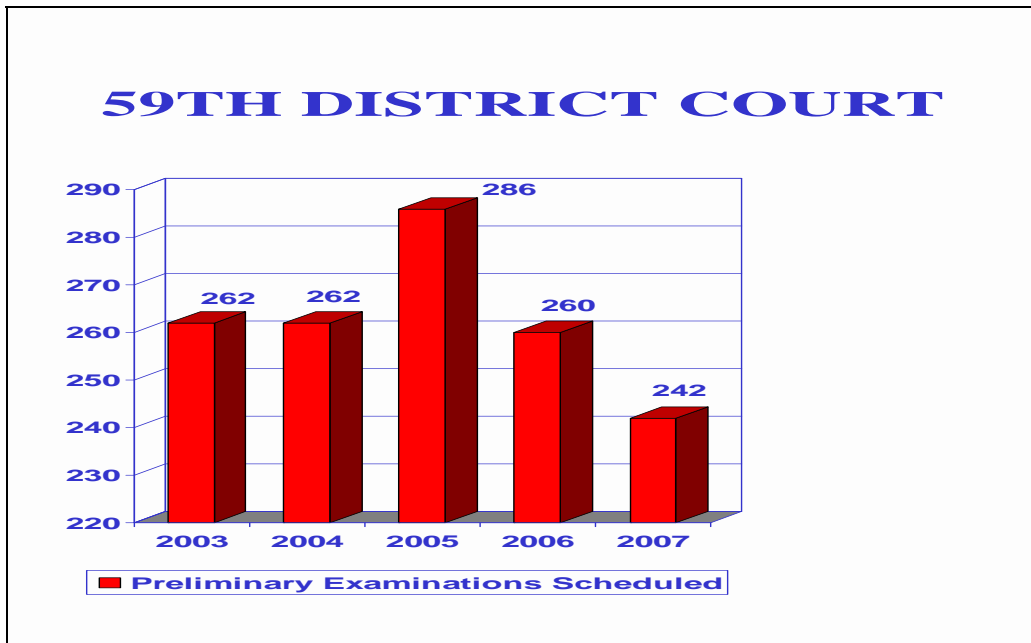
	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Preliminary Examinations Scheduled	936	1044	1055	1184	1213
Waived	527	540	611	699	684
Bound Over	57	31	39	44	42
Misdemeanor Pleas	124	163	138	107	134
Felony Pleas	75	120	98	112	84
Adjourned	134	148	130	169	222
Nolle/Dismissed (By Court or Prosecutor)	31	25	28	46	26
Defendant Failed to Appear	12	16	11	7	13
Pre-Trials	2916	2410	2801	2803	2847
Jury Picks	1222	1211	1138	1089	1221
Formal Hearings	198	183	181	170	177
Trials Scheduled	416	499	419	464	406
Motions	94	72	67	60	78

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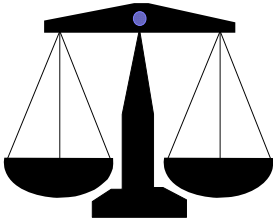


	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Preliminary Examinations Scheduled	980	1011	1026	896	910
Waived	798	581	596	535	532
Bound Over	40	42	40	28	37
Misdemeanor Pleas	87	102	104	109	104
Felony Pleas	60	51	33	59	45
Adjourned	148	183	289	127	154
Nolle/Dismissed (By Court or Prosecutor)	22	35	35	27	29
Defendant Failed to Appear	17	25	28	11	9
Pre-Trials	639	740	885	848	735
Jury Picks	122	105	159	103	117
Formal Hearings	9	10	6	1	6
Trials Scheduled	160	189	185	165	122
Motions	21	8	8	10	21

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	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Preliminary Examinations Scheduled	262	286	260	242	291
Waived	176	171	161	158	180
Bound Over	9	8	6	2	8
Misdemeanor Pleas	22	29	31	31	32
Felony Pleas	23	33	22	28	29
Adjourned	28	32	34	13	37
Nolle/Dismissed (By Court or Prosecutor)	1	8	1	8	5
Defendant Failed to Appear	3	5	5	2	0
Pre-Trials	378	344	432	347	412
Jury Picks	0	0	1	0	0
Formal Hearings	2	4	8	6	4
Trials Scheduled	7	4	7	17	12
Motions	5	6	2	11	4



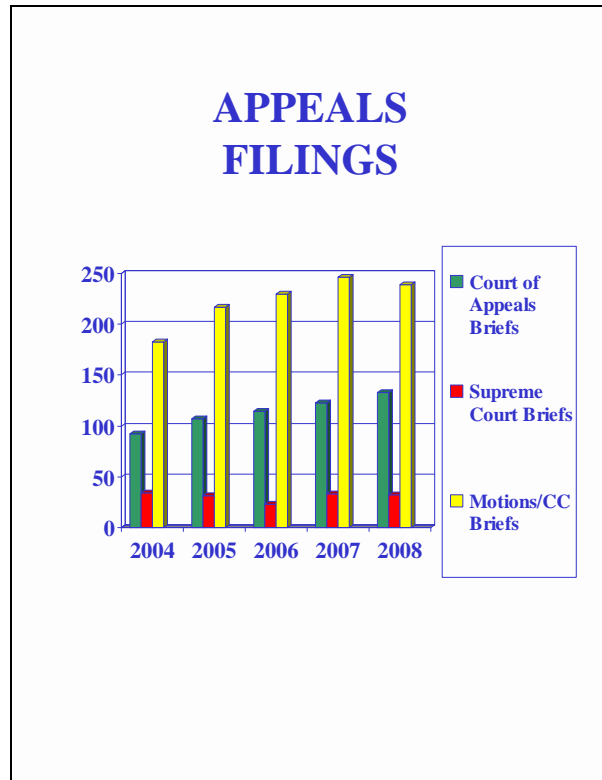
APPELLATE DIVISION

The primary responsibilities of the Appellate Division involve initiating and responding to appeals resulting from cases in which the Prosecutor's Office has appeared as counsel.

The majority of appeals arise from convictions or court rulings in criminal prosecutions. Jurisdiction over these appeals may be in the Circuit Court, Court of Appeals, the Michigan Supreme Court, or in the federal court system. The appellate attorneys' function is to handle all procedural and substantive matters relative to these appeals, from brief writing to oral argument. If an appeal is denied and a conviction upheld, it is also the appellate staff's responsibility to see that the imposed sentence is executed.

In addition to the aforementioned appellate work, the attorneys provide legal advice and research assistance to attorneys in all divisions of the office.

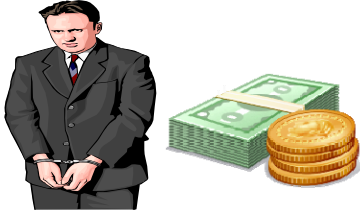
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APPELLATE DIVISION STATISTICS

Briefs Filed	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Court of Appeals	92	107	114	123	133
Supreme Court	34	31	23	33	32
District & Circuit Ct Pleadings/Briefs	183	217	230	246	239
TOTAL	309	355	367	402	404

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BOND FORFEITURES

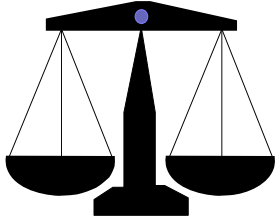
In 2004 we began to actively file bond forfeiture motions for defendants' failure to appear at hearings. The benefits of this are two-fold: (1) Additional revenue for the County. The County Clerk's Office receives any bond monies forfeited as a result of our filings and; (2) Sureties have become more aggressive in trying to track down defendants who have failed to appear and bring them in for court appearances. Once an order is entered the Surety has one year in which to bring in the defendant and not forfeit the bond.

	2005	2006	2007	2008
Bond Forfeitures Filed	200	86	63	42

ORDERED				COLLECTED						
Year	Originally Ordered	Dismissed Per Court Order	Net Total Ordered	Year	Total Collected	Refunded Per Court Order*	Court Costs	Extradition Fees	Actual Revenue > 1 Year	Deferred Revenue < 1 Year
2005	239,350	(41,700)	197,650	2005	137,465	(12,300)	-	-	180,976	-
2006	206,900	(17,600)	189,300	2006	72,165	(11,682)	2,000	1,318	134,490	-
2007	288,600	(31,000)	257,600	2007	47,750	(6,951)	1,424	-	66,165	-
2008	194,500	(26,750)	167,750	2008	51,850	(5,525)	865	-	36,885	\$48,100
Total	\$929,350	(\$117,050)	\$812,300	Total	\$309,230	(\$36,458)	\$4,284	\$1,318	\$418,516	\$48,100

*Refunded Per Court Order = Judgments Set Aside

VICTIM/WITNESS UNIT



The Victim/Witness Unit of the Kent County Prosecutor's Office is located in the Kent County Courthouse at 180 Ottawa, Suite 5400. Under the Crime Victim's Rights Act, P.A. 87 of 1985, MCL 780.751 et al., the Prosecutor's Office is mandated to provide certain services for victims of crime. This office provides the following mandated services:

Victim Assistance

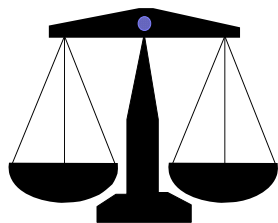
1. An explanation of the criminal justice system and a victim's rights within the criminal justice system.
2. Contact with the victim from arraignment to disposition of the case.
3. Assistance with applying for Crime Victim's Compensation.
4. Provide case status information.
5. Link victims and families with other personnel, such as the police or prosecutor.
6. Assist with the return of property.
7. Referrals to other agencies for special needs.
8. Crisis intervention

Witness Assistance

1. Notify witnesses of court appearances and provide instructions.
2. Answer questions about the criminal justice system.
3. Notify witnesses of changes, delays, and times to appear.
4. Inform witnesses of case dispositions.
5. Assist in resolving conflicts (vacation, illness, reluctant employer, threats/harrassment, etc.).
6. Greet witnesses, update witness information, and obtain information for witness fee processing.
7. Escort witnesses from waiting area to offices and/or courtrooms as needed.

Pretrial Services

1. Assist the service officer when service information is outdated, incorrect, or incomplete.
2. Monitor service and service problems and assist in attempts to locate missing/uncooperative witnesses.
3. Arrange testimony when necessary for special hearings on missing witnesses.
4. Arrange for special services such as travel, accommodations, interpreters, cabs, Ambucabs, etc.



VICTIM/WITNESS UNIT STAFF

Anita Droog ----- Administrative Manager

61st District Court

Ruth Stephen-----Case Manager

Sarah Smith-----Case Manager

Meghan Kirby -----Case Manager

63N (Rockford), 63S (Cascade), 59G (Grandville) & 59W (Walker) District Courts

Jan Fortier-----Case Manager

Vicki Plowman -----Case Manager

62A (Wyoming) & 62B (Kentwood) District Courts

Rita Caruth -----Case Manager

Juvenile/Family Court

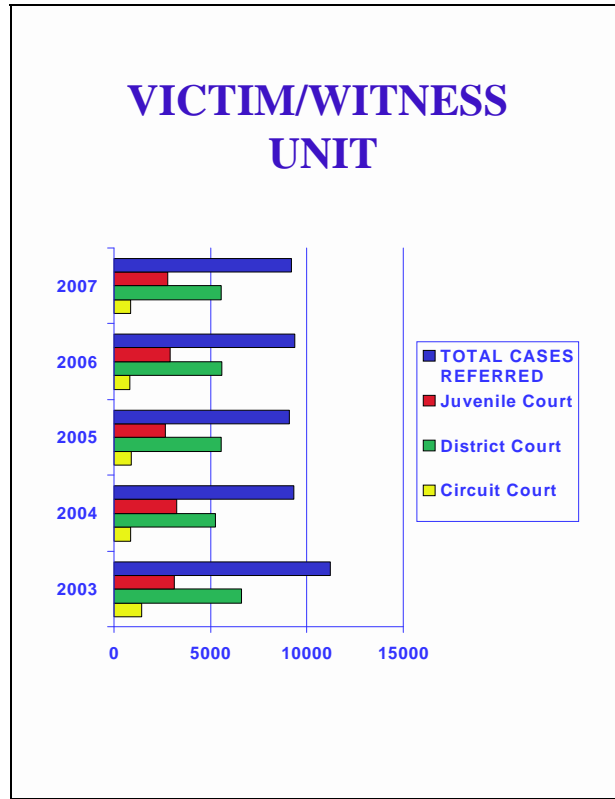
Sandy Kaufman - Delinquency Cases -----Case Manager

Clerks

Kathy Vazquez ----- Receptionist

Chris Emery ----- Crime Victims Rights/Compensation Clerk

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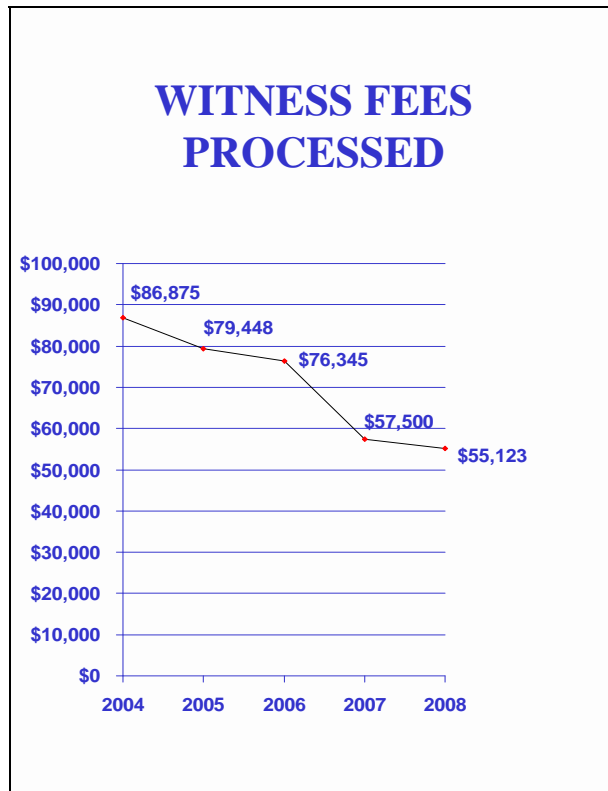


VICTIM/WITNESS UNIT

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Cases Referred					
Circuit Court	866	889	816	880	747
District Court	5,242	5,533	5,607	5,540	5,592
Juvenile Court	3,241	2,675	2,936	2,801	2,758
TOTAL	9,349	9,097	9,359	9,221	9,097
Volunteer Hours					
	2,744	1,933	1,673	2,439	1,062

The Victim/Witness Unit utilizes volunteers made up of senior citizens as well as high school and college students. This is a unique opportunity for high school and college students who are interested in social service or law enforcement careers to participate in internships for credit and/or experience firsthand various areas of the justice system.

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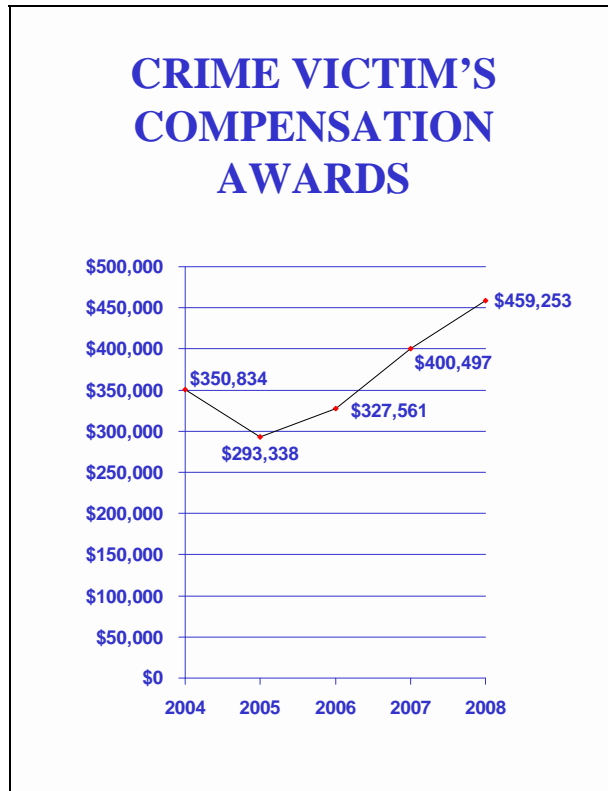


Witnesses Subpoenaed	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Police					
Adult Cases	17,271	15,777	13,680	14,422	13,718
Juvenile Cases	289	279	554	368	420
Civilians					
Adult Cases	11,290	10,285	9,167	8,762	8,542
Juvenile Cases	1,318	717	1,725	1,101	1,134
TOTAL					
Adult Cases	28,561	26,062	22,847	23,184	22,260
Juvenile Cases	1,607	996	2,279	1,469	1,554
Witness Fees Processed					
Adult Cases	\$60,900	\$52,949	\$44,677	\$36,875	\$40,377
Juvenile Cases	\$25,975	\$26,499	\$31,668	\$20,625	\$14,746
TOTAL	\$86,875	\$79,448	\$76,345	\$57,500	\$55,123

In an effort to control witness fee costs a new process was fully implemented in 2006 in which only the investigating detective and victim are subpoenaed for the preliminary examination in most cases. The benefits are two-fold:

- (1) savings on witness fee costs and (2) civilian and police witnesses are not brought into court unnecessarily. Additionally, police agencies benefit by not having to pay off-duty officers for up to three hours of overtime for a court appearance and freeing on-duty officers to remain "on the job" in lieu of having to sit in a courtroom.

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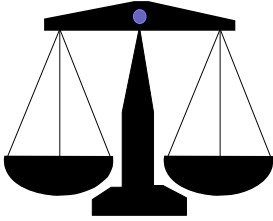
VICTIM/WITNESS UNIT

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Crime Victim's Compensation					
State Awards to Victims	\$350,834	\$293,338	\$327,561	\$400,497	\$459,253
No. of Victims Assisted with Crime Victims Compensations Claims	474	403	427	329	422

The Michigan Crime Victim Compensation Act of 1976 may provide financial assistance to crime victims who are injured, or who lose earnings or support because of a crime committed in Michigan. Section 18.351 of the Michigan Compiled Laws governs the Michigan Crime Victims Compensation Board. Members of the Victim/Witness Unit assist victims in applying for this compensation when applicable.

The Department of Community Health's Crime Victim Services Commission awards grant monies every year to Prosecuting Attorneys' Offices throughout the State of Michigan to aid in providing resources so that victims can be personally assisted through the criminal justice process as well as applying for compensation. In 2008 a \$142,000 grant was awarded to help fund the work the Victim/Witness Unit performs on behalf of victims of crime as mandated under the Michigan Crime Victims Rights Act.

FAMILY LAW DIVISION



Through both statutory and contractual arrangements, the Prosecutor's Office is responsible for the establishment of paternity and the securing of child support orders. The objective of the cooperative reimbursement program is to secure child support payments from those legally liable and financially able to provide for their children; thereby shifting the burden for the support of minor children from the Department of Human Services to the responsible parent. Furthermore, legal representation is provided to any Kent County resident desiring paternity or child support litigation. In return, the county receives an incentive of all monies collected.

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Rebecca Bartley -----Caseworker
Sarah Brandt -----Floater
Lisa M. Costen/Lisa Lamiman (Shared Position) -----Senior Caseworker
Lynn Fenstemacher -----Blood Test/Hearings Clerk
Sherri Foster -----Caseworker
Tina Gillhooley -----Service Clerk
Kathy Matthews -----Receptionist
Belinda Lopez -----Caseworker Assistant
Brandy Zylstra -----Data Entry Clerk
Courtney McCullough -----Complaint Clerk
Cheryl Stanard -----Records Clerk
Terri L. White -----Judgment Clerk
Ila Winbush -----Floater

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COOPERATIVE REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM

	03/2004	04/2005	05/2006	06/2007	07/2008
Personnel	19	19	19	19	19
Budget	\$1,522,190	\$1,554,272	\$1,516,076	\$1,659,943	\$1,623,291
State Funds	\$1,004,645	\$1,025,820	\$1,000,610	\$1,095,562	\$1,071,372
County Funds	\$517,545	\$528,452	\$515,466	\$564,381	\$551,919
Cases Opened	3,431	3,405	3,900	4,160	3,940
Cases Continued	1,509	2,243	2,645	2,674	2,552
Cases Closed	2,697	3,003	3,871	4,282	3,990
Cases Pending	2,243	2,645	2,674	2,552	2,552
Judgments	1,854	2,241	2,320	2,936	2,643

The rules governing case closure require us to keep a case in “locate” (i.e. pending) for three (3) years if we have a social security number for the father, or one (1) year if a social security number is unknown. Additionally, if the mother is non-cooperative we are required to keep the case open indefinitely while the Office of Child Support handles the non-compliance issue. Consequently, these rules restrict what we can do to reduce or limit the number of “Cases Pending”.

In 2004 the process of interviewing the plaintiff (mother) before filing a case was instituted. This became necessary because of the lack of and/or inaccurate information provided in new referrals. Although the interview process is an extra step and requires additional staff time, it is a necessity that provides us with the information needed to determine if a case should be filed.

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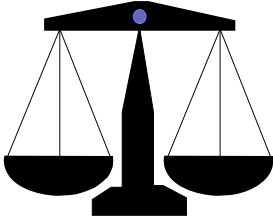
	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Support Ordered per/mo	\$316,310	\$363,583	\$372,711	\$463,304	\$391,642
Support Ordered-Annual	\$3,795,720	\$4,362,996	\$4,472,532	\$5,559,648	\$4,699,704
Confinement Judgments	\$3,391,537	\$3,760,838	\$4,146,786	\$4,678,416	\$4,757,473
Cost Per Positive Disposition	\$759	\$638	\$625	\$519	\$594
Cases Completed w/i 6 Mos from Service Date	Not Available	99.7%	98.7%	99.6%	97%
Cases Completed w/i 12 Mos from Service Date	Not Available	99.7%	99.1%	99.5%	97.3%
Cases w/Support Orders Entered	75%	78%	82.9%	82.5%	84.1%
Cases w/Paternity Established	89%	100%	100%	98.1%	96.5%

Objectives

- Complete 75% of Cases within six (6) Months from Service Date and 90% within twelve (12) Months from Service Date as Required by Federal Regulations.
- Enter Support Orders in 80% of Cases and Establish Paternity in 90% of Cases as required by Federal Regulations.

The Kent County Prosecutor's Office was 10% above the state average in establishing paternity and 4% above the state average in support orders entered in 2008.

JUVENILE DIVISION



The staff of the Juvenile Division has three primary areas of responsibility: delinquency, neglect/dependency and mental incompetency hearings. In addition, the attorneys are statutorily mandated to represent those who have filed a petition with the Circuit Court seeking the issuance of a PPO (i.e. Personal Protection Order). Staff also acts as a resource for the many social service, counseling, and youth programs associated with the juvenile justice system. Everyday responsibilities include providing legal advice to virtually everyone involved in child welfare: police, probation officers, and social workers.

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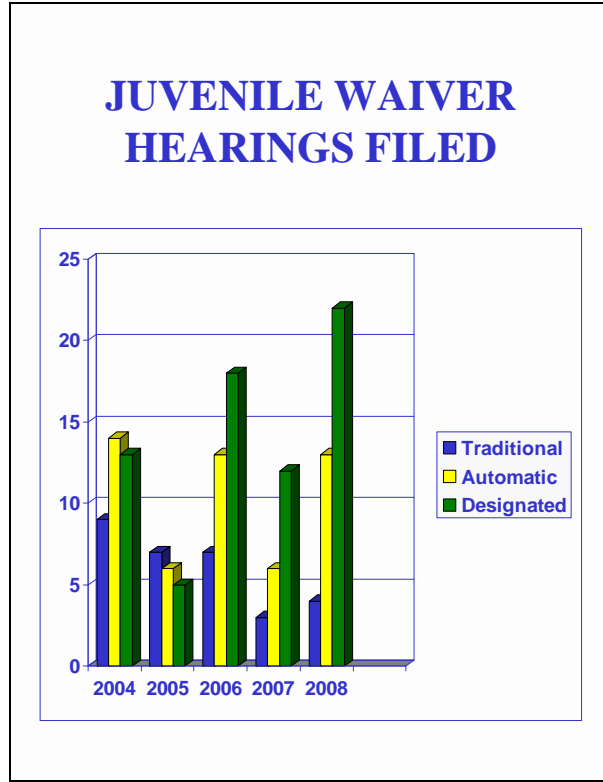
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JUVENILE COURT STATISTICS

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
DELINQUENCY					
Delinquency Trials	58 NJT = 37 JT = 21	49 NJT = 45 JT = 4	52 NJT = 36 JT = 16	79 NJT = 61 JT = 18	48 NJT = 35 JT = 13
Delinquency PTCs	469	604	730	625	683
Delinquency Pleas	871	1,171	1,156	1,132	934
Delinquency Jury Demands	118	97	108	195	195
Disposition Hearings	90	171	273	387	335
Review Hearings	514	434	358	482	343
Police Referrals Processed	3,241	2,675	2,936	2,801	2,758
NEGLECT					
Neglect Conferences	272	279	381	244	190
Termination Confs Petitions Authorized	133	269	215	208	*99
Contested Neglect Hearings	376	418	522	580	519
Contested Termination Hearings	238	371	462	447	263
Other Neglect Hearings	Not Available	99	62	50	21
Motions and OTSC Hearings	42	81	43	57	86
Personal Protection Order Hearings	96	89	90	91	75
Incompetency Hearings	583	576	688	715	689

* Decline due to conferences being counted by family now instead of by child.

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	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Traditional Waivers Filed	9	7	7	3	4
Traditional Waivers Granted	9	7	5	1	0
Automatic (Direct) Waivers Filed	14	6	13	6	13

There are three types of waivers. The first two allow a juvenile to be placed in the adult system. An "automatic" waiver (sometimes called a direct waiver) automatically transfers jurisdiction of the juvenile to the adult system and is based on the severity of the crime committed. A "traditional" waiver (also referred to as a two-phase waiver) is based on the juvenile's criminal history rather than simply the severity of the crime committed. It is utilized only if all rehabilitation/treatment avenues have been exhausted within the juvenile system. When the juvenile commits a new crime the Prosecutor's Office petitions the Juvenile Court to waive the offender to the adult system for prosecution.

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Designated Waivers	13	5	10	9	22

A **Designated** waiver allows a juvenile to be sentenced as an adult but remain in the Juvenile system.