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A safe and just community

VISION

The Douglas County District Attorney's Office is committed to the fair and equitable administration of justice for victims and defendants.

As public servants, we work in transparency and seek accountability from the community.

We will explore alternatives to incarceration when appropriate and favor a holistic approach for vulnerable populations entering the criminal justice system.

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MESSAGE FROM THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY



SUZANNE VALDEZ
District Attorney

As District Attorney for the past three years, I have led a team of 15 attorneys, 20 professional staff members, and four law school interns through the COVID-19 pandemic and state court cybersecurity breach while upholding our mission to ensure a safe and just community. Through adaptability, my office uses our limited resources to prioritize prosecution of violent crime, including sexual assault of children and adults, intimate partner violence, and gun crimes, for which I have a zero-tolerance policy. Additionally, in response to the recent rise in fentanyl-related deaths, we have taken strong measures to prosecute individuals involved in distributing this highly addictive and deadly substance.

In 2023, we convened a University Sexual Assault Task Force comprised of students from Baker University, Haskell Indian Nations University, and the University of Kansas. I am proud of how this team of young people has engaged with our law enforcement and community partners to build community in addressing and preventing sexual violence. Furthermore, our office has been actively involved in public education regarding the dangers of fentanyl, conducting informative presentations within the community. Finally, my office continued to explore restorative justice alternatives and other forms of accountability in order to reduce the criminal justice footprint in Douglas County.

Our commitment to responsible criminal justice reform, fair and equal justice, supporting alternatives to incarceration, and engaging in community outreach remains steadfast. We continue to strive to prevent crime and support victims of crime in every possible way.

As you will see in this annual report and the data we have provided, my office had a very busy 2023! I am very proud to say that we work hard daily for the people of Douglas County. I invite you to review our annual reports from 2021 and 2022, available on our official Douglas County District Attorney website and social media platforms. These reports provide detailed insights into the accomplishments and success of my team in safeguarding our community. Thank you for your continued support.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Suzanne Valdez". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Suzanne Valdez
Douglas County District Attorney

MEET THE TEAM



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Senior Assistant District

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Paula Wunder
Investigator

OUR WORK

Highlights and initiatives undertaken in 2023



DA CREATES SEXUAL ASSAULT TASK FORCE FOR DOUGLAS COUNTY-BASED UNIVERSITIES

The Douglas County District Attorney's Office's first-of-its-kind, student-led task force kicked off with the start of the fall school semester.

The University Student Sexual Assault Prevention (USSAP) team, comprised of students from Haskell Indian Nations University, Baker University and The University of Kansas, began with the creation of its mission to combat sexual assault by "empowering collegiate communities through education and collaboration."

"The student task force really goes beyond just the education and conversation we are trying to develop and spread," KU student member Grace Connolly said. "It carries its own importance because it has helped us to create a more empowered community by building connections between three campuses that typically don't interact with each other much. We have learned so much from each other and have just made our individual efforts stronger."

Check our website in late summer 2024 for information about applying for the task force.



Haskell Indian Nations University hosted the task force's meetings at Blue Eagle Hall and Tommaney Library.



In November, the task force invited local law enforcement and community partners including #BeMoreLikeClaire and The Sexual Trauma & Abuse Care Center to a meeting on the Haskell Indian Nations University campus to let students know about resources available in the community.



FENTANYL CONVERSATIONS WITH LAWRENCE HIGH SCHOOLS, COMMUNITY AND KANSAS PROSECUTORS

The increase of fentanyl-related overdose deaths has prompted a community-wide education effort to raise awareness to the dangers of fentanyl poisoning.

In February, DA Valdez was part of an unprecedented initiative with Lawrence Public Schools, the Lawrence Kansas Police Department, FBI Kansas City, the Kansas Highway Patrol and DCCCA to talk about fentanyl poisoning from fake pills and other illegal drugs. The group spoke to students at both Lawrence high schools and a community forum.

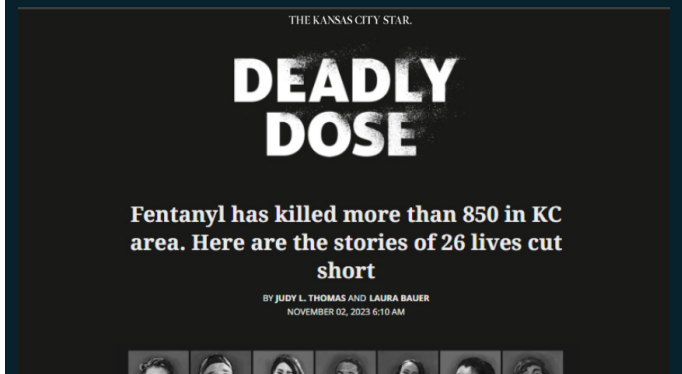
Throughout 2023, DA Valdez continued to raise awareness about fentanyl through classes at both Lawrence high schools, at community events and forums including "According to the Record with Hank Booth" on KLWN with Chief Lockhart.

The DA's Office also was featured in the Kansas City Star's series on the toll fentanyl has taken on the nine-county Kansas City area. The series examined Douglas County's more aggressive response to prosecuting those responsible for distributing fentanyl in our community. Read the series: <https://bit.ly/4bybbrV>.

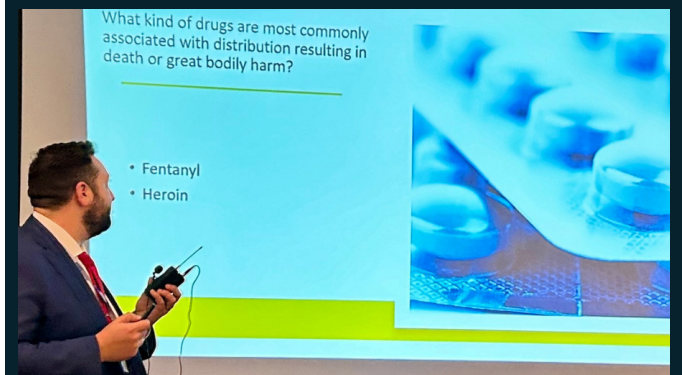
For those seeking substance abuse treatment resources in Kansas, call 211. Visit Lawrence-based nonprofit DCCCA, which provides free naloxone (Narcan) nasal spray, fentanyl test strips and training to community groups and Kansas residents, at <http://bit.ly/3xyc9IU>.



DA Valdez and Lawrence High School Student Karen Middleton at the Let's Talk Safety event in February.



The Kansas City Star examined fentanyl-related prosecutions including ongoing work by the Douglas County District Attorney's Office.



Senior Assistant District Attorney David Greenwald gave a presentation on fentanyl and prosecution at the Kansas County and District Attorneys Association's fall conference.



DA VALDEZ LAUNCHES DIGITAL EVIDENCE UNIT

In April, the DA's Office launched its Digital Evidence Unit with the Douglas County Sheriff's Office, the Lawrence Kansas Police Department and the Douglas County, Kansas Government's GIS Department. Too often, technology outpaces the law. This new unit promises to improve justice outcomes by streamlining evidence collection, improving analysis and augmenting court presentations.



DA'S OFFICE, KU LAW AND PUBLIC LIBRARY HOST EXPUNGEMENT CLINICS

Twice a year, the DA's Office joins with the University of Kansas School of Law's Legal Aid Clinic and the Lawrence Public Library to hold a community expungement clinic.

Expungement seals an arrest record, diversion or conviction from public view, with certain exceptions. The Legal Aid Clinic provides free legal representation to eligible individuals seeking expungements in Douglas County District Court and/or Lawrence Municipal Court.

"We are always grateful to have a hand in this event that serves as a catalyst for change for so many," DA Valdez said.

<p>MIRANDA RIGHTS CARD</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> You have the right to remain silent. Anything you say can be used against you in court. You have the right to talk to a lawyer for advice before we ask you any questions and to have your lawyer with you during questioning. If you cannot afford a lawyer and want one before we ask you any questions, one will be appointed. <p>(Over)</p>	<p>Derechos de Miranda</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Usted tiene el derecho de guardar/mantener silencio. Cualquier cosa que Usted diga puede y será usada contra Usted en la corte. Usted tiene el derecho de hablar con un abogado y tener un abogado presente durante el interrogatorio. Si no tiene medios para contratar a un abogado, se le asignara uno, sin costo, antes de iniciar el interrogatorio.
<p>5. If you decide to answer questions now without a lawyer present, you still have the right to stop answering at any time until you talk to a lawyer.</p> <p>Do you understand your rights? Are you willing to waive your rights and talk to us?</p>	<p>5. Si Usted decide contestar las preguntas, puede parar en el momento que desee y reclamar su derecho de solicitar un abogado.</p> <p>¿Entiende Usted sus derechos? ¿Esta Usted dispuesto a renunciar a estos derechos y hablar conmigo?</p>
<p>APROBADO: <i>Suzanne Valdez</i> Suzanne Valdez District Attorney, Douglas County, Kansas</p>	<p>APROBADO: <i>Suzanne Valdez</i> Suzanne Valdez District Attorney, Douglas County, Kansas</p>

DA'S OFFICE PUBLISHES MIRANDA WARNING CARDS IN SPANISH AND ENGLISH

The DA's Office now provides our law enforcement partners with Miranda cards in Spanish.

The warning protects individuals from self-incrimination and ensures that the accused are aware of their rights. Law enforcement swear to having recited the blue card's language to the accused when submitting cases to the DA's Office for possible charging.



PAPERLESS DA'S OFFICE HITS ONE-YEAR MARK DURING KS COURTS ONLINE SHUT DOWN

As part of DA Valdez's work to modernize the Office's outdated IT infrastructure and processes, the DA's Office implemented a new case management system, PROSECUTORbyKarpel (PbK). The system allowed the DA's Office to help the Courts in tracking hearings and keeping their calendars up to date while their systems were temporarily down.

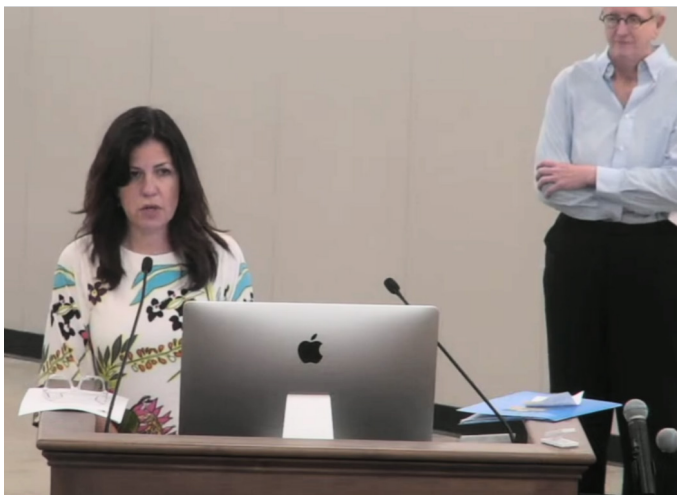
DA staff adapted to the new system quickly and the system continues to help streamline office workflows.



DA STAFF REVAMP TRAFFIC COURT TO SIMPLIFY PROCESS FOR CITIZENS

In 2023, the Office's case management system allowed for the entering of citation information digitally and stopped the need for triplicate forms.

A new online check-in system allows citizens to check in themselves and reduced the number of staff needed at traffic court. At DA Valdez's urging, traffic court also now has a Spanish interpreter in traffic court every Friday. The changes have streamlined the process and improved communication with citizens. The system also aided in keeping traffic court continuing after a security incident shuttered Kansas' online court system.



PARTNERSHIP ON TRUANCY PREVENTION AND RESTORATIVE JUSTICE BEGINS WITH LAWRENCE SCHOOLS

The USD 497 school board approved two memorandums of understanding (MOUs) with the DA's Office to provide early truancy intervention and a Restorative Justice Victim/Offender Dialogue Program. The truancy program includes partnering with Douglas County Criminal Justice Services, the Kansas Department of Children and Families, Center for Supportive Communities, and O'Connell Children's Shelter. Partners in the restorative justice program include Building Peace, Inc., and Douglas County Criminal Justice Services.



SPECIALTY COURT DIVERTS AT-RISK OFFENDERS TO TREATMENT INSTEAD OF PRISON

While helping to ensure public safety, specialty courts combine rigorous treatment and personal accountability, with the goal of breaking the cycle of criminal behavior.

In 2023, the number of Drug Court referrals grew from 30 in 2020 to 61 in 2023. The successful completion rate was 53 percent from 2020 to 2023, according to the Drug Court's 2024 Report. The average time in Drug Court was 15.6 months for participants who successfully graduated from 2020 to 2023. The number of BHC referrals also was on track to more than double from the 41 referrals received in 2020. The BHC's 2023 Report, released in August 2023, reported that participants who successfully graduated in the first half of the year stayed in the program an average of 14.2 months. The overall success rate from 2018 to 2023 was 51 percent.

The community plan to end homelessness in Douglas County, "A Place for Everyone", also received support from DA Valdez for the plan's Transition and Supportive Housing components which provide alternatives for those engaged in the criminal justice system and specialty court programs. Read the plan: <https://bit.ly/3QF1AY7>.

Work also continued in 2023 on creation of a Veterans Treatment Court which would assist veterans charged with crimes and who are struggling with addiction, mental illness or co-occurring disorders.



Behavioral Health Court graduations are a highlight for all participants in the program.



Drug Court graduations include recognizing community businesses and service groups for helping participants be successful.



Specialty courts require collaboration among the DA's Office, the court, Criminal Justice Services, defense attorneys, law enforcement, and community-based partners.



DA STAFF HONE THEIR EXPERTISE AND PROVIDE LEGAL TRAINING TO PROSECUTORS AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS

Throughout the year, DA staff participate in and lead training events. Training program participation and presentation enables staff to share their legal expertise and increase their own knowledge.

Among the events in 2023:

- The DA's Special Victims Unit (SVU) met with Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner nurses from Lawrence Memorial Hospital to gain insight into their trauma-informed practice of patient care and to provide an in-depth look at what happens at trial.
- DA staff participated in continuing training with the Children's Advocacy Center of Douglas County. The training, "Investigating Crimes Against Children with Disabilities-Considerations for Law Enforcement", focused on the most effective investigative steps to take when called to handle a matter involving a victim and/or witness with disabilities.
- Staff led a training on closing arguments at Trial Advocacy School hosted by the Kansas County & District Attorneys Association and the Kansas Prosecutors Training & Assistance Institute.
- The DA's Office invited the Kansas City Missouri Police Department to lead a digital evidence training for area law enforcement.
- Chief Attorney Shannon Wilson, who leads the Sedgwick County District Attorney's general criminal trial division, provided training on jury selection to the DA Office's SVU unit.



In June, Deputy DA Seiden provided Affidavit Writing Training to our local law enforcement partners.



In August, the Douglas County Sheriff's Office invited DA staff to participate in its defensive driving and tactical vehicle intervention training.



The DA's Office hosted legal professionals from other nations including Kenya, Israel, Ecuador, Morocco and Romania through the International Visitor Leadership Program with Global Ties U.S. and the U.S. Department of State.



SEEKING COMMUNITY INPUT AND PROMOTING UNDERSTANDING OF THE ROLE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

A cornerstone of DA Valdez's effort for a safe and just community is strengthening connections to the community and increasing community members understanding of the role of the District Attorney's Office.

A highlight of this effort took place with Lawrence high schools in 2023. Both high schools invited DA Valdez into classes and seminar sessions where DA Valdez made presentations about the DA's Office mission and the value of public service. One of DA Valdez's goals is to encourage youth to feel empowered to advocate for themselves and others. The discussions also provided students with the opportunity to ask about the criminal justice system in Douglas County and voice their public safety concerns, particularly after youth-involved incidents in the community.

The following Community Engagement section of our annual report highlights additional events, discussions and forums hosted or attended by DA Valdez and staff to strengthen community outreach and to build the public's confidence in the criminal justice system.



DA Valdez with students at Lawrence High School.



DA Valdez with students at Free State High School.



The Women for Kansas Douglas County Chapter hosted DA Valdez to a community forum about the DA's Office and the role of the DA.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Fostering a dialogue to better understand our community's needs and concerns



JANUARY

KANSAS DAY AT CONSTITUTION HALL STATE HISTORIC SITE
 DA Valdez introduced author/historian Jonathan Earle at his 2023 Bleeding Kansas Program discussion, "If I Went West, I Think I Would Go to Kansas: Abraham Lincoln, the Sunflower State, and the Election of 1860."



JANUARY

16TH ANNUAL MLK JR. COMMUNITY BREAKFAST
 The Jayhawk Breakfast Rotary Club and Ecumenical Ministers of Lawrence sponsored an inspiring event that featured retired U.S. Army Col. Gary Steele talk, "Choose the Harder Right Instead of the Easier Wrong."



JANUARY

MLK JR CELEBRATION AT LIBERTY MEMORIAL CENTRAL MIDDLE SCHOOL
 DA Valdez spoke about public service during the middle school's celebration where students and staff were recognized for their work in bringing Dr. King's dream to fruition.



FEBRUARY

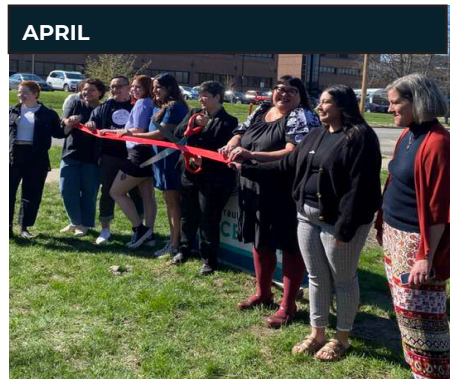
EAST LAWRENCE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION (ELNA) MEETING
 DA Valdez met with members of the ELNA at its monthly meeting at the Santa Fe Depot to discuss the DA's Office's ongoing work and answer questions and concerns about public safety in our community.



MARCH

DISTRICT ATTORNEY

DISCUSSION WITH BIKERS AGAINST CHILD ABUSE INTERNATIONAL (BACA)
 BACA members visited the DA's Office as part of the organization's ongoing mission to empower children and create safer environments for abused children.



APRIL

SEXUAL TRAUMA & ABUSE CARE CENTER'S RIBBON CUTTING
 DA Valdez attended the Sexual Trauma & Abuse Care Center's ribbon cutting for its new office at 330 Main Street. The center provides 24/7 support to those affected by sexual trauma and abuse in DG, FR and JF counties.



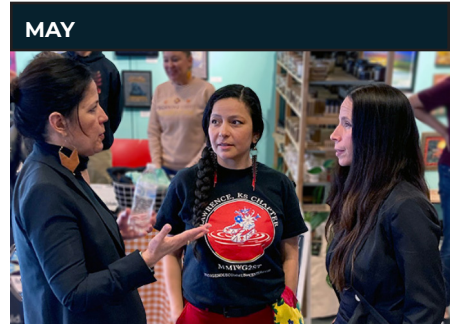
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TAKE BACK THE NIGHT
 The DA's Office took part in The Care Center's Take Back the Night event that's dedicated to ending sexual violence and supporting survivors.



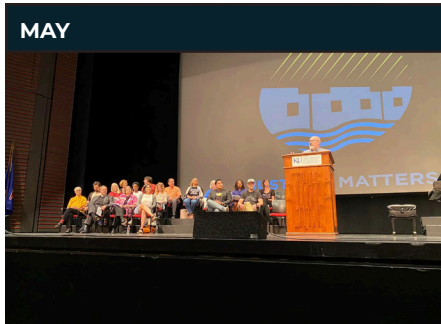
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O'CONNELL CHILDREN'S SHELTER
 DA Valdez and staff toured the shelter's grounds to learn more about the shelter's programming which supports Kansas youth in need of assistance.



MAY

MMIWG2ST : ACTIONS FOR JUSTICE AWARENESS WEEK
 DA Valdez spoke at the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls, Two-Spirit and Trans kickoff event.



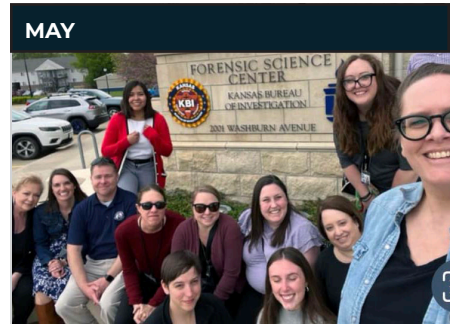
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2023 JUSTICE MATTERS ACTION ASSEMBLY
 DA Valdez and staff attended the annual assembly hosted by a local coalition of faith-based groups.



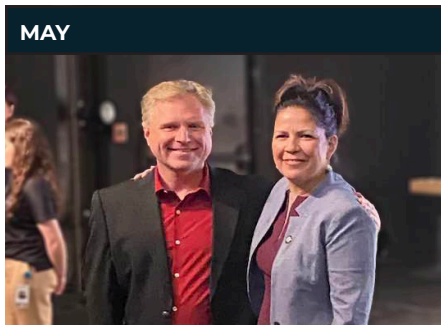
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DOUGLAS COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION LAW DAY 2023
 DA Valdez invited KCMO Mayor Quinton Lucas to celebrate the rule of law at the annual Law Day program.



MAY

KANSAS BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION TOUR
 Staff toured the KBI's Forensic Science Center to learn about the science behind law enforcement investigations.



MAY

CRISIS PREVENTION SERVICES PANEL PRESENTATION
 DA Valdez attended the community discussion about services available to those in crisis.



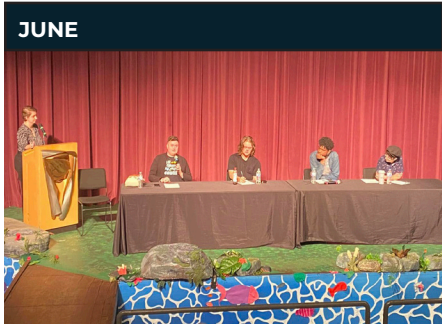
JUNE

LAWRENCE PRIDE PARADE
 Our office joined Lawrence PRIDE's first ever street parade down Massachusetts Street, celebrating our LGBTQ+ community.



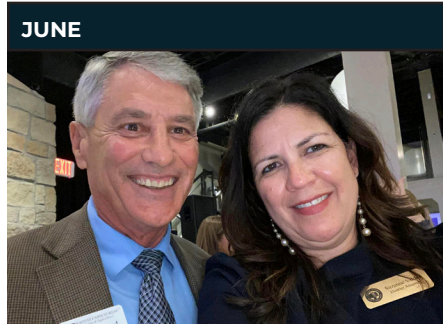
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GROWING RESTORATIVE COMMUNITIES CONFERENCE
 DA Valdez and staff attended the Restorative Kansas Conference held at Haskell Indian Nations University.



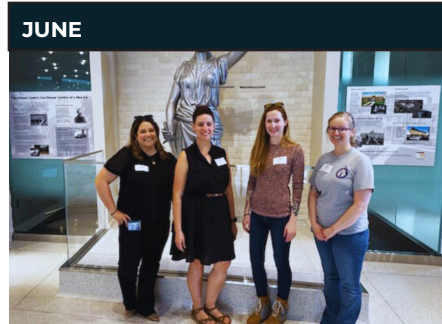
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EXISTENCE AND RESISTANCE : A LGBTQ+ ACTIVISTS PANEL
 Staff attended the panel discussion which raised awareness about LGBTQ+ social and political issues.



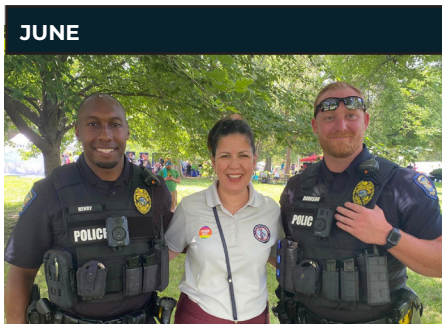
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DOUGLAS COUNTY FARM BUREAU LEGISLATIVE DINNER
 DA Valdez met with farm bureau members to discuss their concerns including the fentanyl epidemic.



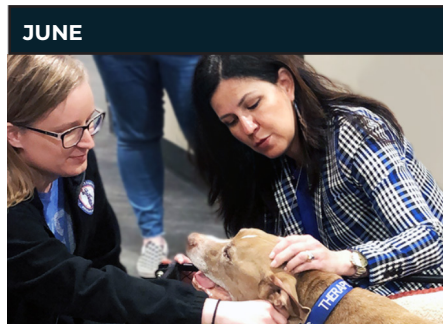
JUNE

JOHNSON COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE TOUR
 Staff visited the Johnson County Courthouse to see how the newer building meets its community needs.



JUNE

JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION
 Staff volunteered at the community celebration that featured a parade, tabling, and a performance by Grammy-award winner Macy Gray.



JUNE

MEMORIAL PLAQUE PRESENTATION TO LEONIDAS
 The DA's Office honored Leonidas the Amazing 3-Legged Dog who had served on the Behavioral Health Court's team.



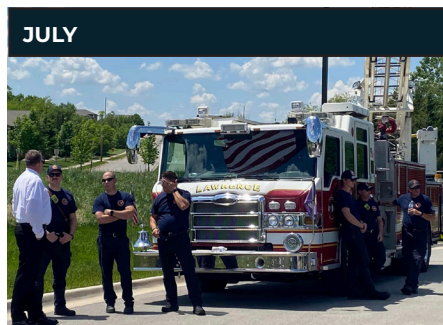
JULY

2023 DOUGLAS COUNTY FAIR
 DA Valdez joined other county officials in judging the fair's delicious annual pie baking event. The 2024 fair will run from July 29 to August 3.



JULY

HARVARD REFORM-MINDED PROSECUTION STUDY
 DA Valdez took part in a Harvard study about reform-minded prosecution and barriers to institutional change.



JULY

INTERVIEW PANELS FOR LAWRENCE-DOUGLAS COUNTY FIRE MEDICAL
 Throughout 2023, DA Valdez took part in interviewing LDCFM candidates.



AUGUST

LEADERSHIP DOUGLAS COUNTY
 As a member of the Douglas County Community Foundation's 2023 Class, DA Valdez received an in-depth look at our area's history, needs and resources.



AUGUST

REMATRIATION OF THE SACRED RED ROCK TO THE KAW NATION
 DA Valdez joined the community ceremony to return the 28-ton sacred rock to the Kaw Nation after 94 years.



AUGUST

KLWN'S LAWRENCE BUSINESS MAGAZINE W/ STEVEN HERTZOG
 DA Valdez and Deputy DA Joshua Seiden discussed current happenings in the DA's Office.



SEPTEMBER

DRUG COURT RECOVERY WALK
 DA staff took part in the annual event that featured Leavenworth Mayor Jermaine Wilson, who previously spent three years in prison on drug charges.



SEPTEMBER

FENTANYL DISCUSSION
 DA Valdez and LKPD Chief Rich Lockhart met with community members at the St. Lawrence Catholic Campus Center to talk about fentanyl.



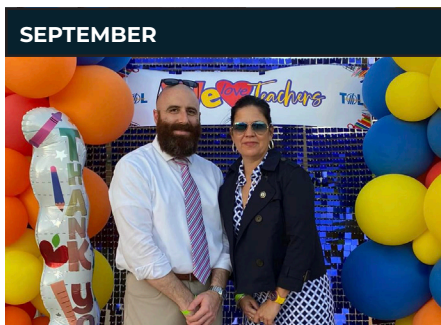
SEPTEMBER

NATIONAL PROSECUTOR/RETAILER STORE WALK MONTH
 DA Valdez toured stores to listen to retailers' concerns as part of a National District Attorneys Association effort.



SEPTEMBER

INAUGURATION OF HASKELL PRESIDENT FRANK ARPAN
 DA Valdez was honored to attend Haskell Indian Nations University's inauguration of President Arpan.



SEPTEMBER

LAWRENCE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE'S TASTE OF LAWRENCE
 DA staff attended the annual food and cultural event that honors educators.



SEPTEMBER

CONSTITUTION DAY
 DA Valdez and Senior Assistant DA Jim Carpenter read portions of the constitution as part of a community commemoration of the constitution.



OCTOBER

#BEMORELIKECLAIRE VIGIL
 Held during Domestic Violence Awareness Month, DA Valdez closed the night with a reading. The vigil also hosts a Clothesline Project each year.



OCTOBER

PERSONAL CARE DRIVE FOR THE BALLARD COMMUNITY CENTER
 The DA's Office hosted a personal care drive for the Ballard Center's community pantry.



OCTOBER

#BEMORELIKECLAIRE'S ASKABLE ADULT CAMPAIGN
 DA Valdez joined the campaign that helps build the skills necessary to be approachable adults for young people.



OCTOBER

TRICK OR TREAT EVENT
 The DA's Office organized a trick or treat event for kids at the Judicial and Law Enforcement Center that included all county offices in the building.



NOVEMBER

SOMOS LAWRENCE'S DAY OF THE DEAD
 DA staff joined the celebration that featured a community ofrenda, honoring those stolen by gun violence.



NOVEMBER

VETERAN'S DAY BREAKFAST WITH THE LAWRENCE INDIAN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
 Deputy DA Seiden took part in the event that honors area veterans.



NOVEMBER

SEXUAL TRAUMA & ABUSE CARE CENTER'S SHOW UP FOR SURVIVORS
 DA Valdez joined the community in recognizing supporters and advocates.



NOVEMBER

CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTER'S PARTNER LUNCHEON
 DA Valdez represented the DA's Office at the partner luncheon for the center where she also serves on its board.



DECEMBER

HOLIDAY BUREAU FOR THE BALLARD COMMUNITY CENTER
 DA staff celebrated the holiday season by adopting four area families in need.



DECEMBER

LAWRENCE CHAMBER GOV'T & COMMUNITY AFFAIRS LUNCHEON
 Each month, DA Valdez takes part in The Chamber meeting which focuses on community issues.

PROSECUTIONS

Notable 2023 Cases



STATE V. BRUCE S. SPRINGSTEEN

In 2023, Springsteen pleaded no contest to attempted sexual exploitation of a child by conducting internet searches for child sexual abuse material, a violation of his probation terms set in a similar 2021 case. In 2023, Judge Stacey Donovan sentenced Springsteen to 68 months in the Kansas Department of Corrections (KDOC) which will be served consecutively to his previous 24-month sentence for violating his probations terms. Springsteen was already subject to lifetime registration as a sex offender based on his previous conviction.

STATE V. EDUARDO MARTINEZ DIAZ

In 2023, Martinez Diaz was sentenced for two counts of criminal discharge of a firearm in connection to a 2021 shooting in north Lawrence. Judge Merlin Wheeler sentenced Martinez Diaz, who pleaded guilty in December 2022, to 36 months probation with a 64-month underlying sentence in prison if Martinez Diaz violates the terms of his probation. Martinez Diaz also must register as a violent offender for 15 years. Martinez Diaz was one of three defendants charged in connection with the shooting of a passenger in a vehicle on May 27, 2021.

STATE V. ADRIAN J. MARTINEZ

Martinez pleaded guilty to involuntary manslaughter while driving under the influence and aggravated battery while driving under the influence for causing the 2022 New Year's Day crash that killed a 20-year-old Lawrence man and seriously injured two others. In 2023, Judge Amy Hanley sentenced Martinez to 75 months in prison for involuntary manslaughter-DUI and 34 months for aggravated battery-DUI. The sentences will run consecutively. Upon release from prison, Martinez will serve 36 months post-release supervision.

STATE V. ERNEST F. INGRAM II

Ingram was sentenced to 253 months in prison for raping a 13-year-old Lawrence girl in 2021 and six months for furnishing alcohol to the minor for illicit purposes. In 2023, Judge Amy Hanley sentenced Ingram, who pleaded guilty in December 2022, for both convictions that are to be served consecutively. Ingram will be subject to lifetime post-release supervision and must register as a lifetime sex offender. The charges stemmed from incidents that occurred on or about September 20 through September 22, 2021. Ingram was at a residence in the 400 block of North Street in Lawrence.

STATE V. BRANDON A. SEEPERSAD

A jury returned a guilty verdict on one count of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon against Seepersad. Charges stemmed from an incident that occurred shortly before midnight on March 27, 2021 when Seepersad pointed a loaded gun at a tow truck driver who was authorized to tow unpermitted cars from an apartment complex located at 1000 Emery Road in Lawrence. At the time of the incident, the tow truck driver had been in the process of loading Seepersad's vehicle for towing. In 2023, Judge Amy Hanley sentenced Seepersad to 13 months in prison but suspended the sentence to 24 months probation.

STATE V. AXEL R. BORDELON

A jury returned guilty verdicts against Bordelon on two counts of aggravated sexual battery. Charges stemmed from two incidents in 2014. The first incident occurred in July of 2014 and the second occurred in November of 2014. Judge Sally Pokorny sentenced Bordelon in 2023 to 64 months in prison but suspended the sentence to 36 months probation. Bordelon must register as a sex offender for 25 years.

STATE V. KENNETH W. MILLS

In 2023, Mills was sentenced to life in prison with no possibility for parole for 25 years for aggravated criminal sodomy. In August 2022, a jury convicted Mills of engaging in sexual contact with a female child who was under his care and residing in his Lawrence home in 2010 and 2011. If released from prison, Mills is ordered to register as a sex offender for life and will be on lifetime parole.

STATE V. MATTHEW DAVID ZAITZ

In 2023, Zaitz was sentenced to 52 months in prison for a 2020 crash that seriously injured his passenger. A jury had returned guilty verdicts in November 2022 against Zaitz on one count of aggravated battery and one count of driving under the influence. Charges stemmed from an incident that occurred in the early morning hours on October 3, 2020 near the intersection of North 1500 Road and East 1750 Road. Judge Amy Hanley imposed concurrent prison terms of 52 months for aggravated battery and 12 months for driving under the influence.

STATE V. JALIL L. BROWN

Brown was sentenced in 2023 to 36 months probation after receiving a 73-month suspended sentence for aggravated indecent liberties with a child and sexual exploitation of a child. Under a plea supported by the victims, Brown is barred from contact with his victims and is subject to lifetime post-release supervision. He also must register as a sex offender. Charges against Brown stemmed from two incidents that occurred in January 2022. Brown, who was then a Free State High School paraeducator, was charged with lewd fondling or touching of a 15-year-old's leg while the teen was a passenger in his car and for having images of a child under the age of 18 on his phone.

STATE V. ANDREIOS S. ALEXANDER

Alexander, who pleaded no contest in February 2023, was sentenced to 36 months in prison for the 2022 aggravated sexual battery of a Lawrence woman who was incapable of giving consent due to a mental deficiency or disease. All parties utilized the District Attorney's Office's Independent Assessment Conference (IAC), a voluntary program overseen by a retired judge. Alexander, who was sentenced by Judge Stacey Donovan, must register as a sex offender for 25 years. Upon release from prison, Alexander will be on lifetime post-release supervision.

STATE V. ADAM B. AMYX JR.

Amyx was sentenced in 2023 to 72 months in prison for attempted second-degree murder of a female passerby he tried to throw into the Kansas River in April 2022. Judge Stacey Donovan sentenced Amyx, who pleaded no contest to the charge in March 2023, to 36 months post-release supervision. Amyx also will be required to register as a violent offender for 15 years.

STATE V. JOHN TIMOTHY PRICE

Price was sentenced in 2023 to 48 months in prison for felony aggravated assault, felony interference with law enforcement and felony criminal damage to property and one year in county jail for misdemeanor battery on a law enforcement officer and misdemeanor criminal damage following incidents that occurred in September 2021. The convictions resulted from back-to-back trials in December 2022. Price's convictions from his first trial stemmed from incidents that occurred near the intersection of W. 9th and Iowa streets when Price threw objects at passing cars. Convictions from the second trial stemmed from Price throwing objects that caused damage to windows located in the Hillcrest Shopping Center in the 900 block of Iowa Street, and then at windows of a nearby Quick Trip. Price also was convicted for spitting at officers and hitting an officer.

STATE V. JASON E. DALLINGA

Dallinga was sentenced in 2023 to a total of 351 months in prison for aggravated indecent liberties with a child and aggravated battery. Dallinga, who had pleaded guilty, must serve lifetime post-release supervision and register as a sexual offender for life.

STATE V. ISIAH J. DUCKWORTH

Duckworth was sentenced in 2023 to 79 months in prison for the aggravated sexual battery of a teen. Duckworth, who was convicted of two counts of aggravated sexual battery on June 6, 2023, pleaded no contest at the start of his jury trial. The convictions stem from incidents that occurred in October 2022 when Duckworth unlawfully touched a then 16-year-old Lawrence girl while Duckworth was staying in the same residence as the girl. Duckworth must register as a sex offender for 25 years following his release from prison and will be on lifetime post-release supervision.

STATE V. WARREN F. JONES

Jones was sentenced in 2023 to 31 months in prison for attempted aggravated sexual battery of an elderly Eudora woman with dementia. Jones also was sentenced to 13 months in prison for a second attempted aggravated sexual battery count in the same case. Jones, who will serve the sentences concurrently, is subject to 12 months of post release supervision and must register as a sex offender for 25 years. Jones pleaded no contest to the two counts in May 2023. Charges stem from an incident that occurred in December 2021 when the elderly woman allowed Jones to enter her home and Jones attempted to engage in sexual contact with the woman before leaving. Police utilized security camera footage to identify Jones.

STATE V. KODI R. CRANE

Crane was sentenced in 2023 to 41 months in prison for fatally striking a pedestrian with her vehicle on August 4, 2021. Judge Amy Hanley also sentenced Crane, who pleaded guilty to involuntary manslaughter in July 2023, to 24 months of post release supervision. The conviction stems from an incident that occurred near the intersection of 15th Street and Haskell Avenue when Crane struck a 50-year-old Lawrence woman who died from her injuries. Crane also must register as a violent offender for 15 years.

STATE V. ALEJANDRO MARTINEZ DIAZ

Martinez Diaz was sentenced in 2023 to more than 10 years in prison for two counts of attempted murder in the second degree for shooting at a vehicle and seriously injuring the vehicle's passenger in north Lawrence in 2021. Judge Amy Hanley also sentenced Martinez Diaz, who pleaded guilty in June 2023, to 36 months of post-release supervision and he will be required to register as a violent offender for 15 years upon release from prison. Martinez Diaz was one of three defendants charged in connection with the shooting that occurred on May 27, 2021.

STATE V. ANTHONY M. ROYAL

Royal was sentenced in 2023 to 123 months in prison for a drunk driving crash that killed a 70-year-old Lawrence man. Royal entered guilty pleas to murder in the second degree and driving under the influence of alcohol, his third conviction. Royal must serve 36 months of post-release supervision and register as a violent offender for 15 years. Charges stem from an incident that occurred near the intersection of Kansas Highway 10 and Bob Billings Parkway on April 8, 2022.

STATE V. DANIELE LEONE

Leone was sentenced in 2023 to 61 months in prison for trafficking a controlled substance that resulted in the fentanyl overdose death of a 32-year-old Lawrence man. Judge Stacey Donovan sentenced Leone, who had pleaded guilty, to 61 months for voluntary manslaughter and 16 months for unlawful distribution of a controlled substance. The sentences are to run concurrently. Leone also will have to serve 36 months of post-release supervision and register as a violent offender for 15 years. The conviction stems from an incident that occurred on March 15, 2021, when the Lawrence man was discovered unresponsive in a home located in the E. 1300 block of 13th Street.

STATE V. BRANDON MICHAEL HELM

Helm was sentenced in 2023 to 54 months in prison after leading officers with the Douglas County Sheriff's Office and the Lawrence Police Department on a high-speed chase and violating probation in two previous cases. Helm pleaded no contest to three counts of fleeing or attempting to elude police and two probation violations in August 2023. Helm's most recent charges stemmed from an incident that occurred the evening of April 12, 2023 when Helm failed to stop at a stop sign near E. 15th Street and Craig Court in Lawrence. Officers activated emergency equipment to conduct a traffic stop when Helm fled at a high rate of speed, at times in excess of 100 miles per hour. Helm, who at one point drove off the road to avoid spike strips deployed by the Lawrence Police Department, later crashed and his vehicle rolled over west of the intersection located at E. 11th Street and Haskell Avenue.

STATE V. STEPHEN TYLER WAMPLER

Wampler pleaded guilty in 2023 to two counts of attempted aggravated indecent liberties with a child and furnishing alcohol to a minor. Charges stemmed from incidents in July 2022 when Wampler provided alcohol to a then 15-year-old girl and attempted to engage in sexual intercourse with the minor while at his home. Wampler was employed as the minor's manager at a Lawrence fast food restaurant at the time of the crime. In February 2024, Judge Sally Pokorny sentenced Wampler to a total of 70 months in prison. Wampler will be subject to lifetime registration as a sex offender and was sentenced to 24 months of post-release supervision.

STATE V. DOMINICK TYLER VALENCIA

Valencia was sentenced in 2023 to 9 months in prison for aggravated battery when he struck a four-year-old child. Judge Stacey Donovan suspended the sentence and placed Valencia, who had pleaded guilty to the severity level 8 person felony, on 18 months supervised probation and 12 months post-release supervision. Valencia's charges stemmed from an incident that occurred in September 2022, when the child's grandparent discovered bruising on the child.

STATE V. LEE ANDREW MITCHELL PENNINGTON

Mitchell Pennington was sentenced in 2023 to 162 months in prison for felony aggravated burglary, felony aggravated assault and one misdemeanor count of stalking. Judge Amy Hanley sentenced Mitchell Pennington, who was found guilty by a jury in September 2022, to 162 months in the Kansas Department of Corrections (KDOC) for aggravated burglary, 12 months in the KDOC for aggravated assault and 12 months in county jail for stalking. Each sentence will run concurrently. The court also ordered 36 months post-release supervision. Charges stemmed from an incident that occurred in October 2021, when Mitchell Pennington followed the victim home and then, while wearing a surgical mask, entered the victim's home in the 1400 block of Kentucky Street and assaulted the sleeping victim before fleeing. Police utilized nearby security camera footage, DNA evidence and geo-fencing data to identify Mitchell Pennington, who was not known to the victim, as the suspect in the case.

STATE V. RAY C. ATKINS JR.

Probation was revoked in 2023 for Atkins, who was convicted of rape by a jury in August 2022. Judge James Fleetwood had suspended Atkins' 155-month prison sentence following Atkins' conviction of raping a 17-year-old woman at a Lawrence residence. The court then placed Atkins on probation for 60 months for the 2019 rape. The District Attorney's Office appealed the suspended sentence. After failing to adhere to the terms and conditions of probation, the District Attorney's Office petitioned to revoke Atkins' probation. Pro Tem Judge Blake Glover granted the State's motion and sentenced Atkins to 155 months in the Kansas Department of Corrections. Atkins must serve lifetime post-release supervision and register as a sex offender for life.

STATE V. CORMICK G. FERRELL

Ferrell was sentenced in 2023 to 48 months in prison for aggravated sexual battery of a teenager and two counts of aggravated endangering a child. Judge Sally Pokorny sentenced Ferrell, who pleaded no contest in July 2023. Ferrell received a 36-month sentence for aggravated sexual battery and 6-month sentences for each count of aggravated endangering a child. The sentences were ordered to run consecutively. Ferrell's charges stemmed from incidents that occurred between August 1, 2016 and May 31, 2017, when Ferrell resided with the children. Ferrell must register as a sex offender for 25 years.

STATE V. JOHN J. KRUEGER

Ferrell was sentenced in 2023 to 14 months in prison for fleeing or attempting to elude a police officer. Judge Sally Pokorny also sentenced Krueger, who pleaded no contest in October 2023, to serve 12 months on post-release supervision. Charges stemmed from an incident on the morning of October 7, 2023. Krueger took a vehicle from a dealership in Kansas City, Mo., without permission. The vehicle was later spotted in the 2700 block of Iowa Street. Krueger fled northbound in the vehicle while being pursued by officers from the Lawrence Police Department. With assistance from the Douglas County Sheriff's Office, police were able to stop Krueger near W. 15th and Iowa streets.

STATE V. BRANDON M. FRYE

Frye was sentenced in 2023 to 122 months in prison for one count of battery against a law enforcement officer. Judge Sally Pokorny also sentenced Frye, who pleaded no contest in October 2023, to serve 24 months on post-release supervision. Charges stemmed from an incident that occurred on May 5, 2023, when Frye was in custody at the Douglas County Jail. Frye first struck a corrections officer with a closed fist. Frye then struck another officer when he kicked a cell door. While being moved to the maximum-security housing unit, Frye struck a third corrections officer with his forehead, injuring the officer. Frye then spit on a fourth corrections officer. The next day, Frye spit on a fifth officer who was trying to retrieve Frye's breakfast tray.

STATE V. ADRIANNA E. PACHECO

Pacheco was sentenced in 2023 to 37 months in prison for one count of possession of methamphetamine. Judge Amy Hanley also sentenced Pacheco, who pleaded guilty in October 2023, to 12 months post-release supervision. Pacheco also pleaded to a felony count of fleeing or attempting to elude a police officer and sentenced to six months in prison, and to driving under the influence, a misdemeanor, and was sentenced to 6 months in the county jail. Both sentences will be served concurrently to the possession conviction. Charges stemmed from an incident that occurred on March 17, 2020, when a motorist alerted the Douglas County Sheriff's Office to a possibly impaired driver. Pacheco's vehicle was spotted driving recklessly while westbound on the Kansas Turnpike near mile marker 191. Pacheco refused to stop when emergency lights were activated and continued driving at times in excess of 90 miles per hour. Pacheco eventually stopped after exiting the turnpike and entering a Topeka residential neighborhood where she struck a parked car.

STATE V. TAHEED MONTANO

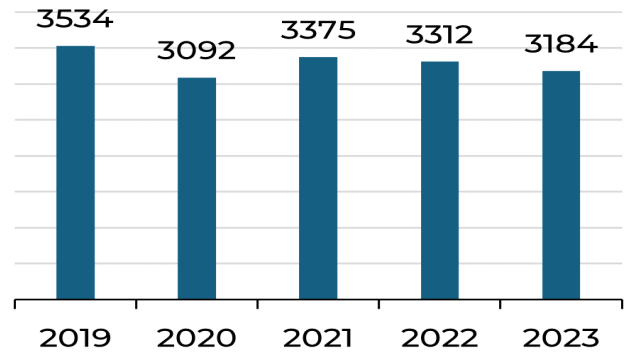
Montano was sentenced in 2023 to 31 months in prison for attempted kidnapping and two counts of aggravated assault. Judge Sally Pokorny sentenced Montano, who pleaded guilty in July 2023, to 31 months for attempted kidnapping and 11 months for each count of aggravated assault. The sentences will run concurrently. Montano also will serve 24 months post-release supervision and must register as a violent offender for life. Charges stemmed from incidents that occurred in December 2022, when Montano pointed a gun at his former then 20-year-old girlfriend. In one incident, Montano choked the woman and took her phone and house key. A few days later, Montano forced the woman into his car and drove her to his apartment. Prior to entering his apartment, Montano placed the woman in a headlock in an attempt to gain her social media password. The woman was able to run away and seek help at a neighboring apartment.

BY THE NUMBERS

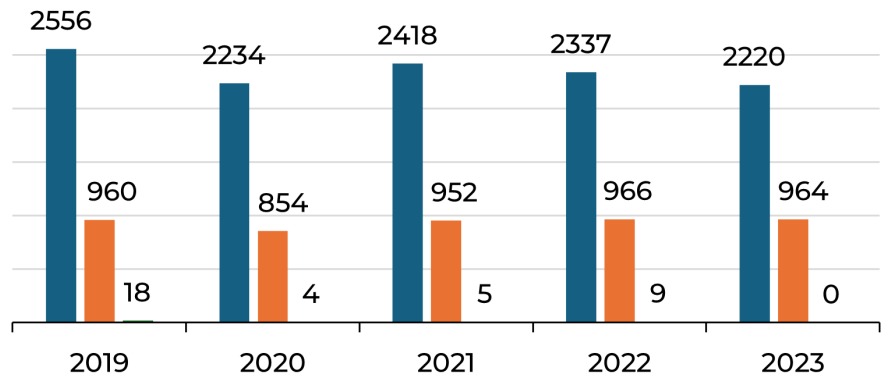
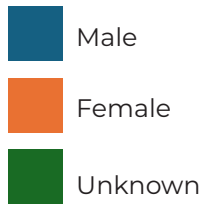
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CASES REFERRED BY YEAR | INCLUDES MISDEMEANORS & FELONIES

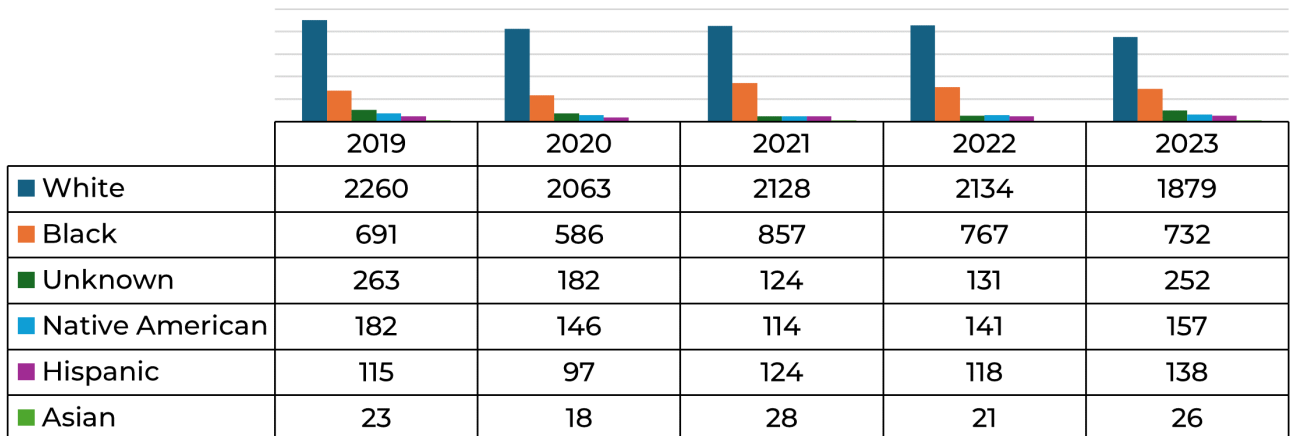
Case referrals represent the number of suspects listed on reports received from law enforcement agencies. The office may decide not to file a case for several reasons including acceptance into a diversion program, insufficient evidence or the need for further investigation by law enforcement or if charges did not rise to the level of a crime.



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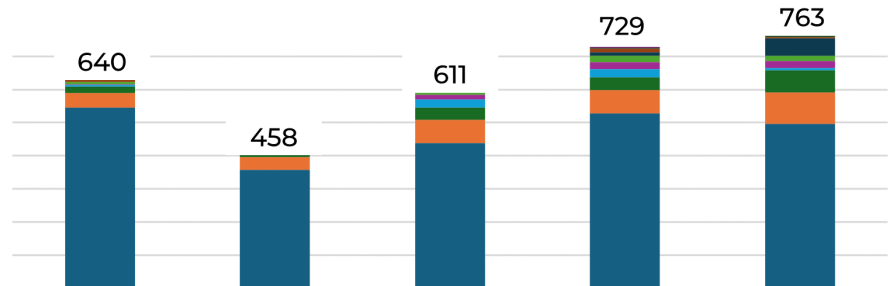


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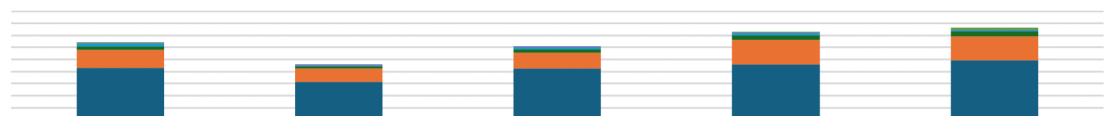
FELONY CASES DISPOSED BY TYPE

This chart includes all cases with at least one felony-level charge. Cases are resolved in a variety of ways, including by dismissal, diversion, guilty plea or by acquittal or guilty verdict at trial.



	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
■ Bench Trial Not Guilty			1		
■ Bench Trial Guilty	4	2	1	3	
■ Jury Trial Not Guilty	2		3	2	5
■ Jury Trial Guilty	11	2	9	11	3
■ Dismissed Prosecutorial Discretion			3	11	52
■ Completed Specialty Court	6	9	9	19	16
■ Dismissed Insufficient Evidence	2		15	21	21
■ Dismissed Interest of Justice	5	3	25	25	8
■ Completed Diversion	20	46	36	38	67
■ Dismissed	44	39	71	71	95
■ Plea	546	357	438	528	496

FELONY CASES DISPOSED BY RACE



	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
■ Unknown	3			5	13
■ Asian	2	4	5	4	5
■ Hispanic	26	10	18	19	9
■ Native American	27	19	33	36	44
■ Black	150	112	130	204	198
■ White	432	313	424	461	494

FELONY CASES DISPOSED BY OFFENSE GROUPING | DRUG

This chart includes the original filed lead charge or highest-level charge for Felony cases disposed in 2023.

Lead Charge	Jury Trial Guilty	Jury Trial Not Guilty	Plead as charged	Plead to lesser charge - same category	Plead to lesser charge - lower category	Diversion Complete	Specialty Court Complete	Dismissed
Distrib. Controlled Sub.								1
Possess. Cocaine			1		1			
Possess. Drug Paraphernalia					1			
Possess. Methamphetamine			9	3				2
Possess. w/ Intent/ Distrib. Controlled Sub. (1-3.5 gm)			2					
Possess. w/ Intent/ Distrib. Controlled Sub. (10-100 dosage units)			1					
Possess. w/ Intent/ Distrib. Controlled Sub. (3.5-100 gm)			2	1				
Possess. w/ Intent/ Distrib. Controlled Sub. (< 3.5 gm)			1			2		
Possess. w/ Intent/ Distrib. Controlled Sub. 25-450 g				3				1
Possess. w/ Intent/ Distrib. Controlled Sub. 450 g-30 kg				2				
Possess. w/ Intent/ Distrib. Controlled Sub. < 25 g						6		
Possess. w/ Intent/ Distrib. Controlled Sub. - 1000 ft school property			1	2				
Taxation; Drugs; Evidence of tax payment								1
Traffic Contraband in Correctional Institution or Care & Treatment Facility			1					
Unlawful Cultivation Controlled Sub.				1				
Unlawful Distrib. - Controlled Sub.			1					1
Unlawful Distrib.- Controlled Sub. - 1,000 ft School Property				1				
Unlawful Distrib. Marijuana			2	4				
Unlawful Distrib. Methamphetamine			1	1				2
Unlawful Possess. Controlled Sub.			35	8	8	10	1	10

FELONY CASES DISPOSED BY OFFENSE GROUPING | DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

This chart includes the original filed lead charge or highest-level charge for Felony cases disposed in 2023.

Lead Charge	Jury Trial Guilty	Jury Trial Not Guilty	Plead as charged	Plead to lesser charge - same category	Plead to lesser charge - lower category	Diversion Complete	Specialty Court Complete	Dismissed
Agg. Domestic Batt.			7	9	11	1	1	10

FELONY CASES DISPOSED BY OFFENSE GROUPING | FIREARM

This includes the original filed lead charge or highest-level charge for Felony cases disposed in 2023.

Lead Charge	Jury Trial Guilty	Jury Trial Not Guilty	Plead as charged	Plead to lesser charge - same category	Plead to lesser charge - lower category	Diversion Complete	Specialty Court Complete	Dismissed
Criminal Discharge of a Firearm			1		1			1
Criminal Possess. of a Firearm by a Felon			2					

FELONY CASES DISPOSED BY OFFENSE GROUPING | WEAPON

This includes the original filed lead charge or highest-level charge for Felony cases disposed in 2023.

Lead Charge	Jury Trial Guilty	Jury Trial Not Guilty	Plead as charged	Plead to lesser charge - same category	Plead to lesser charge - lower category	Diversion Complete	Specialty Court Complete	Dismissed
Criminal Possession of a Weapon: Felon				2				2

FELONY CASES DISPOSED BY OFFENSE GROUPING | MISCELLANEOUS

This includes the original filed lead charge or highest-level charge for Felony cases disposed in 2023.

Lead Charge	Jury Trial Guilty	Jury Trial Not Guilty	Plead as charged	Plead to lesser charge - same category	Plead to lesser charge - lower category	Diversion Complete	Specialty Court Complete	Dismissed
Identity Theft			11	1	1	2		1
Interference with Law Enforcement			10		5	1		1
Making False Info.						1		
Obstruct. Apprehension or Prosecution			1					
Unlawful Request for Emergency Svcs. Asst.							1	
Unlawful Tampering Elect. Monitor. Equip.			3				1	1

FELONY CASES DISPOSED BY OFFENSE GROUPING | PERSON

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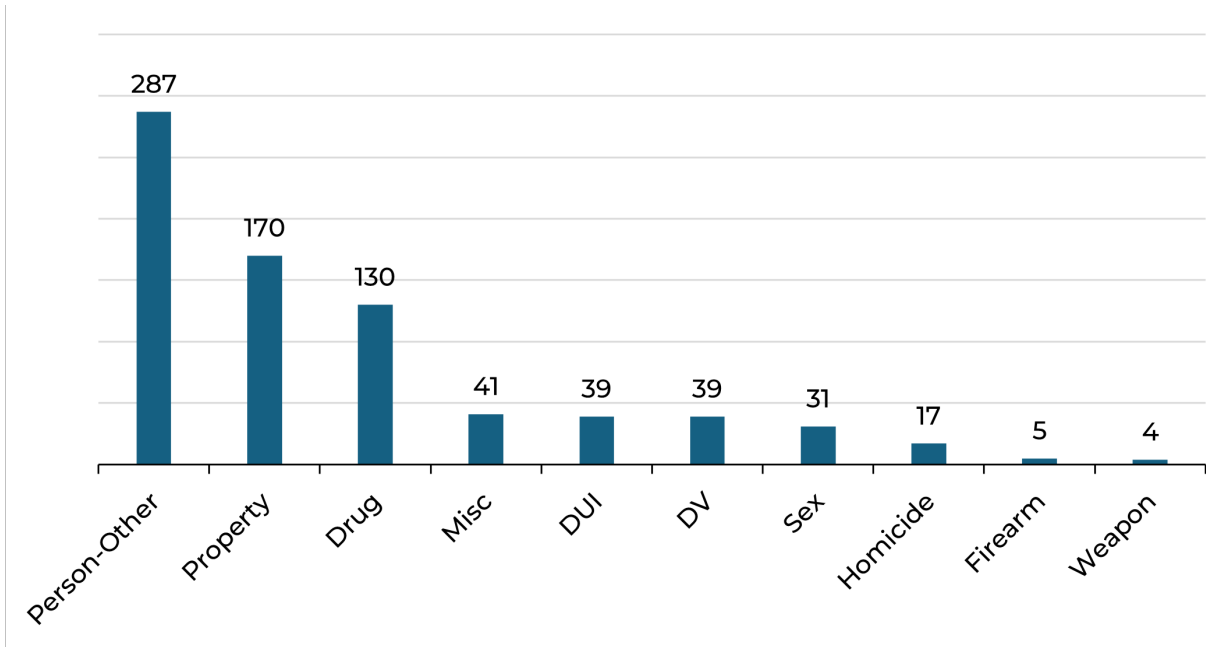
Lead Charge	Jury Trial Guilty	Jury Trial Not Guilty	Plead as charged	Plead to lesser charge - same category	Plead to lesser charge - lower category	Diversion Complete	Specialty Court Complete	Dismissed
Abuse of a Child				1		1		2
Agg. Assault	1	1	11	9	15	5	1	17
Agg. Assault: Law Enforc. OFC.			2	2	1			1
Agg. Battery			11	5	14	3	3	14
Agg. Battery Against Law Enforc. OFC.				1	1			
Agg. Batt. While DUI								2
Agg. Burg.-Attempt							1	
Agg. Crim. Threat				1				
Agg. Endangering a Child			1		3			4
Agg. Intimidation of a Witness/Victim				1	3	1		
Agg. Kidnapping								6
Agg. Robbery			1	4	1			8
Agg. Violation: KS Offender Registration				1				
Attempt. Agg. Batt.					1			1
Attempt. Murder: 1st Degree		1		3				
Attempt. Murder: 2nd Degree			2	3				
Battery Against: Law Enforc. OFC.			3	1	1		1	
Breach of Privacy				1		2		3
Capital Murder-Criminal Solicitation								1
Criminal Threat			19	1	17	3	2	25
Distrib.: Controlled Subst. Causing Death				3				
Fleeing or Attempt. Elude a Police OFC.			15	1	4	1		2
Interference w/ Parental Custody					1			
Invol. Manslaughter					1			
Kidnapping				6				
Mistreatment: Dependent Adult					1			
Murder: 2nd Degree			1	2				
Robbery				4				
Stalking			1		2			
Violation: KS Offender Registration			4	2		1		1

FELONY CASES DISPOSED BY OFFENSE GROUPING | PROPERTY

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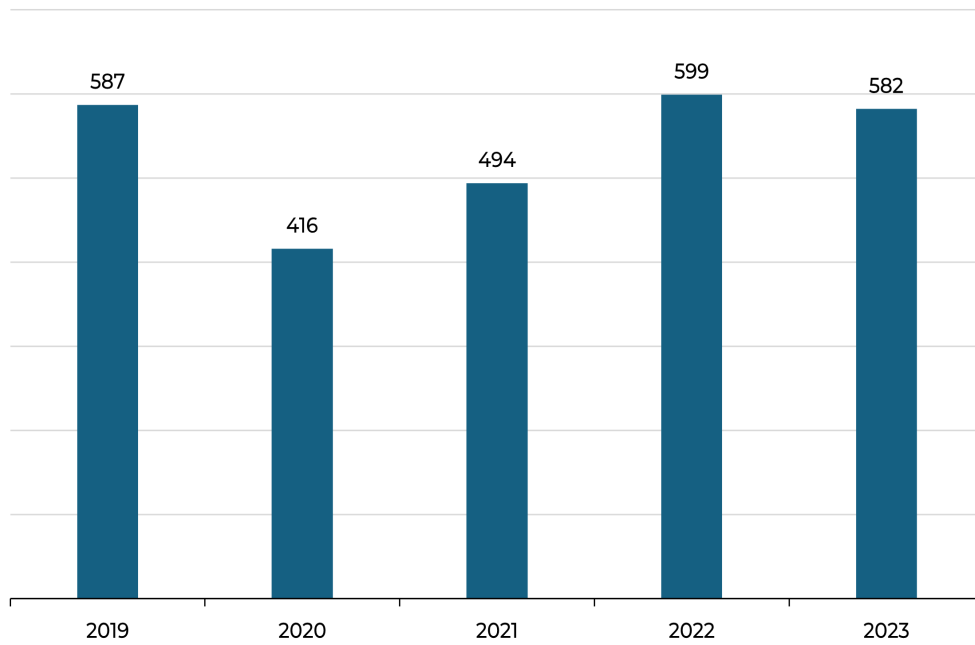
Lead Charge	Jury Trial Guilty	Jury Trial Not Guilty	Plead as charged	Plead to lesser charge - same category	Plead to lesser charge - lower category	Diversion Complete	Specialty Court Complete	Dismissed
Aggravated Arson				2	1	1		
Aggravated Arson-Conspiracy						1		
Aggravated Burglary			2	3	1	2	1	3
Aggravated Residential Burglary				4				2
Aggravated Vehicular Burglary				1				
Arson			2					1
Arson (Non Dwelling)								1
Arson (Non Dwelling)-Attempt					1			
Attempted Theft					1			
Attempted Vehicular Burglary			1					
Burglary (Dwelling)			3	1		1	2	
Burglary (Motor Vehicle)			4		2	2	1	2
Burglary (Motor Vehicle)-Attempt			1					
Burglary (Non Dwelling)			5					2
Criminal Damage to Property			7		9	5		6
Forgery			6	1	2	3		
Giving a Worthless Check			1			1		1
Non-Residential Burglary			2					
Residential Burglary			2		1			2
Theft			5	3	6	1		8
Theft (\$1,000-\$25,000)			1	1				
Theft (\$1,500-\$25,000)			5	1	4	6		4
Theft (\$25,000-\$100,000)			2	3				
Theft (Two Prior Convictions)			3					1
Theft > \$500 < \$25,000						1		2
Unlawful Acts Concerning Computers						1		
Vehicular Burglary					2	1		3

FELONY CASES DISPOSED BY OFFENSE GROUPING | LEAD CHARGE

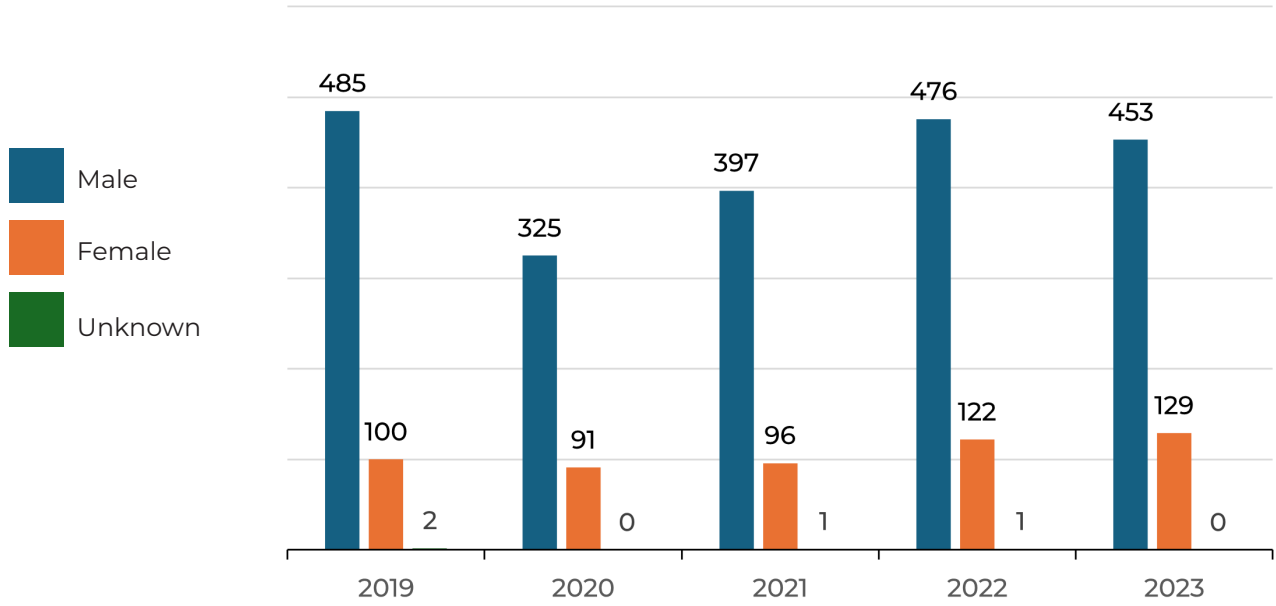


FELONY CASE CONVICTIONS BY YEAR

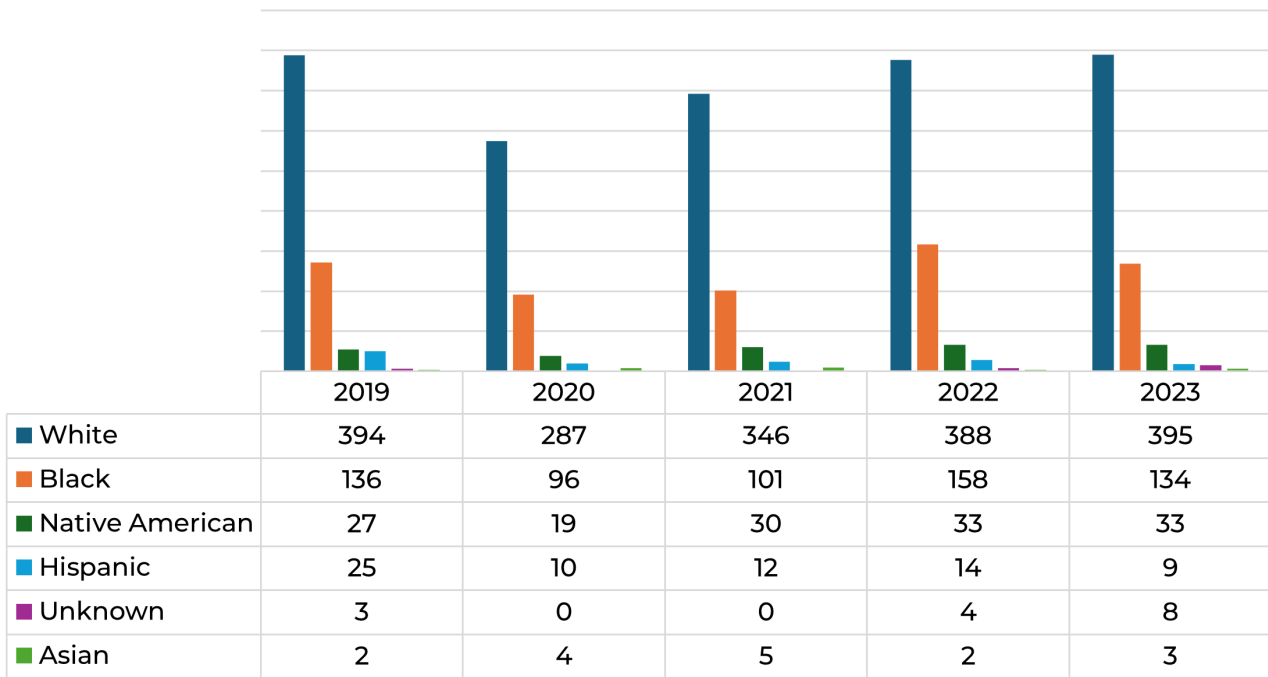
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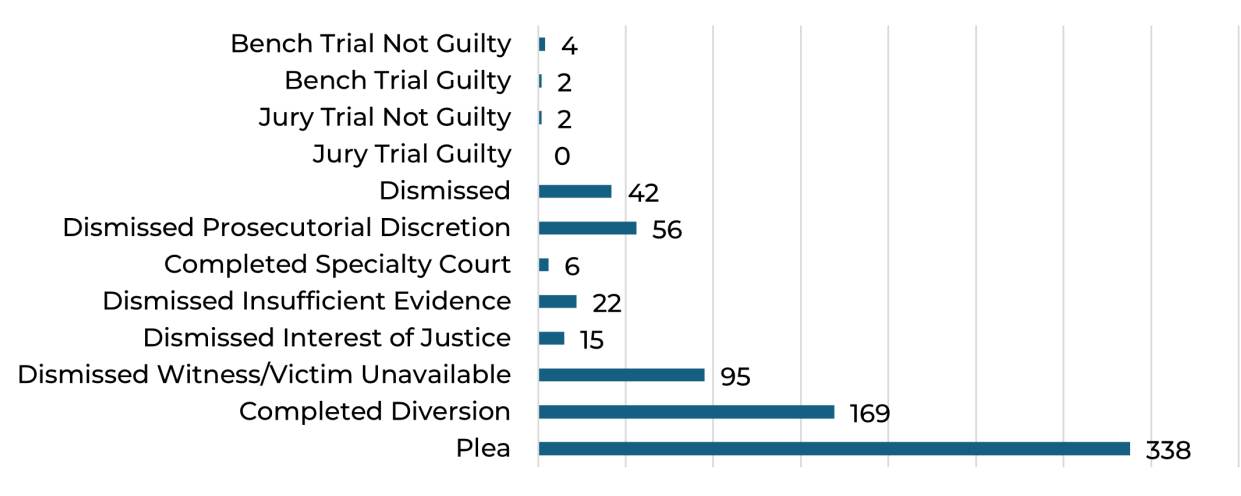
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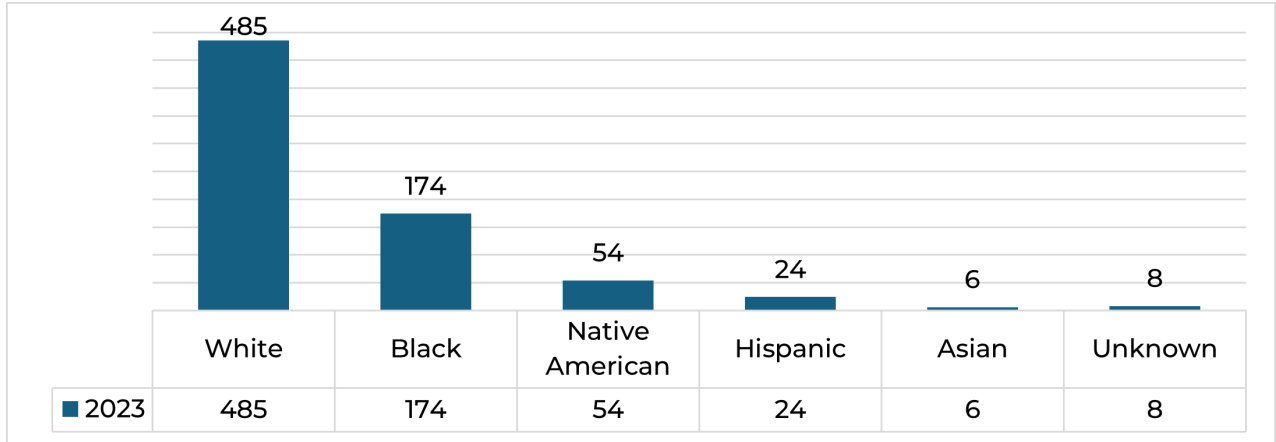
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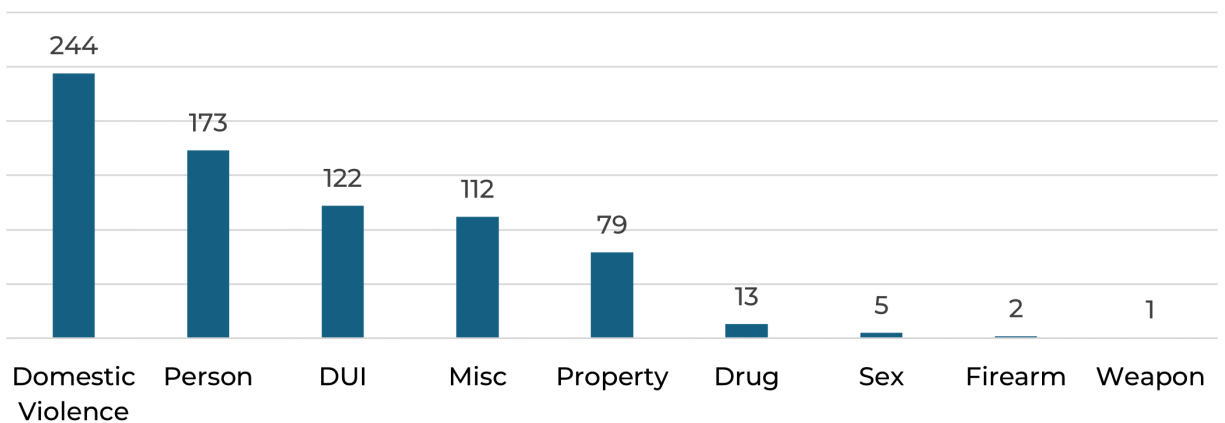
MISDEMEANOR CASES DISPOSED BY TYPE



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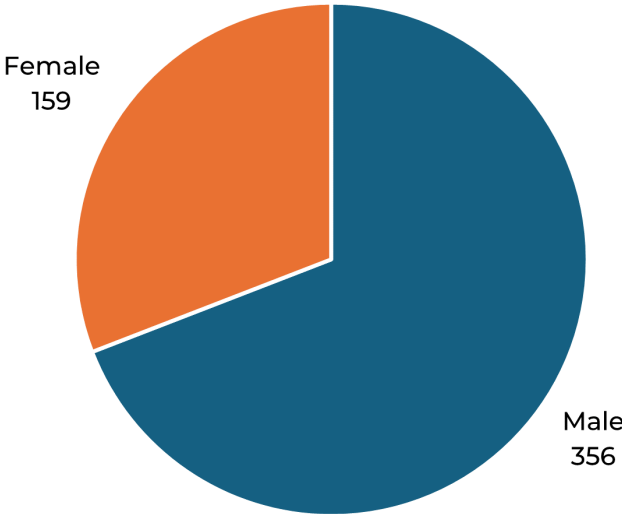


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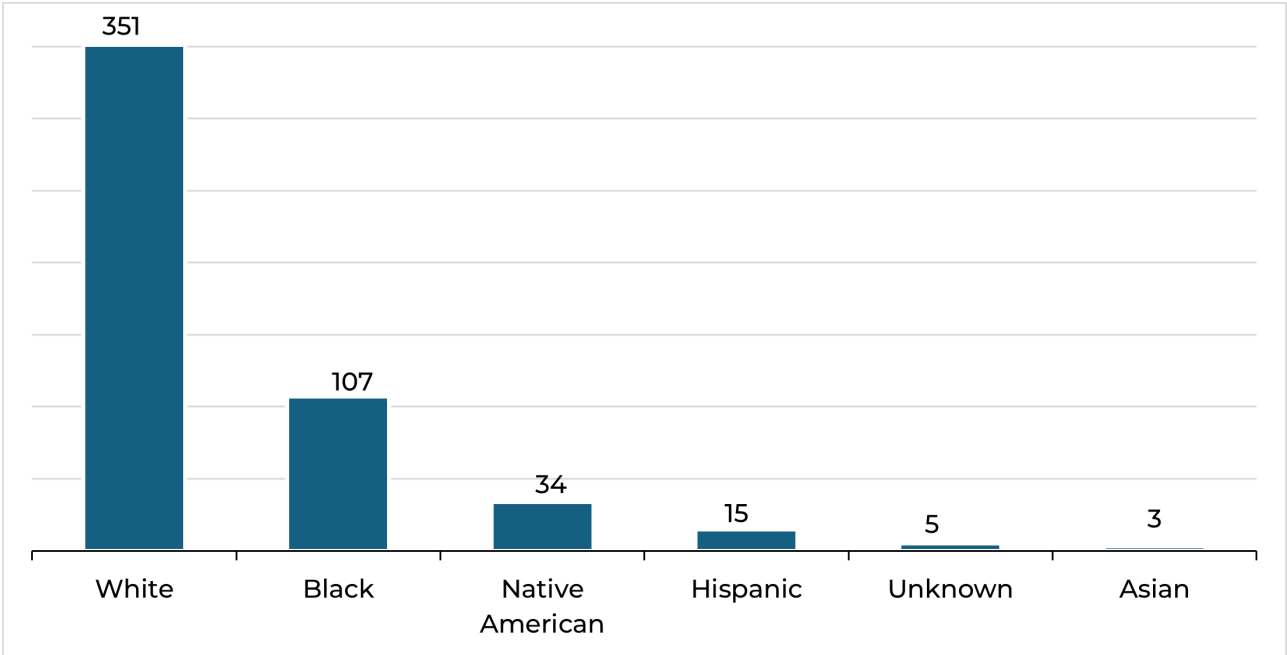
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Total Convictions in 2023: 515



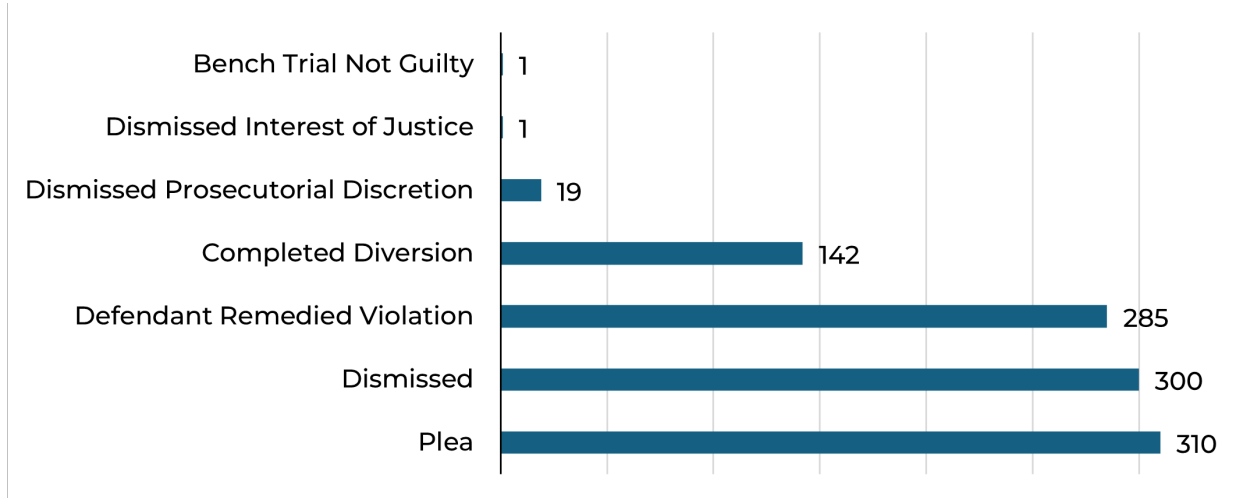
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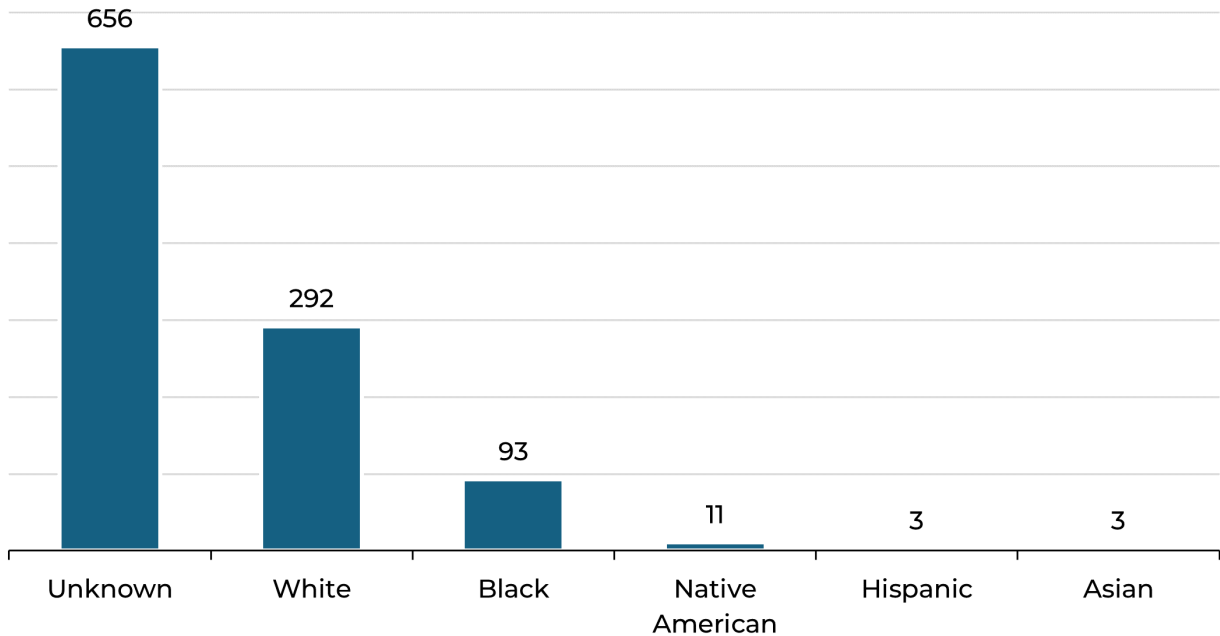
TRAFFIC CASES DISPOSED BY TYPE

In 2023, the District Attorney's Office disposed of 1,058 traffic cases. This number does not include 580 cases dismissed by the Court to resolve a backlog of cases largely created during the COVID-19 pandemic when traffic court was mostly suspended. The District Attorney's Office stood silent for the court's dismissals due to the possibility that a number of individuals, who faced the loss of driving privileges, may not have received notice from the Court of rescheduled court dates.



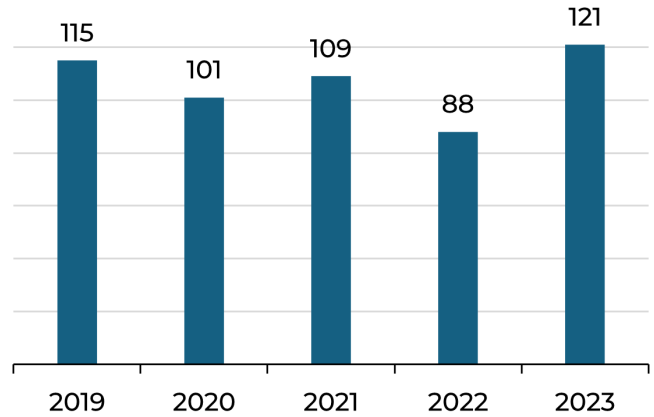
TRAFFIC CASES DISPOSED BY RACE/ETHNICITY

A majority of traffic citations issued by local law enforcement agencies did not include race/ethnicity information

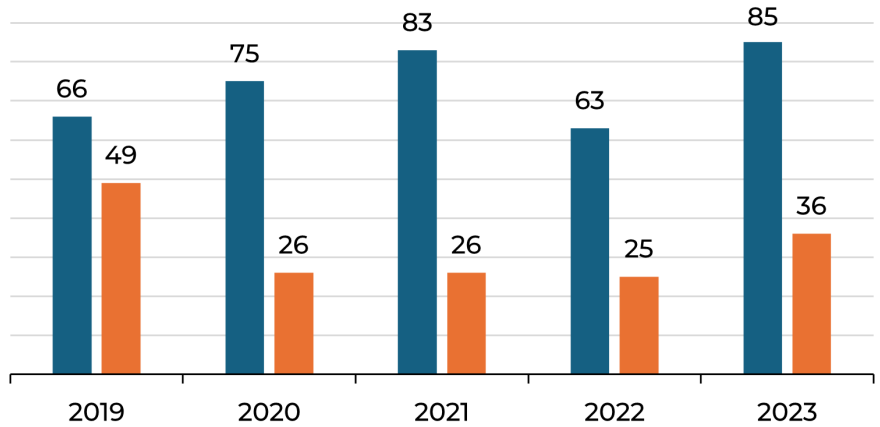
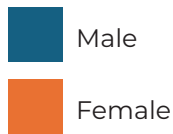


EXPUNGEMENTS BY YEAR

Expungement seals an arrest record, diversion, conviction or relief from offender registration from public view, with certain exceptions. Serious crimes such as murder, certain sexual offenses and child abuse offenses are not eligible for expungement in Kansas.



EXPUNGEMENTS BY GENDER



EXPUNGEMENTS BY RACE/ETHNICITY

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
White	104	69	77	69	85
Black	7	22	27	14	18
Native American	1	7	2	1	7
Asian	2	1	2	3	10
Hispanic	1	1	1	0	0
Unknown	0	1	0	1	1

