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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. These include appearances in all criminal proceedings involving charges brought on behalf of the People of the State of Michigan in the various 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 Divisions 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 Michigan Department of Health and Human Services.

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It is my pleasure to present to the Citizens of Kent County the statistical summaries and comparisons which reflect the activities of the Office of the Prosecuting Attorney for the year of 2017. The following pages will describe the ways in which our resources were utilized in the past year. We ask you to review these numbers and would encourage any recommendations and comments concerning the ways we can work to further improve our local criminal justice system.

A few things to note: First, we have changed our bad check program. For several years, we have contracted with Corrective Solutions to divert bad checks out of the criminal justice system. Over these years, however, the amount of checks being written by the public has declined steadily so we ended our contract with Corrective Solutions and transferred those functions to our diversion program run by Kent County Court Services. Court Services is in a better position to deal with local checks being written and, if a person does not follow through on the program, we are now able to pass this check along to law enforcement much quicker so as to not allow checks to get lost in the system.

Second, we are very excited about two new programs we initiated in 2017. We have started a partnership with the Hispanic Center. We are sending a victim advocate out to the Center one Friday a month. Within the Hispanic community there is a great mistrust of the government and court system. Across the country, we were finding it was difficult, if not impossible, to get victims to come forward to report a crime or in any way cooperate in the criminal justice system. This program is an attempt to reach individuals in the Hispanic community who may not wish to go to court, but may be willing to meet with a representative of our office at a place they are comfortable going to. It is our hope that in building relationships like this they will eventually trust that we have their best interests at heart and will decide to attend court and participate in proceedings in the criminal justice system.

Next, we began a juvenile sexting program. We were concerned with the number of cases where juveniles were exchanging inappropriate texts or photos with one another. In the past, we did not charge these cases. However, this response did not address that these kids were engaging in actions which could have long term consequences or could potentially subject them to victimization by an adult. Under our new program, the juvenile is initially charged, then participates in an interactive online program that addresses sexting and other social media dangers. Once the juvenile successfully completes this program, the charges are dismissed. This balanced approach educates the juveniles about the dangers of their actions but avoids a juvenile adjudication.

These two new programs are examples that the statistics contained in this report do not fully capture the complete story of what this office does. Our APA's are engaged in treatment courts, community outreach, special investigative units, and statewide policy groups, each working in numerous and different ways to prevent crime from happening. Most of these activities are impossible to categorize and document with simple statistics. Whatever the work, it is done with one goal in mind; making Kent County a safe place to work, live, and enjoy for everyone.



Christopher Becker
Kent County Prosecuting Attorney

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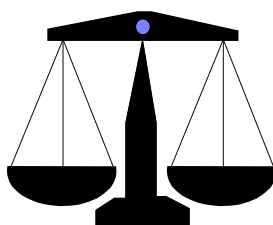
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The average seniority for attorney staff in the Kent County Prosecutor's Office is 12.5 years per attorney.

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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, and 59th District Court.

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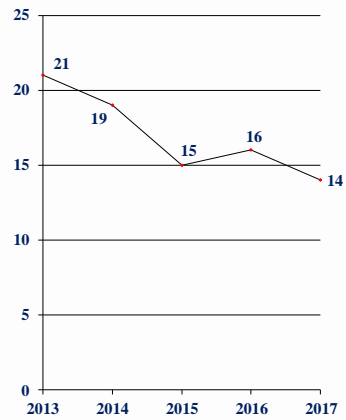
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Kent County has seventeen law enforcement agencies that submit charging/warrant requests to the Kent County Prosecutor's Office for review. Two Assistant Prosecuting Attorneys are responsible for thoroughly reviewing warrant requests, including incident reports, witness statements, and 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, both attorney and support personnel are in the office on weekends/holidays for warrant review and production since felony lockups require arraignment within 24 hours of arrest.

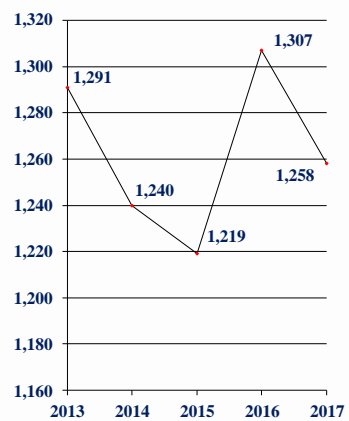
WARRANTS AUTHORIZED								
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Felony	4,072	4,206	4,020	3,911	3,858	3,984	4,082	4,003
High Misdemeanor	2,540	3,160	3,150	2,591	2,542	2,487	2,404	2,290
Small Misdemeanor	1,557	1,653	1,635	1,446	1,410	1,367	1,374	1,365
Total	8,169	9,019	8,805	7,948	7,810	7,838	7,860	7,658

WARRANTS DENIED								
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Felony	665	682	694	719	661	763	838	862
High Misdemeanor	383	360	351	411	428	542	503	514
Small Misdemeanor	1,460	1,433	1,366	1,337	1,282	1,393	1,728	1725
Total	2,508	2,475	2,411	2,467	2,371	2,698	3,069	3,101

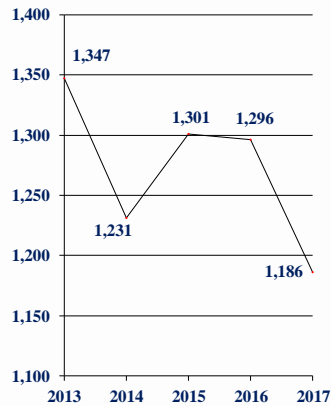
HOMICIDE CHARGES



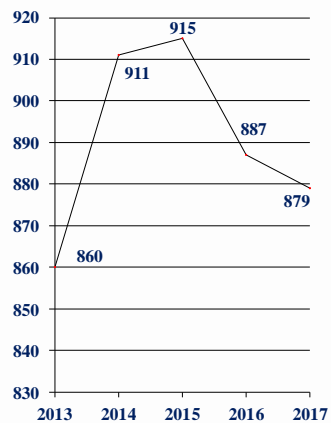
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CHARGES



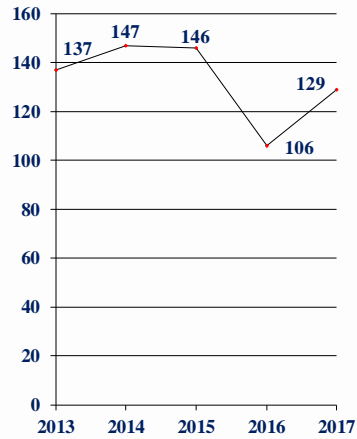
CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE CHARGES



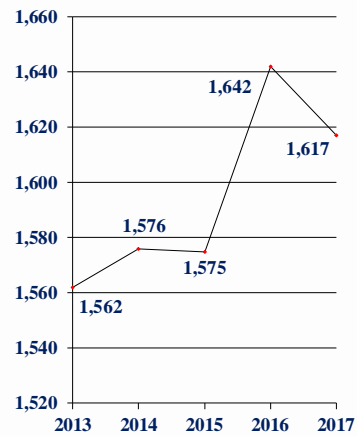
OUIL/OWI CHARGES



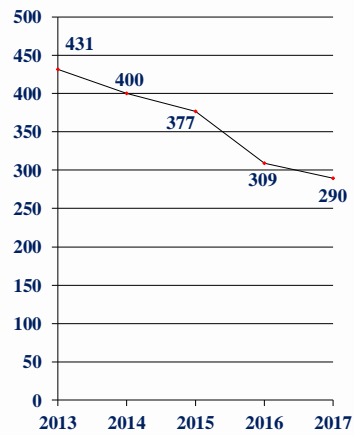
ROBBERY CHARGES



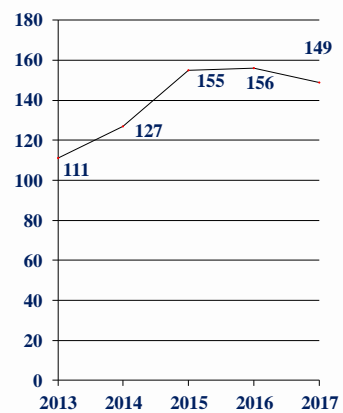
RETAIL FRAUD/ LARCENY CHARGES



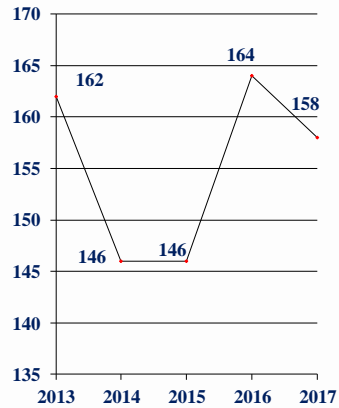
BURGLARY CHARGES



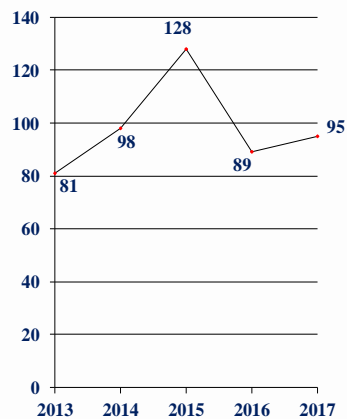
EMBEZZLEMENT CHARGES



CRIMINAL SEXUAL CONDUCT CHARGES



CHILD ABUSE 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.

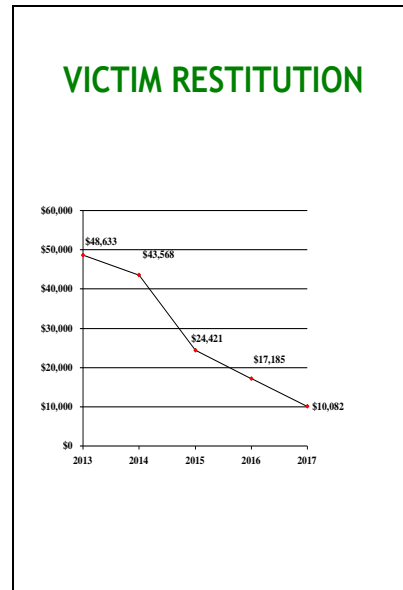
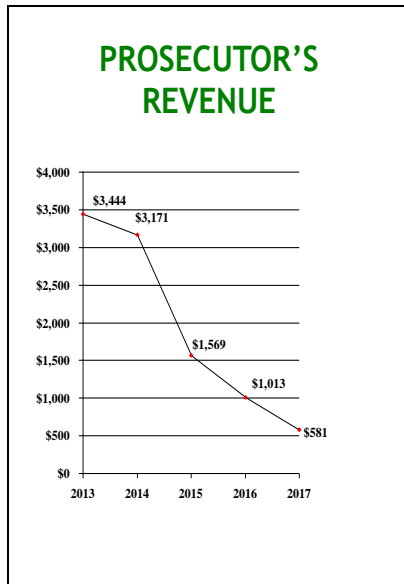
CASH/VEHICLES FORFEITED

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
KCSD					
Forfeitures Filed	4	3	3	4	4
Vehicles/Cash Forfeited	2/\$16,921	1/\$4,402	1/\$85,766	1/\$54,950	3/\$67,829
GRPD					
Forfeitures Filed	17	15	5	1	14
Vehicles/Cash Forfeited	3/\$31,516	11/\$63,408	3/\$16,212	1/\$271,017	16/\$19,458
MET					
Forfeitures Filed	4	6	5	3	2
Vehicles/Cash Forfeited	0/\$34,522	0/\$18,304	3/\$98,365	0/\$5,671	0/\$7,281
KANET					
Forfeitures Filed	0	0	0	0	0
Vehicles/Cash Forfeited	0/\$0	0/\$0	0/\$0	0/\$0	0/\$0
MSP (Rockford)					
Forfeitures Filed	0	0	0	1	0
Vehicles/Cash Forfeited	0/\$0	0/\$0	0/\$0	0/\$2,060	0/\$0
LOWELL PD					
Forfeitures Filed	0	1	2	0	0
Vehicles/Cash Forfeited	0/\$0	0/\$0	0/\$0	0/\$0	0/\$0
KENTWOOD PD					
Forfeitures Filed	1	5	0	0	0
Vehicles/Cash Forfeited	0/\$2,042	0/\$20,464	0/\$3,715	0/\$0	0/\$0
WYOMING PD					
Forfeitures Filed	0	0	0	0	0
Vehicles/Cash Forfeited	0/\$0	0/\$0	0/\$0	0/\$0	0/\$0
Total Forfeitures Filed	26	30	15	9	20
Total Vehicles/Cash Forfeited	5/\$85,001	12/\$106,57	7/\$204,058	2/\$333,698	19/\$94,468

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.

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Bad Check Program



Year	Prosecutor's Revenue	Victim Restitution	Class Attendance	Check Volume
2013	\$3,444	\$48,633	176	1,550
2014	\$3,171	\$43,568	135	1,339
2015	\$1,569	\$24,421	67	511
2016	\$1,013	\$17,185	35	464
2017	\$581	\$10,082	23	317
TOTALS	\$9,778	\$143,889	436	4,181

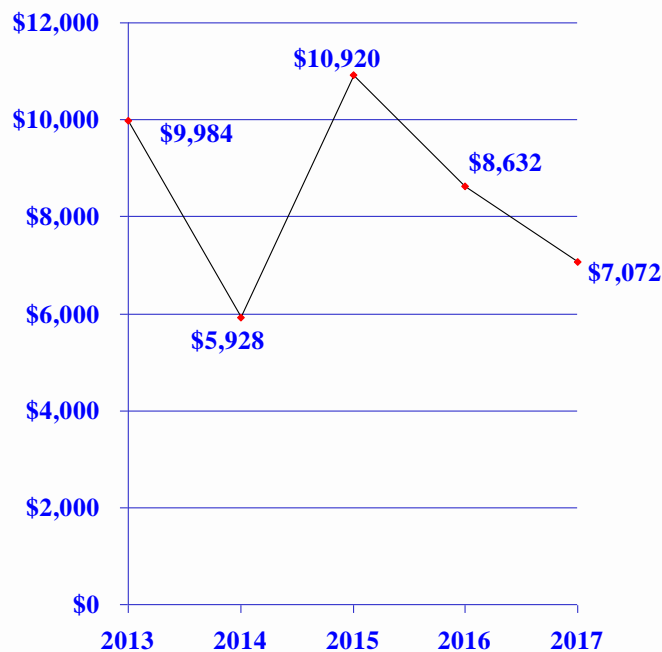
A bad check restitution program was initiated in November 2006. The program was implemented in an effort to assist local merchants with losses stemming from bad checks and to help ease the burden of check enforcement on local law enforcement agencies. In lieu of police agencies devoting precious resources 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. First time bad check offenders are given the opportunity to avoid criminal prosecution by going through the court services diversion program, 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) an already busy court system is freed from the burden of additional cases and the costs attendant to such cases. Total victim restitution since the program's inception is \$1,043,476.

REIMBURSEMENTS IN WELFARE FRAUD 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.

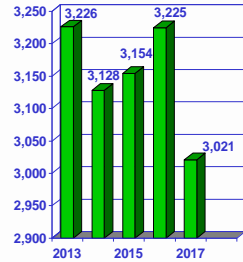
REIMBURSEMENTS IN DRIVER'S LICENSE RESTORATION CASES



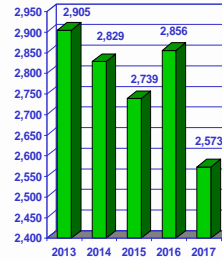
Pursuant to MCL 257.323, the Prosecuting Attorney represents the Secretary of State in response to a petition filed in circuit court for judicial review of a revocation or suspension of a driver's license imposed by the Secretary of State. The Office of the Prosecuting Attorney receives reimbursement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

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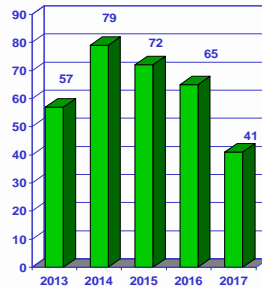
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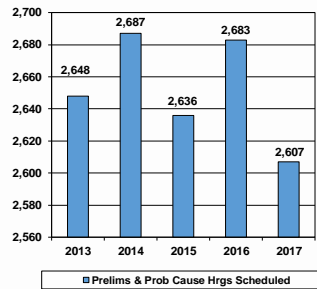


CIRCUIT COURT

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Cases Waived or Bound Over	3,226	3,128	3,154	3,225	3,021
Guilty Pleas					
Capital	161	125	138	159	109
Non-Capital	2,744	2,704	2,601	2,697	2,464
Total	2,905	2,829	2,739	2,856	2,573
Trials	76	57	79	65	41

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61ST DISTRICT COURT

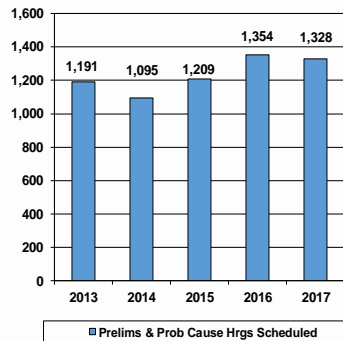


	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Probable Cause Hrgs Scheduled	*	*	1,996	2,046	2,018
Preliminary Exams Scheduled	2,648	2,687	640	637	589
Total PCH & PE's:			2,636	2,683	2,607
Waived - PCH/PE	1,430	1,505	1,089/239	1111/208	1081/186
Bound Over - PCH/PE	159	170	38/105	37/105	22/100
Misdemeanor Pleas - PCH/PE	313	274	277/80	291/73	250/52
Felony Pleas - PCH/PE	95	47	57/19	56/15	45/15
Adjourned	473	475	303	289	210
	(56-Drug Ct)	(57-Drug Ct)	(59-Drug Ct)	(66-Drug Ct)	(38-Drug Ct)
Nolle/Dism (By Court or Pros)	82	106	74	101	90
Defendant FTA	38	47	45	62	73
Pre-Trials	1,043	1,027	819	851	807
Jury Picks	420	412	325	297	239
Settlement Conferences	1,679	1,525	1,460	1,513	1,284
Formal Hearings	30	25	14	16	29
Trials Scheduled	229	216	135	142	144
Motions	94	67	106	100	116

* Effective January 1, 2015 legislation went into effect requiring a person arraigned on a felony charge be scheduled for a probable cause conference (rather than a preliminary examination). If a plea agreement is not reached and/or the defendant does not waive, a preliminary exam is then scheduled.

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63RD DISTRICT COURT

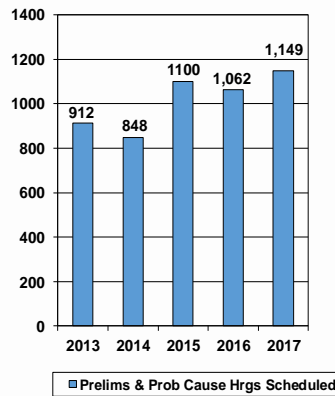


	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Probable Cause Hrgs Scheduled	*	*	916	1,074	993
Preliminary Exams Scheduled	1,191	1,095	293	280	335
Total PCH & PE's			1,209	1,354	1,328
Waived - PCH/PE	673	606	629	757	650
Bound Over - PCH/PE	38	49	42	46	36
Misdemeanor Pleas - PCH/PE	175	170	169	168	220
Felony Pleas - PCH/PE	36	25	28	16	9
Adjourned	233	200	90	105	101
Nolle/Dism (By Court or Pros)	38	31	30	17	32
Defendant FTA	9	7	20	27	16
Pre-Trials	4,442	4,409	5,005	4,960	4,345
Jury Picks (As of 2014 jury picks were scheduled day of trial.)	1,067	483	71	0	0
Formal Hearings	66	66	61	80	56
Trials Scheduled	308	208	264	316	425
Motions	119	103	86	79	97

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62ND DISTRICT COURT

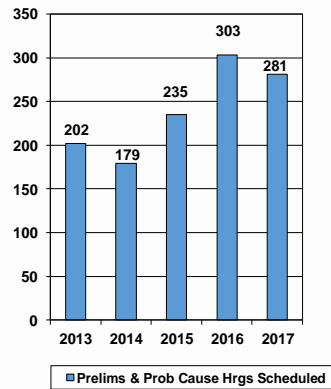


	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Probable Cause Hrgs Scheduled	*	*	891	841	888
Preliminary Exams Scheduled	912	848	209	221	261
Total PCH & PE's:			1,100	1,062	1,149
Waived - PCH/PE	546	521	644	570	569
Bound Over - PCH/PE	40	35	42	41	29
Misd Pleas - PCH/PE	119	113	125	123	139
Felony Pleas - PCH/PE	19	9	17	8	17
Adjourned	149	130	99	119	160
Nolle/Dism (By Court or Pros)	24	26	27	37	31
Defendant FTA	12	13	19	12	21
Pre-Trials	1,005	998	1,258	1,165	1,325
Jury Picks	138	134	217	170	240
Formal Hearings	6	2	2	7	12
Trials Scheduled	278	290	435	439	546
Motions	25	20	11	11	20

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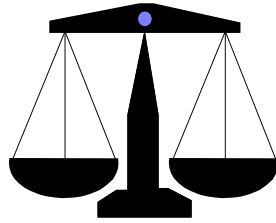
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59TH DISTRICT COURT



	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Probable Cause Hrgs Scheduled	*	*	196	247	243
Preliminary Exams Scheduled	202	179	39	56	38
Total PCH & PE's:			235	303	281
Waived - PCH/PE	124	129	148	179	177
Bound Over - PCH/PE	6	8	10	10	4
Misd Pleas - PCH/PE	24	19	36	36	40
Felony Pleas - PCH/PE	21	7	3	4	5
Adjourned	20	15	8	18	18
Nolle/Dism (By Court or Pros)	3	1	4	7	2
Defendant Failed to Appear	4	0	2	1	4
Pre-Trials	366	444	403	453	441
Jury Picks	0	0	0	0	0
Formal Hearings	3	46	2	6	4
Trials Scheduled	3	11	12	15	19
Motions	9	8	3	9	10

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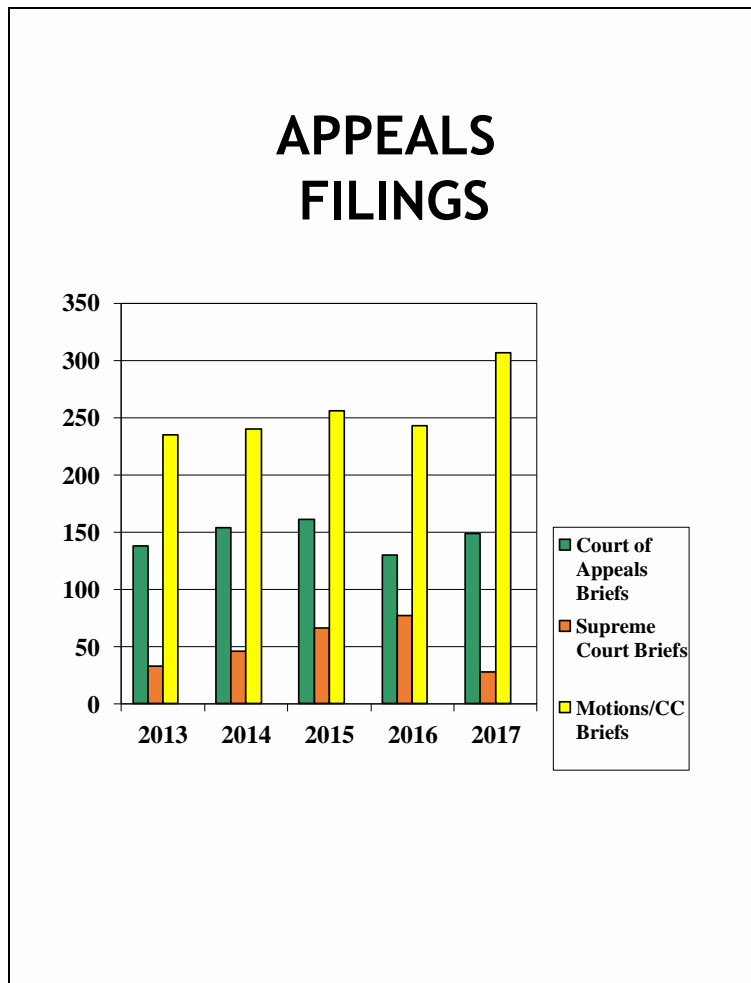


APPELLATE DIVISION

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 is 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.



APPELLATE DIVISION STATISTICS

Filings in:	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Court of Appeals	138	154	161	130	149
Supreme Court	33	46	66	77	28
District/Circuit Ct Pleadings/Briefs	235	240	256	243	307
TOTAL	406	440	462	450	526

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BOND FORFEITURES

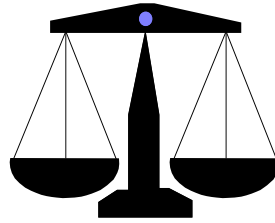
In 2004, we began to actively file bond forfeiture motions for defendants' failure to appear at hearings. The benefits of this are two-fold. First, they create additional revenue for the County. The County Clerk's Office receives any bond monies forfeited as a result of our filings. Second, Sureties 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 28 days in which to bring in the defendant to avoid judgment after bond forfeiture. Under limited circumstances, the Surety can later obtain relief from the judgment provided that 1) defendant has been returned to custody, 2) the ends of justice have not been thwarted, and 3) the county has been repaid its costs for apprehending the person. MCL 765.28.

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Bond Forfeitures Filed	31	17	26	36	34

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
2013	75,000	(32,500)	42,500	2013	24,096	(1,250)	-	-	7,201	
2014	22,500	(28,750)	(6,250)	2014	17,188	(10,000)	-	-	15,521	
2015	42,000	(7,700)	34,300	2015	25,251	(3,900)	-	-	14,028	
2016	283,000	(60,125)	222,875	2016	85,517	(15,000)	-	-	-	
2017	243,350	(152,250)	91,100	2017	50,114	(61,522)	100.00	2,128	57,028	
Total	\$665,850	(\$281,325)	\$384,525	Total	\$202,166	(\$91,672)	\$100	\$2,128	\$93,778	\$24,364.50

*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

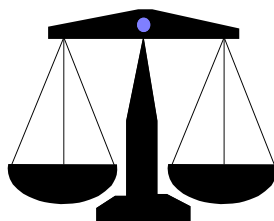
1. An explanation of the criminal justice system and a victim's rights within the criminal justice system.
2. Contact with the victim from arraignment to disposition of the case.
3. Assistance with applying for Crime Victim's Compensation.
4. Provide case status information.
5. Link victims and families 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

Rita Caruth -----Victim Witness Coordinator

61st District Court

Noemy Aguilar----- Victim Witness Advocate

Vicki Plowman----- Victim Witness Advocate

Briana Krepps----- Victim Witness Advocate

63rd District Court

Kristine Andrus ----- Victim Witness Advocate

62A (Wyoming), 62B (Kentwood), 59G (Grandville) & 59W (Walker) District Courts

Tasha Broy ----- Victim Witness Advocate

Juvenile/Family Court

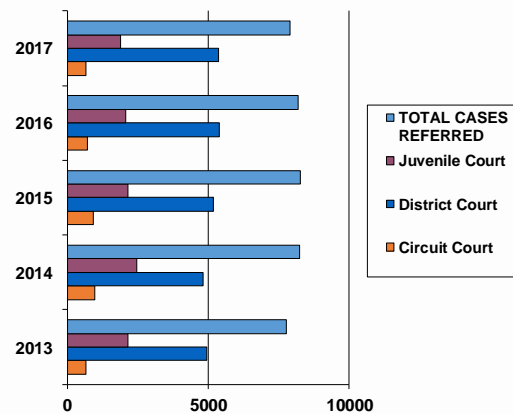
Jolynn Zirnhelt - Delinquency Cases ----- Victim Witness Advocate

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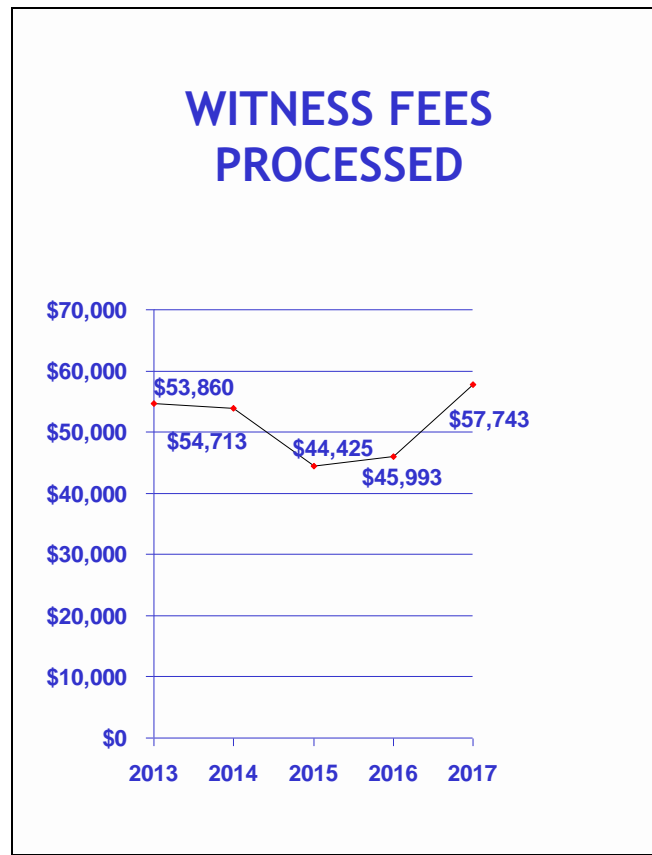
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Cases Referred	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Circuit Court	662	981	934	728	658
District Court	4,953	4,809	5,180	5,402	5,365
Juvenile Court	2,146	2,459	2,154	2,064	1,884
TOTAL	7,761	8,249	8,268	8,194	7,907

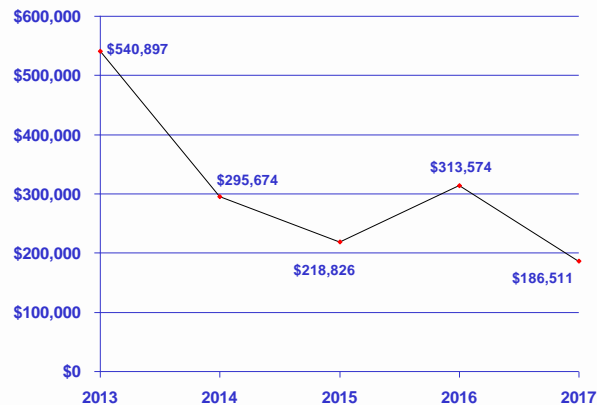
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Witnesses Subpoenaed	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Police					
Adult Cases	11,701	14,570	12,560	11,270	14,484
Juvenile Cases	165	240	147	151	520
Civilians					
Adult Cases	8,726	10,051	8,231	4,569	4,162
Juvenile Cases	1,146	1,128	1,021	1,056	1,099
TOTAL					
Adult Cases	20,427	24,621	20,791	17,046	18,646
Juvenile Cases	1,311	1,368	1,168	1,167	1,619
Witness Fees Processed					
Adult Cases	\$38,881	\$40,988	\$33,828	\$40,120	\$54,845
Juvenile Cases	\$15,832	\$12,872	\$10,597	\$5,873	\$2,898
TOTAL	\$54,713	\$53,860	\$44,425	\$45,993	\$57,743

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CRIME VICTIM'S COMPENSATION AWARDS



VICTIM/WITNESS UNIT

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
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Crime Victim's Compensation

State Awards to Victims	\$540,897	\$295,674	\$218,826	\$313,574	\$186,511
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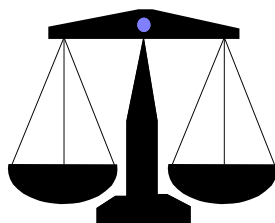
The Michigan Crime Victim Compensation Act of 1976 may provide financial assistance to crime victims who are injured, or who lose earnings or support because of a crime committed in Michigan. Section 18.351 of the Michigan Compiled Laws governs the Michigan Crime Victims Compensation Board. Members of the Victim/Witness Unit assist victims in applying for this compensation when applicable.

No. of Victims Assisted with Crime Victims Compensations Claims

	364	520	452	393	302
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The Department of Community Health's Crime Victim Services Commission provides grant monies each year to prosecuting attorney offices throughout the state in an effort to ensure victims are provided assistance.

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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 responsible and financially able to provide for their children; thereby shifting the burden for the support of minor children from the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services to the responsible parent. Furthermore, legal representation is provided to any Kent County resident seeking assistance with the establishment of paternity and/or child support. In return, the county receives an incentive of all monies collected.

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COOPERATIVE REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM

Fiscal Year is October 1 to September 30

	2012/2013	2013/2014	2014/2015	2015/2016	2016/2017
Personnel	19	19	19	19	19
Approved Budget	\$1,859,762	\$1,811,280	\$1,949,095	\$1,932,496	\$1,963,035
State Funds Expended	\$1,165,235	\$1,159,497	\$1,187,813	\$1,243,527	\$1,295,603
County Funds Expended	\$600,273	\$597,316	\$611,903	\$640,605	\$666,432
Actual Budget	\$1,765,508	\$1,756,813	\$1,799,716	\$1,884,131	\$1,449,007
Cases Opened	3,283	3,943	3,865	3,655	3,980
Cases Continued	1,820	1,704	2,018	2,076	2,004
Cases Closed	3,399	3,865	4,053	3,916	3,732
Cases Pending	1,323	1,782	1,830	1,815	2,252
Judgments	2,670	2,889	2,812	2,704	2,159

The rules governing case closure require us to keep a case in “locate” (i.e. pending) for up to 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 attempts to resolve the non-compliance issue. Consequently, these rules restrict what we can do to reduce or limit the number of “Cases Pending”.

IN-OFFICE SERVICE

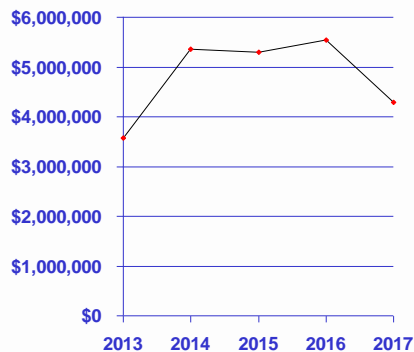
Non-custodial parties (NCP's) in paternity and support cases must be personally served with a Complaint and Summons once the case is filed with the court. The average cost to serve an NCP is around \$28.00, but can be more, especially if they live or work outside of Kent County. In May 2014, a process for scheduling dates for the NCP to appear in the office for service in lieu of sending cases to a process server for personal service was implemented. Not only does this save money, it offers an opportunity for service to be done privately (not at work or home), allows them an opportunity to file an Answer right away, and if appropriate, for genetic testing to be done the same day. This provides for speedier processing and resolution of the case.

2017 Statistics:

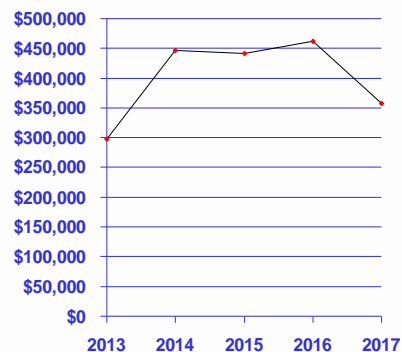
- 1,113 NCP's were scheduled to come in for service; 546 (49%) appeared and were served resulting in approximately \$15,288 in savings.
- 467 (85%) of those served filed an Answer the same day and avoided default.
- 105 genetic tests were completed the same day the NCP was served and filed an Answer, freeing up timeslots for other parties to be scheduled for testing sooner.

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SUPPORT ORDERED ANNUALLY



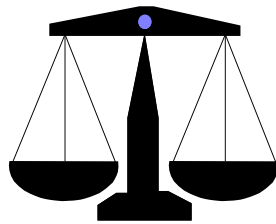
SUPPORT ORDERED MONTHLY



	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Support Ordered Monthly	\$297,326*	\$446,829*	\$441,167*	\$462,261*	\$357,465
Support Ordered Annually	\$3,567,912*	\$5,361,948*	\$5,294,004*	\$5,547,132*	\$4,289,580
Cost Per Positive Disposition	\$661	\$608	\$640	\$696	\$671
Cases Completed w/i 6 months from Service Date	96%	96%	97%	98%	89%
Cases Completed w/i 12 months from Service Date	96%	96%	96%	98%	89%
Cases w/Support Orders Entered	80%	80%	82%	82%	80%
Cases w/Paternity Established	97%	95%	100%	98%	98%

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.



JUVENILE DIVISION

The staff of the Juvenile Division has three primary areas of responsibility: delinquency, child protective proceedings, 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.

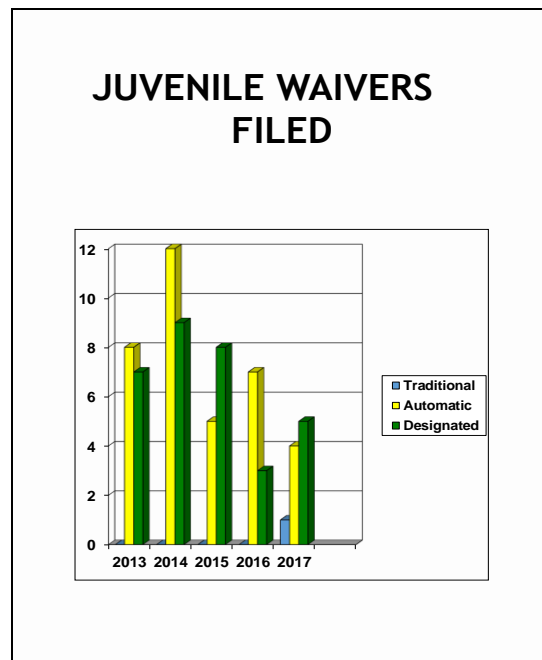
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JUVENILE DIVISION STATISTICS

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
DELINQUENCY					
Delinquency Trials	16 NJT = 15 JT = 1	20 NJT = 15 JT = 5	13 NJT = 11 JT = 2	8 NJT=7 JT=1	24 NJT=21 JT=3
Delinquency PTCs	661	646	613	610	622
Delinquency Pleas	611	701	674	504	594
Delinquency Jury Demands	345	459	506	466	683
Disposition Hearings	290	354	321	366	359
Review Hearings	330	361	265	277	297
Delinquency Petitions Authorized	2,146	2,459	2,154	2,064	1,884
Delinquency Petitions Denied	220	238	279	286	278
<u>NEGLECT</u>					
Neglect Conferences	291	303	325	358	332
Termination Confs Petitions Authorized	131	139	125	111	116
Contested Neglect Hearings	755	835	871	872	936
Contested Termination Hearings	322	318	326	284	256
Other Neglect Hearings	159	164	89	130	108
Motions and OTSC Hearings	138	94	83	82	110
Personal Protection Order Hearings	80	80	83	86	78
Incompetency Hearings	596	630	597	553 298-Kent 255-Other Counties	608 329-Kent 279-Other Counties

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	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Traditional Waivers Filed	0	0	0	0	1
Traditional Waivers Granted	0	0	0	0	1
Automatic (Direct) Waivers Filed	8	12	5	7	4

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.

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Designated Waivers	7	9	3	3	5

A “designated” waiver results in an adult conviction but allows the judge the discretion to sentence the offender as a juvenile.

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DIVERSION PROGRAM STATISTICS

Prosecutor Referrals	2014	2015	2016	2017	Diff. 16-17
Total Year	90	80	90	64	-26
Average Month	7.5	6.67	7.5	5.3	-2.2
Offenders Enrolled					
Total Year	80	80	82	61	-21
Average Month	6.7	6.7	6.8	5	-1.8
Offenders Rejected					
Total Year	6	4	5	5	0
Average Month	0.5	0.34	0.4	0.4	0
Offenders Revoked					
Total Year	14	9	14	10	-4
Average Month	1.16	0.75	1.16	0.8	-0.36
Yearly Percentage	18%	10%	19%	13%	-6%
Successful Completions					
Total Year	63	85	59	67	8
Average Month	5.3%	7.10%	4.90%	5.6%	0.7%
Yearly Percentage	82%	90%	81%	87%	6%
Average Days in Program	505	188	202	223	21
Average Months in Program	6.5	6.1	6.6	7.3	0.7
	4 pending cases ending 2014	2 pending cases ending 2015	5 pending cases ending 2016	4 pending cases ending 2017	
FEES COLLECTED					
Diversion Fee					
Total Year	\$32,174.21	\$41,473.25	\$33,799.89	\$28,693.00	(\$5,106.89)
Average Month	\$2,681.18	\$3,456.10	\$2,816.66	\$2,391.00	(\$425.66)
Restitution					
Total Year	\$14,886.87	\$12,999.88	\$6,447.03	\$15,241.67	\$8,794.64
Average Month	\$1,240.57	\$1,083.32	\$538.92	\$1,270.05	\$731.13
Percentage Ordered v. Collected	83%	74%	48%		
Application Fee					
Total Year	\$1,875.00	\$1,950.00	\$1,800.00	\$1,590.00	(\$210)
Average Month	\$156.25	\$162.50	\$150.00	\$132.50	(\$17.50)

Diversion Program Statistics

