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Dear County Board Supervisors:

This past year, 2020, was full of unexpected twists and turns and constant adaptation. The District Attorney's Office, along with the rest of Court system, worked quickly to adapt to ever-changing circumstances to try to keep getting our jobs done as efficiently as possible. The way we handled everything from traffic tickets to felonies had to be completely modified. Yet, even with trials largely on hold (some jury trials still happened), we still moved a large number of cases through the system using new technology. This required working closely with other departments and a lot of patience, but it paid off!

Referrals for criminal, traffic, and forfeiture offenses, as well as juvenile matters largely increased in 2020. By the numbers, however, we have less cases open. This shows us that even with the roadblocks presented by the global pandemic, we still managed to move cases through the system to resolution, which is an incredible feat.

Jefferson County continues to employ evidence-based practices in our criminal justice system through our Drug and Alcohol Treatment Courts, and the First Offender Program. We saw a marked decrease in the number of participants in these programs this last year. The treatment court team recognized that, and the DA's Office worked with other stake holders to make changes to encourage participation. We continue to support these programs and we are really hoping the changes we have made will lead to successfully increasing participation again. We appreciate your on-going support of those programs.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Monica J. Hall".

Monica J. Hall
Jefferson County District Attorney

2021 ANNUAL REPORT
JEFFERSON COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE



SUMMARY

The office of the District Attorney is created under Chapter 978 of the Wisconsin Statutes. The District Attorney's Office represents the people of the State of Wisconsin and County of Jefferson in circuit court. The District Attorney and Assistant District Attorneys prosecute state criminal matters, forfeiture actions, state and county traffic code and ordinance violations, Department of Natural Resources violations and juvenile cases. The District Attorney also provides education to law enforcement through yearly in-service training.

The District Attorney oversees the First Offender Program, which diverts defendants out of the formal court process. The First Offender Program Director meets with individual offenders and develops a personalized contract. The length and conditions of the contract depend on the nature and seriousness of the offense, his or her adjustment, treatment needs and need for supervision. The First Offender Program Director then monitors the offender to ensure that he or she is following through on their contract conditions.

The District Attorney also operates the Victim/Witness Program, which provides statutory and constitutionally mandated support to victims and witnesses of crime. The primary purpose of the Victim/Witness program is to provide information, referral and support to citizens and law enforcement officers who have been victims or witnesses to crimes, and to ensure that the services mandated under Chapter 950, Wis. Stats., are made available to them.

The District Attorney's office consists of one District Attorney and five Assistant District Attorneys, all of whom are state employees. County employees include the Office Manager, Justice Computer Specialist, five Legal Secretaries, Victim/Witness Coordinator, Paralegal and First Offender Program Director.

REFERRALS RECEIVED FROM LAW ENFORCEMENT

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>
Felonies	990	1030	1368
Misdemeanors	1687	2377	2773
Delinquencies/JIPS (Juvenile in Need of Protection or services)	335	217	236
CHIPS (Child in Need of Protection or Services)	278	121	0
Juvenile FO's	11	73	87
Juvenile Guardianships	8	3	0
Juvenile TPR (Termination of Parent Rights)	9	0	0
Criminal Traffic	741	704	760
Forfeitures	83	95	103
Civil Traffic	1028	944	1683
Civil	9	2	6

Domestic Referrals Received from Law Enforcement

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>
Misdemeanor	624	594	450
Felony	101	85	71

OWI Referrals Received from Law Enforcement

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>
Forfeiture OWI	82	166	89
Misdemeanor OWI (criminal traffic)	153	242	109
Felony OWI	44	39	48

Drug Referrals Received from Law Enforcement

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>
Misdemeanor	306	282	402
Felony	139	171	319

ALCOHOL TREATMENT COURT PARTICIPANTS

(By acceptance date)

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>
OWI 3 rd	15	22	13
OWI 3 rd with minor	2	1	
OWI 4 th *	13	17	15
OWI 5 th	13	5	5
OWI 6 th	6	4	3

*All OWI 4th offenses are now felonies

DRUG TREATMENT COURT PARTICIPANTS*

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>
Possession of Narcotics	15	13
Burglary	1	1
Theft	4	3
OMWOC	1	1
Possession of Cocaine	0	2
Possession of THC	0	1
Possession of Cocaine	0	2
Possession of Methamphetamine	3	2
Hit and Run	1	1
Possession w/intent to deliver	0	2
Bail Jumping	0	2
Obtain Illegal Prescription	0	0
Possession of Heroin (2 nd offense)	1	0
Identity Theft	3	3
Felony Theft	0	1
Theft with special facts	0	1

* In 2018, there were a total of 26 Drug Treatment Court participants. Many participants have more than one charge that is routed through treatment court. This is a listing of all offenses for all participants.

CASES FILED WITH THE COURTS

	2018	2019	2020
Felonies	472	502	528
Misdemeanors	478	425	445
Criminal Traffic	544	705	602
Traffic Forfeiture	948	909	1326
Traffic FO	93	75	111
Civil	3	0	1
Delinquencies & JIPS	34	48	30
CHIPS	39	56	0
Juvenile Forfeitures	19	27	16
Juvenile Guardianships	7	2	0
Juvenile TPR's	7	0	0

CASES OPEN IN THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

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

	<u>12/31/2018</u>	<u>12/31/2019</u>	<u>12/31/2020</u>
Felonies	636	476	402
Misdemeanors	1050	957	324
Criminal Traffic	462	270	285
Forfeiture Traffic	171	60	176
Civil Traffic	25	8	11
Civil	12	0	0
Delinquencies & JIPS	19	15	20
CHIPS	18	0*	0*
Juvenile Forfeitures	0	1	3
Juvenile Guardianships	15	0*	0*
Juvenile TPR's	3	0*	0*
TOTAL OPEN CASES	2313	1787	1221

*These cases have been reassigned to Corporation Counsel

HOMICIDES
(By referral date)

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>
Homicide	1	0	3
Reckless Homicide	0	0	0
Reckless Homicide drug related	1	3	3
OWI alcohol related	1	0	1
OWI drugs related	0	0	1
Negligent Operation of a Motor Vehicle	0	0	0
Domestic Related	0	0	0

FIRST OFFENDER PROGRAM

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>
Persons Accepted in current year*	113	198	82
Persons in program as of end of year**	112	105	70
Persons who completed program***	90	82	91
Fees collected	\$31,818.83	\$32,017.28	\$24,833.22

*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>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>
All Contacts	2028	3378	2885
Witness Cancellations	945	1038	712
Officer Cancellations	1965	1722	2033
Writs to transport witnesses from custody	26	17	7

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