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Dear County Board Members:

As you are all aware, 2015 was a busy year for Jefferson County and its elected officials, and the District Attorney's Office was no exception. During 2015, the Jefferson County District Attorney's Office had twelve defendants pending on homicide charges. These cases included two First Degree Intentional Homicides, seven Reckless Homicides and three OWI-related homicides. Seven of these homicides were Heroin-related.

I am extremely proud of the time dedicated to these homicide files by law enforcement, our prosecutors, Victim-Witness Coordinator, Paralegal and Legal Secretaries. Six of the twelve homicide defendants have been convicted as of the writing of this letter. The time and effort that goes into reviewing and charging a homicide is significant. After a homicide complaint is charged, the time and energy needed to prosecute these files only increases, especially when these matters proceed to Jury Trial. This is time well spent when we can hold offenders accountable and make Jefferson County a safer place for all of us to call home.

On the same note of public safety, the Jefferson County Alcohol Treatment Court (JCATC) continues to thrive and grow. Each month, our Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC) receives an update on the progress of OWI Offenders who are participating in the JCATC. In 2015, we had 22 participants in our Alcohol Treatment Court. We also had three graduates from our program, and the Board heard from one of the graduates who spoke so passionately about the impact and difference it has made on his life. As we all know, our Alcohol Treatment Court not only has a positive influence on the participants, but it also reduces the number of OWI defendants who reoffend, which directly benefits our county and our taxpayers.

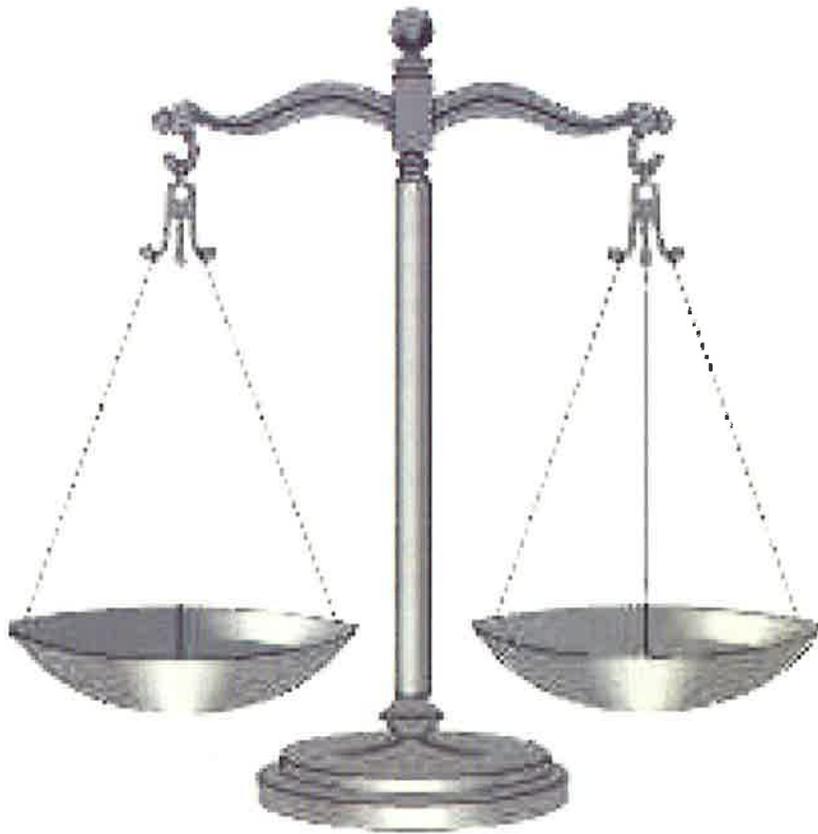
It remains an honor to serve as your District Attorney, and I look forward to continuing to work together with all of you in 2016 and beyond. As always, I will continue to work with legislators, law enforcement, County Board members and citizens to make Jefferson County a better, safer place to live.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Susan V. Happ".

Susan V. Happ
Jefferson County District Attorney

**2015 ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE JEFFERSON COUNTY DISTRICT
ATTORNEY'S OFFICE**



Domestic Referrals Received from Law Enforcement

	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>
Misdemeanor	540	459	537
Felony	104	58	78

Criminal OWI Referrals Received from Law Enforcement

	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>
Forfeiture OWI	63	49	87
Misdemeanor OWI (criminal traffic)	277	252	265
Felony OWI	39	39	38

Drug Referrals Received from Law Enforcement

	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>
Misdemeanor	194	182	220
Felony	193	127	174

ALCOHOL TREATMENT COURT PARTICIPANTS

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>
OWI 3 rd (Misdemeanor) participants	5	13
OWI 4 th (Misdemeanor) participants		4
OWI 4 th (Felony) participants		3
OWI 5 th (Felony) participants	3	2

CASES FILED WITH THE COURTS

	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>
Felonies	521	452	441
Misdemeanors	595	491	519
Criminal Traffic	433	494	577
Forfeiture Traffic	432	459	570
Other Forfeitures	79	76	86
Civil	13	11	9
Delinquencies & JIPS	130	70	57
CHIPS	45	46	37
Juvenile Forfeitures	1	1	2
Juvenile Guardianships	11	6	5
Juvenile TPR's	3	13	3

CASES OPEN IN THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

(INCLUDES THOSE FILED WITH THE COURT AND THOSE UNDER REVIEW FOR POSSIBLE CHARGES)

Felonies	509
Misdemeanors	732
Criminal Traffic	321
Forfeiture Traffic	73
Other Forfeitures	16
Civil	9
Delinquencies & JIPS	16
CHIPS	26
Juvenile Forfeitures	1
Juvenile Guardianships	13
Juvenile TPR's	7
TOTAL OPEN CASES	1,723

HOMICIDES
(By referral date)

	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>
Homicide	1	2	0
Reckless Homicide	0	0	1
Reckless Homicide drug related	1	4	5
OWI alcohol related	2	0	0
OWI drugs related	0	0	2
Negligent Operation of a Motor Vehicle	0	0	1
Domestic Related	0	1	0
Cold case	1	0	0

FIRST OFFENDER PROGRAM

	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>
Persons Accepted in current year*	132	135	89
Persons in program as of end of year**	131	137	92
Persons who completed program***	87	99	99
Fees collected	\$40,414.31	\$40,950.00	\$28,398.00

*This number is only those participants who were new to the program in the current year.

**This number includes all participants who have not completed the program at the end of the current year regardless of year accepted.

***These participants may have been accepted into the program in a year other than the current year.

VICTIM/WITNESS PROGRAM

	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>
All Contacts	2722	2491	2722
Witness Cancellations	2629	2182	2174
Officer Cancellations	2253	2173	1908
Writs to transport witnesses from custody	7	17	4

Officer and witness cancellations result in less overtime paid by departments and witness fees paid by the county.