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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 2018. 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.

We are extremely excited about some new initiatives we started in our office this year. First, we now have the ability to use therapy dogs for certain witnesses when they come to court. We started a pilot program with West Michigan Therapy Dogs where they can provide a dog for child and vulnerable adult witnesses. Right now, this covers the courthouse downtown, including any family or neglect cases, and any cases out in 63rd District Court. The dogs are not allowed in the courtroom for testimony but will be available for a victim while they are waiting and after testimony is done. Studies have shown a dog can reduce stress in a child as they wait to testify, and the reduced amount of stress may even improve their ability to give accurate testimony. If this pilot project goes well, we hope to expand the use of these dogs to every court in Kent County.

In juvenile law, we have partnered with the Dispute Resolution Center of West Michigan to provide a restorative justice program for certain juvenile offenders. Restorative justice is a way to bring both parties together to discuss the crime and come to a solution as to how best handle the harm that was caused by this crime. It is much different than the traditional court model where a judge imposes a sentence; with this program, the two sides meet, talk, and agree on what should be done going forward. Both sides must agree to participate in the program, and there must be an agreement on what to do after this meeting takes place. A facilitator, provided by the DRC, helps guide this process. They meet with both sides individually before the restorative program and facilitate the program when the two sides meet. If there is a successful conclusion, where an agreement is reached and fulfilled, the juvenile will not have a conviction on their permanent record.

Finally, we are in the beginning stages of starting a Young Sexual Offender Treatment Program. This program is patterned after the Adolescent Sexual Offender Treatment Program which has operated in the juvenile justice system for years in Kent County. That program has had tremendous success in treating kids with various sexual issues and we hope to duplicate that success with young adults between the ages of 17-24. Those who would be eligible for the Holmes Youthful Trainee Act due to their lack of a criminal history, would receive group and individual therapy after pleading guilty to a sex offense. If they participate and successfully complete the treatment program, they would be allowed to withdraw their plea and enter a plea to a non-registerable offense. Individuals eligible for participation must meet the age requirement and must be non-violent offenders. Additionally, the victim must agree to allow them to participate in the program. As a part of this program, we are hoping to get an assigned circuit court judge to handle all these cases, so we can operate this program like the traditional treatment court model that is familiar across the state.

Much of what we do here is 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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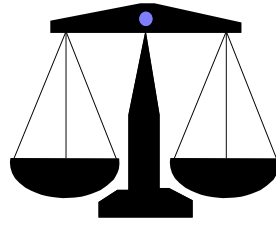
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The average seniority for attorney staff in the Kent County Prosecutor's Office is 13.05 years per attorney.



CRIMINAL DIVISION

The Criminal Division handles the prosecution of State law violations in Kent County Circuit Court, 61st District Court, 62nd District Court-Divisions A & B, 63rd District Court, and 59th District Court.

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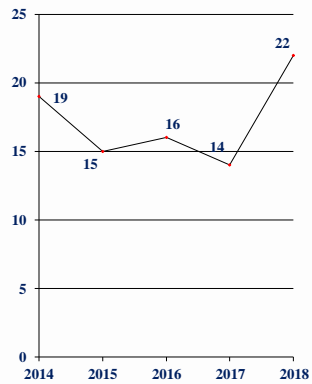
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Kent County has seventeen law enforcement agencies that submit charging/warrant requests to the Kent County Prosecutor's Office for review. Two Assistant Prosecuting Attorneys are responsible for thoroughly reviewing warrant requests, including incident 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.

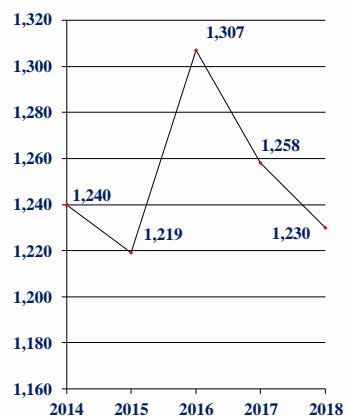
WARRANTS AUTHORIZED								
	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Felony	4,206	4,020	3,911	3,858	3,984	4,082	4,003	4,166
High Misdemeanor	3,160	3,150	2,591	2,542	2,487	2,404	2,290	2,198
Small Misdemeanor	1,653	1,635	1,446	1,410	1,367	1,374	1,365	1,318
Total	9,019	8,805	7,948	7,810	7,838	7,860	7,658	7,682

WARRANTS DENIED								
	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Felony	682	694	719	661	763	838	862	1,033
High Misdemeanor	360	351	411	428	542	503	514	639
Small Misdemeanor	1,433	1,366	1,337	1,282	1,393	1,728	1,725	1,824
Total	2,475	2,411	2,467	2,371	2,698	3,069	3,101	3,496

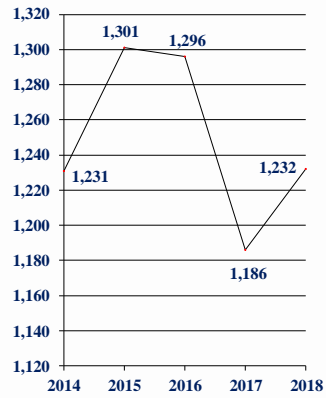
HOMICIDE CHARGES



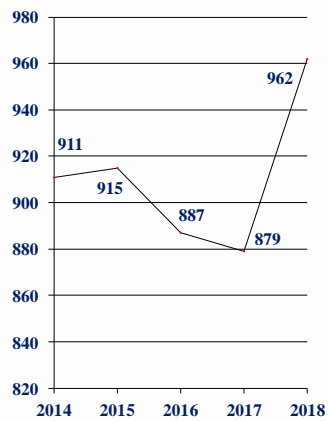
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CHARGES



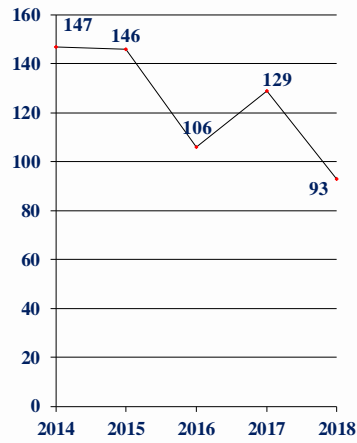
CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE CHARGES



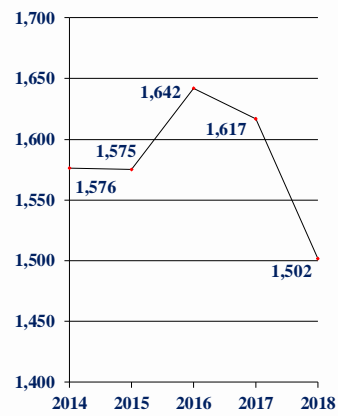
OUIL/OVI CHARGES



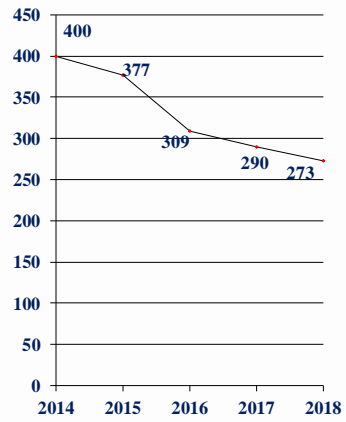
ROBBERY CHARGES



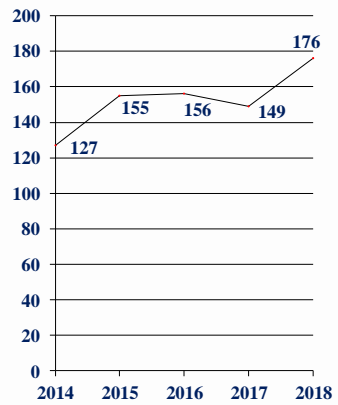
RETAIL FRAUD/ LARCENY CHARGES



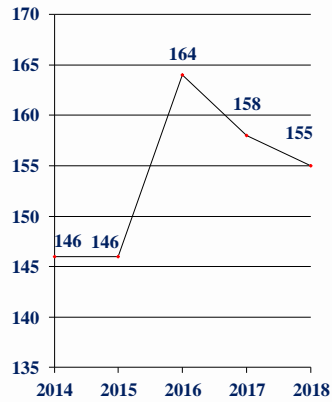
BURGLARY CHARGES



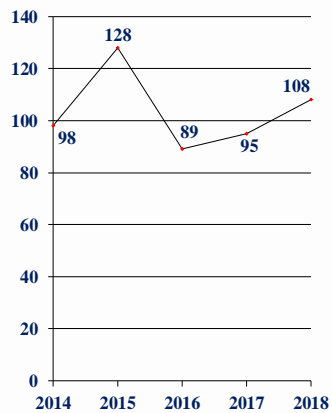
EMBEZZLEMENT CHARGES



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.

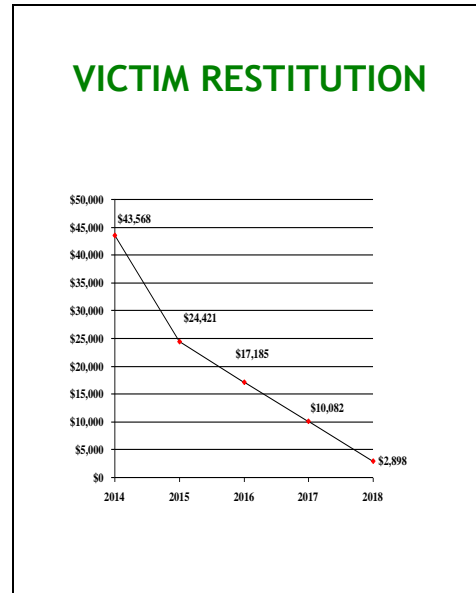
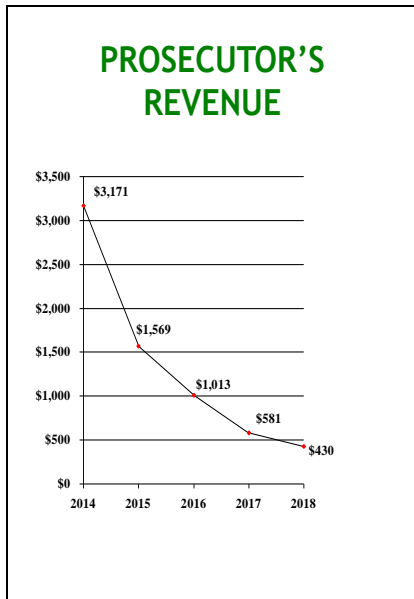
CASH/VEHICLES FORFEITED

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
KCSD					
Forfeitures Filed	3	3	4	4	4
Vehicles/Cash Forfeited	1/\$4,402	1/\$85,766	1/\$54,950	3/\$67,829	1/\$79,157
GRPD					
Forfeitures Filed	15	5	1	14	17
Vehicles/Cash Forfeited	11/\$63,408	3/\$16,212	1/\$271,017	16/\$19,458	12/\$61,020
MET					
Forfeitures Filed	6	5	3	2	5
Vehicles/Cash Forfeited	0/\$18,304	3/\$98,365	0/\$5,671	0/\$7,281	0/\$21,975
KANET					
Forfeitures Filed	0	0	0	0	2
Vehicles/Cash Forfeited	0/\$0	0/\$0	0/\$0	0/\$0	1/\$26,357
MSP (Rockford)					
Forfeitures Filed	0	0	1	0	0
Vehicles/Cash Forfeited	0/\$0	0/\$0	0/\$2,060	0/\$0	0/\$0
LOWELL PD					
Forfeitures Filed	1	2	0	0	0
Vehicles/Cash Forfeited	0/\$0	0/\$0	0/\$0	0/\$0	0/\$0
KENTWOOD PD					
Forfeitures Filed	5	0	0	0	0
Vehicles/Cash Forfeited	0/\$20,464	0/\$3,715	0/\$0	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	30	15	9	20	28
Total Vehicles/Cash Forfeited	12/\$106,57	7/\$204,058	2/\$333,698	19/\$94,468	14/\$377,018

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.

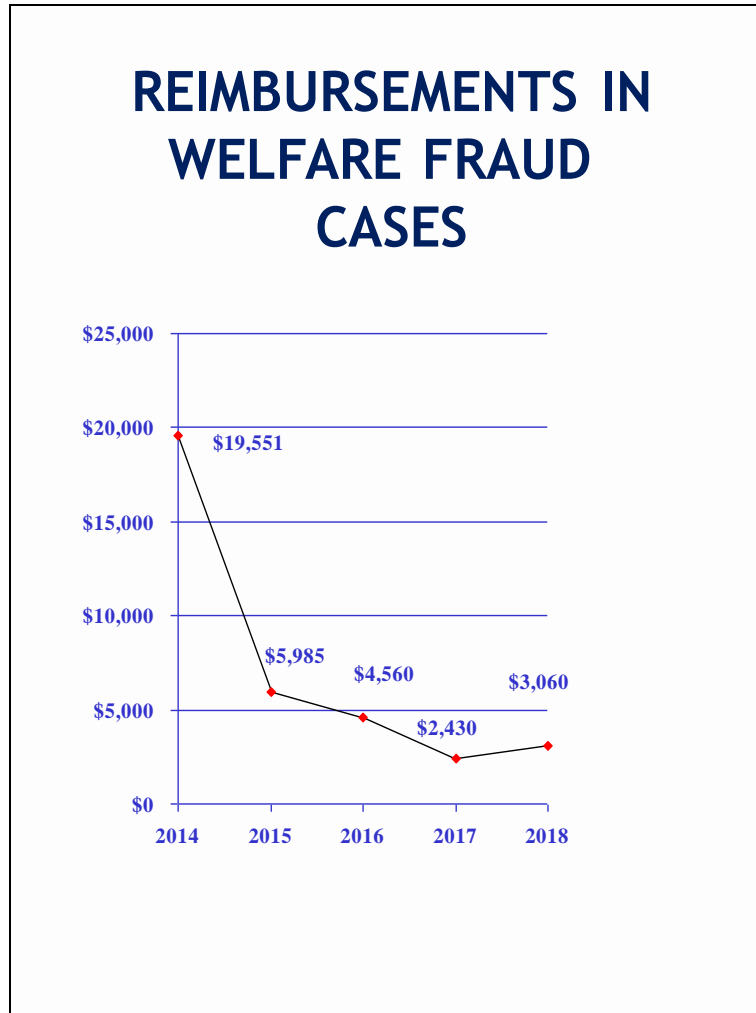
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Bad Check Program

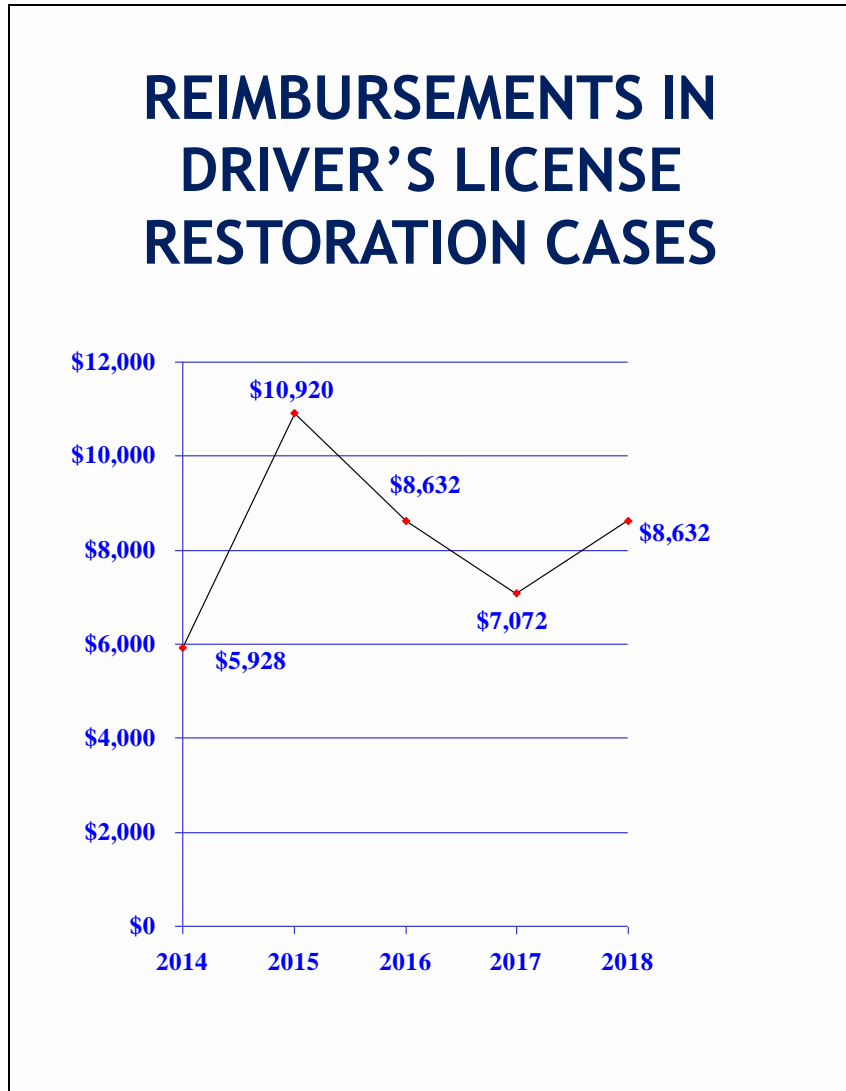


Year	Prosecutor's Revenue	Victim Restitution	Class Attendance	Check Volume
2014	\$3,171	\$43,568	135	1,339
2015	\$1,569	\$24,421	67	511
2016	\$1,013	\$17,185	35	464
2017	\$581	\$10,082	23	317
2018	\$430	\$2,898	45	57
TOTALS	\$9,778	\$143,889	436	4,181

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 \$1,046,804.

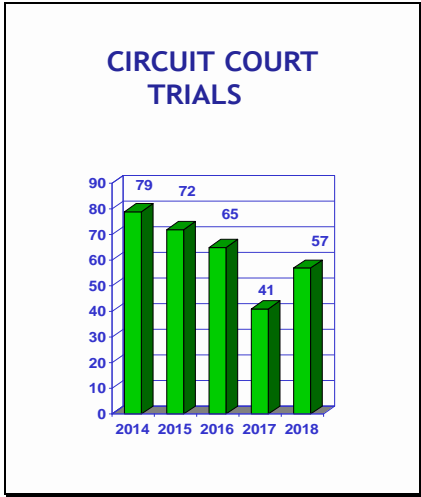
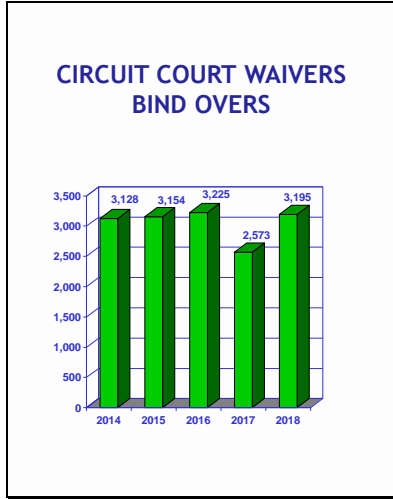


Pursuant to US Code: Title 7, Section 2025(a), the Secretary is authorized to pay to each State agency an amount equal to 50 percent of all administrative costs involved in each State agency's operation of the food stamp program, which costs shall include, but not be limited to, ... (7) food stamp program 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.



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.

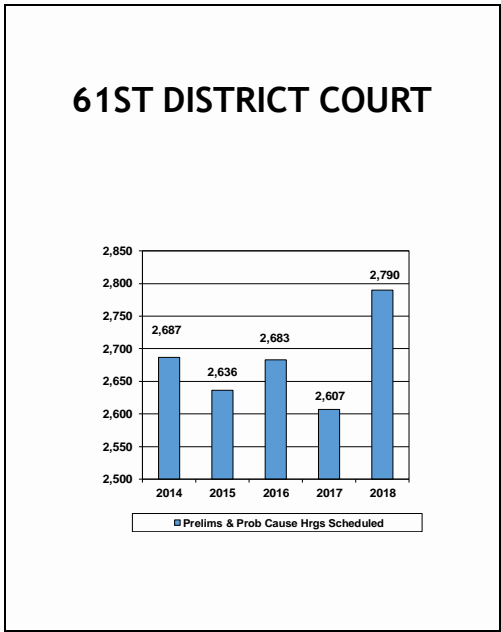
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CIRCUIT COURT

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Cases Waived or Bound Over	3,128	3,154	3,225	3,021	3,195
Guilty Pleas					
Capital	125	138	159	109	101
Non-Capital	2,704	2,601	2,697	2,464	2,462
Total	2,829	2,739	2,856	2,573	2,563
Trials	57	79	65	41	57

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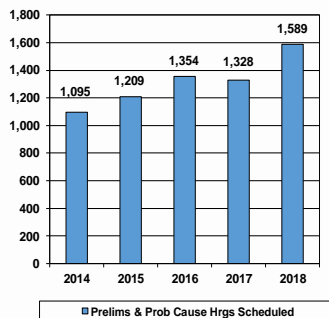


	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Probable Cause Hrgs Scheduled	*	1,996	2,046	2,018	2,065
Preliminary Exams Scheduled	2,687	640	637	589	725
Total PCH & PE's:		2,636	2,683	2,607	2,790
Waived - PCH/PE	1,505	1,089/239	1111/208	1081/186	985/269
Bound Over - PCH/PE	170	38/105	37/105	22/100	41/100
Misdemeanor Pleas - PCH/PE	274	277/80	291/73	250/52	274/87
Felony Pleas - PCH/PE	47	57/19	56/15	45/15	17/12
Adjourned	475	303	289	210	235
Nolle/Dism (By Court or Pros)	(57-Drug Ct)	(59-Drug Ct)	(66-Drug Ct)	(38-Drug Ct)	(67-Drug Ct)
	106	74	101	90	111
Defendant FTA	47	45	62	73	82
Pre-Trials	1,027	819	851	807	738
Jury Picks	412	325	297	239	193
Settlement Conferences	1,525	1,460	1,513	1,284	1,257
Formal Hearings	25	14	16	29	33
Trials Scheduled	216	135	142	144	121
Motions	67	106	100	116	88

* 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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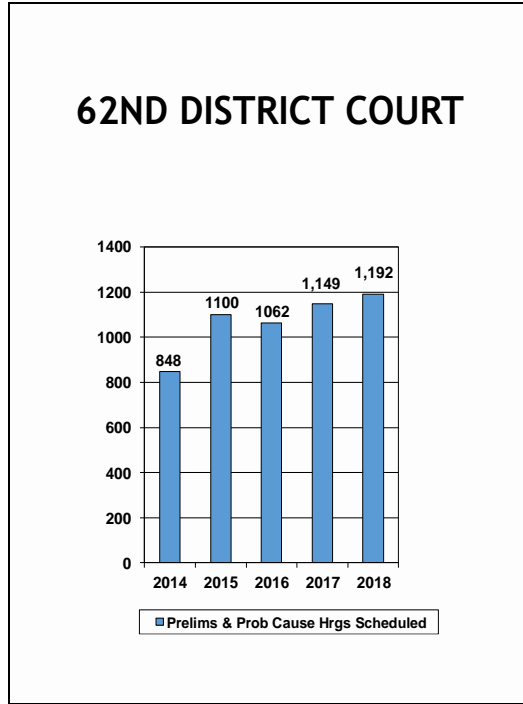
63RD DISTRICT COURT



	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Probable Cause Hrgs Scheduled	*	916	1,074	993	1,167
Preliminary Exams Scheduled	1,095	293	280	335	422
Total PCH & PE's		1,209	1,354	1,328	1,589
Waived - PCH/PE	606	629	757	650	816
Bound Over - PCH/PE	49	42	46	36	55
Misdemeanor Pleas - PCH/PE	170	169	168	220	199
Felony Pleas - PCH/PE	25	28	16	9	7
Adjourned	200	90	105	101	117
Nolle/Dism (By Court or Pros)	31	30	17	32	24
Defendant FTA	7	20	27	16	35
Pre-Trials	4,409	5,005	4,960	4,345	5,051
Jury Picks (As of 2014 jury picks were scheduled day of trial.)	483	71	0	0	0
Formal Hearings	66	61	80	56	67
Trials Scheduled	208	264	316	425	700
Motions	103	86	79	97	92

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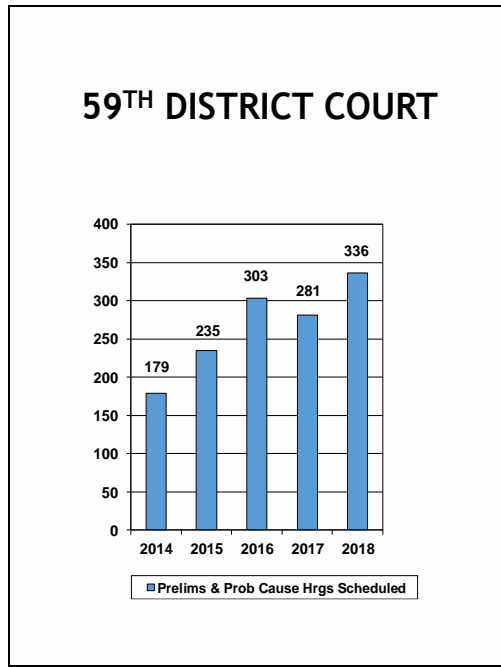
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	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Probable Cause Hrgs Scheduled	*	891	841	888	922
Preliminary Exams Scheduled	848	209	221	261	270
Total PCH & PE's:		1,100	1,062	1,149	1,192
Waived - PCH/PE	521	644	570	569	553
Bound Over - PCH/PE	35	42	41	29	31
Misd Pleas - PCH/PE	113	125	123	139	129
Felony Pleas - PCH/PE	9	17	8	17	10
Adjourned	130	99	119	160	192
Nolle/Dism (By Court or Pros)	26	27	37	31	38
Defendant FTA	13	19	12	21	31
Pre-Trials	998	1,258	1,165	1,325	1,119
Jury Picks	134	217	170	240	177
Formal Hearings	2	2	7	12	16
Trials Scheduled	290	435	439	546	367
Motions	20	11	11	20	24

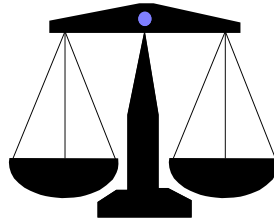
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	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Probable Cause Hrgs Scheduled	*	196	247	243	286
Preliminary Exams Scheduled	179	39	56	38	50
Total PCH & PE's:		235	303	281	336
Waived - PCH/PE	129	148	179	177	207
Bound Over - PCH/PE	8	10	10	4	7
Misd Pleas - PCH/PE	19	36	36	40	26
Felony Pleas - PCH/PE	7	3	4	5	3
Adjourned	15	8	18	18	40
Nolle/Dism (By Court or Pros)	1	4	7	2	4
Defendant Failed to Appear	0	2	1	4	4
Pre-Trials	444	403	453	441	399
Jury Picks	0	0	0	0	0
Formal Hearings	46	2	6	4	1
Trials Scheduled	11	12	15	19	15
Motions	8	3	9	10	11

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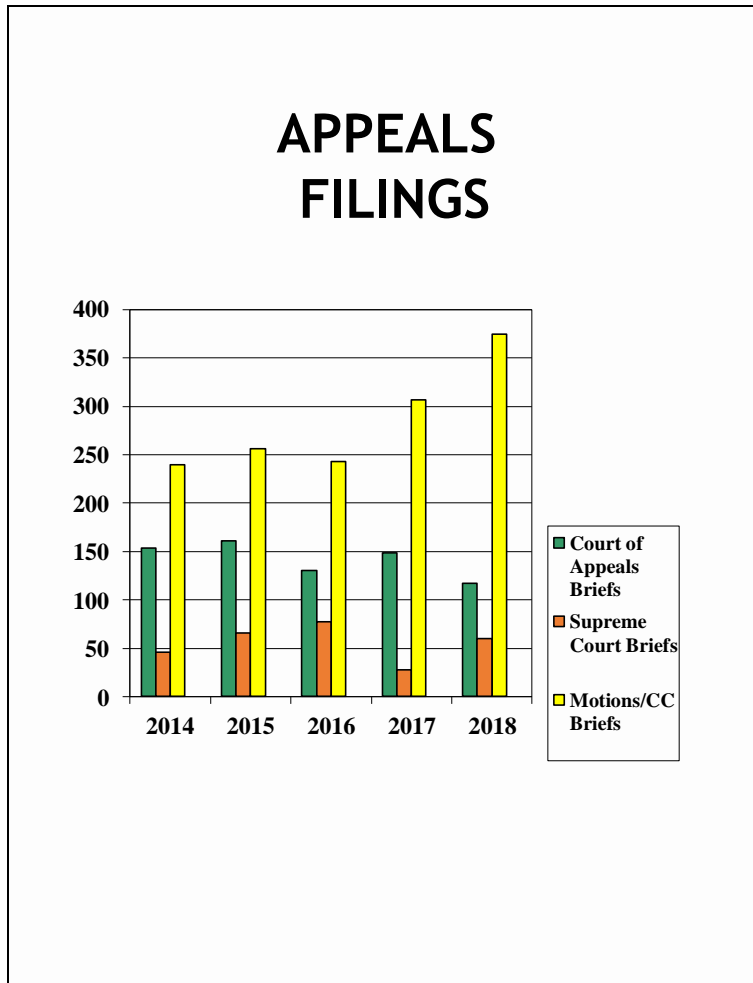
APPELLATE DIVISION

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.

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APPELLATE DIVISION STATISTICS

Filings in:	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Court of Appeals	154	161	130	149	117
Supreme Court	46	66	77	28	60
District/Circuit Ct Pleadings/Briefs	240	256	243	307	375
TOTAL	440	462	450	526	552

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BOND FORFEITURES

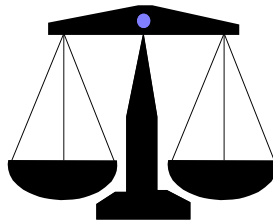
In 2004, we began to actively file bond forfeiture motions for defendants' failure to appear at hearings. The benefits of this are two-fold. First, they create additional revenue for the County. The County Clerk's Office receives any bond monies forfeited as a result of our filings. Second, Sureties 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.

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Bond Forfeitures Filed	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
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	2018	50,114	(61,522)	100.00	2,128	57,028	
2018	146,750	(70,000)	76,750		26,029	(27,167)			(2,802)	
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

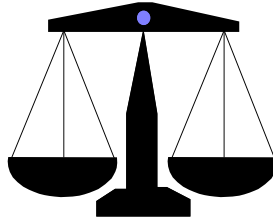
1. An explanation of the criminal justice system and a victim's rights within the criminal justice system.
2. Contact with the victim from arraignment to disposition of the case.
3. Assistance with applying for Crime Victim's Compensation.
4. Provide case status information.
5. Link victims and families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

Angelica Ferrer-----Victim Witness Coordinator

61st District Court

Noemy Aguilar----- Victim Witness Advocate

Kendall Hornsby----- 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

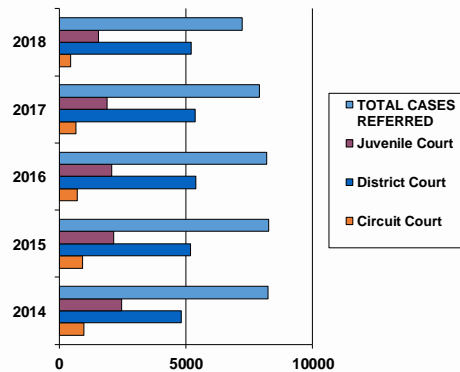
Clerks

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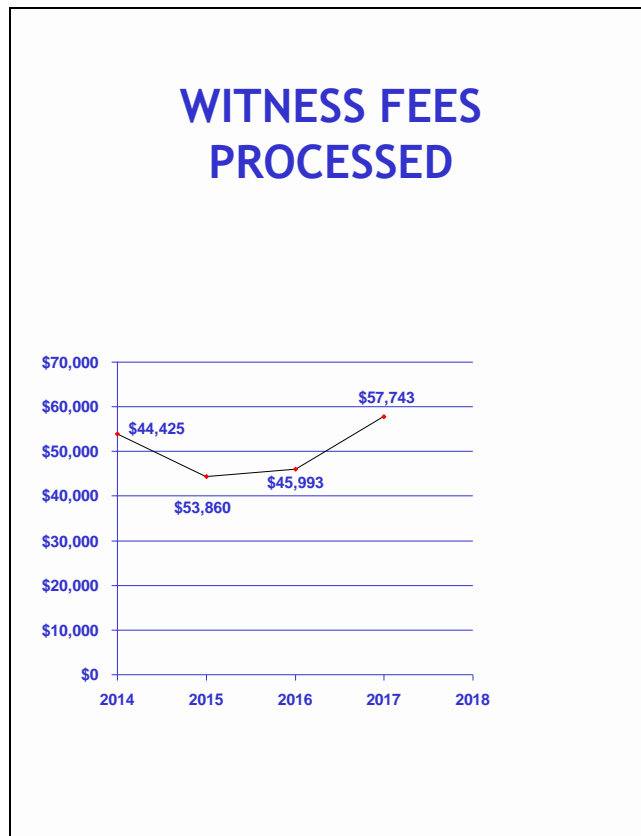
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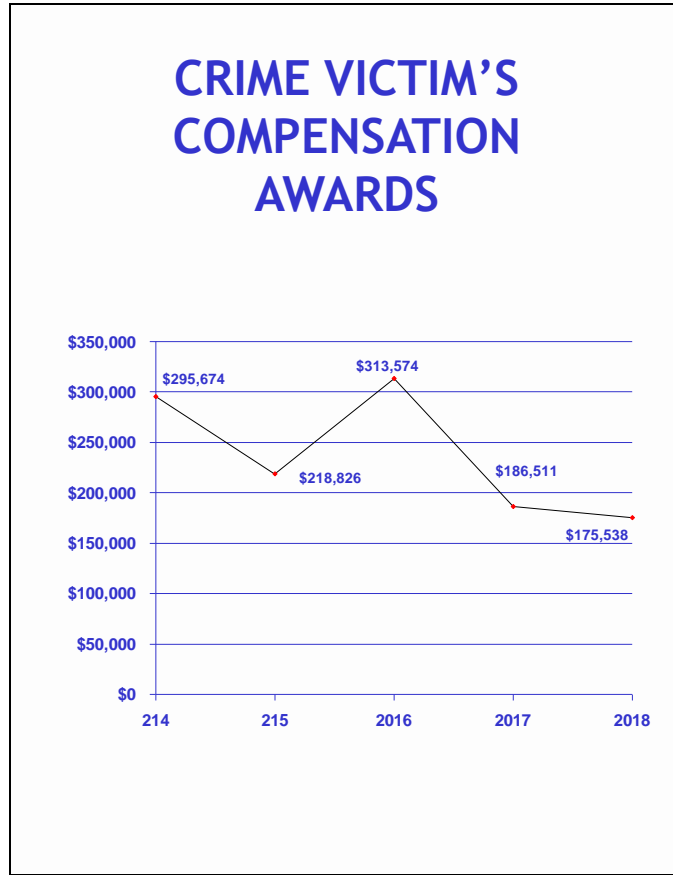
Cases Referred	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Circuit Court	981	934	728	658	446
District Court	4,809	5,180	5,402	5,365	5,207
Juvenile Court	2,459	2,154	2,064	1,884	1,563
TOTAL	8,249	8,268	8,194	7,907	7,216

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Witnesses Subpoenaed	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Police					
Adult Cases	14,570	12,560	11,270	14,484	9,075
Juvenile Cases	240	147	151	520	327
Civilians					
Adult Cases	10,051	8,231	4,569	4,162	3,746
Juvenile Cases	1,128	1,021	1,056	1,099	1,289
TOTAL					
Adult Cases	24,621	20,791	17,046	18,646	12,821
Juvenile Cases	1,368	1,168	1,167	1,619	1,616
Witness Fees Processed					
Adult Cases	\$40,988	\$33,828	\$40,120	\$54,845	\$52,425
Juvenile Cases	\$12,872	\$10,597	\$5,873	\$2,898	\$2,360
TOTAL	\$53,860	\$44,425	\$45,993	\$57,743	\$54,785

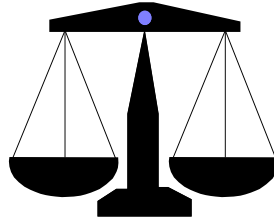
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VICTIM/WITNESS UNIT

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Crime Victim's Compensation					
State Awards to Victims	\$295,674	\$218,826	\$313,574	\$186,511	\$175,538
<p>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.</p>					
No. of Victims Assisted with Crime Victims Compensations Claims	520	452	393	302	296

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.



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

	2013/2014	2014/2015	2015/2016	2016/2017	2017/2018
Personnel	19	19	19	19	19
Approved Budget	\$1,811,280	\$1,949,095	\$1,932,496	\$1,963,035	\$2,014,011
State Funds Expended	\$1,159,497	\$1,187,813	\$1,243,527	\$1,295,603	\$1,329,247
County Funds Expended	\$597,316	\$611,903	\$640,605	\$666,432	\$684,764
Actual Budget	\$1,756,813	\$1,799,716	\$1,884,131	\$1,449,007	\$1,954,652
Cases Opened	3,943	3,865	3,655	3,980	3,995
Cases Continued	1,704	2,018	2,076	2,004	2,252
Cases Closed	3,865	4,053	3,916	3,732	3,846
Cases Pending	1,782	1,830	1,815	2,252	2,401
Judgments	2,889	2,812	2,704	2,159	1,864

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

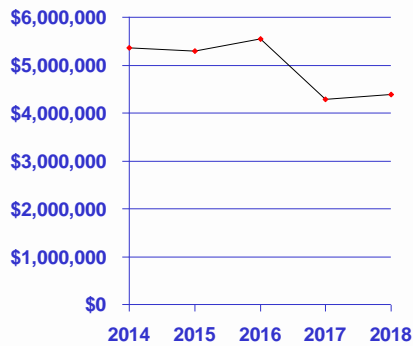
Non-custodial parties (NCP's) in paternity and support cases must be personally served with a Complaint and Summons once the case is filed with the court. The average cost to serve an NCP is around \$28.00, but can be more, especially if they live or work outside of Kent County. In May 2014, a process 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.

2018 Statistics:

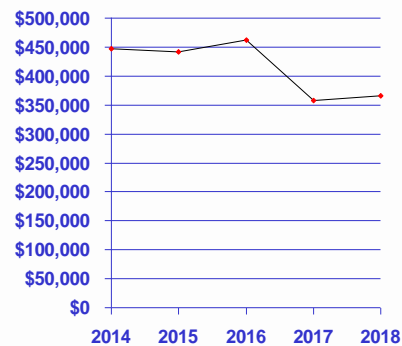
- 1,075 NCP's were scheduled to come in for service; 480 (45%) appeared and were served resulting in approximately \$13,440 in savings.
- 446 (93%) of those served filed an Answer the same day and avoided default.
- 105 genetic tests were completed the same day the NCP was served and filed an Answer, freeing up timeslots for other parties to be scheduled for testing sooner.

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SUPPORT ORDERED ANNUALLY



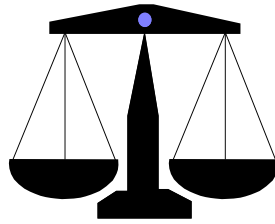
SUPPORT ORDERED MONTHLY



	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Support Ordered Monthly	\$446,829*	\$441,167*	\$462,261*	\$357,465	\$365,537
Support Ordered Annually	\$5,361,948*	\$5,294,004*	\$5,547,132*	\$4,289,580	\$4,386,444
Cost Per Positive Disposition	\$608	\$640	\$696	\$671	\$1,048
Cases Completed w/i 6 months from Service Date	96%	97%	98%	89%	79%
Cases Completed w/i 12 months from Service Date	96%	96%	98%	89%	79%
Cases w/Support Orders Entered	80%	82%	82%	80%	77%
Cases w/Paternity Established	95%	100%	98%	98%	99%

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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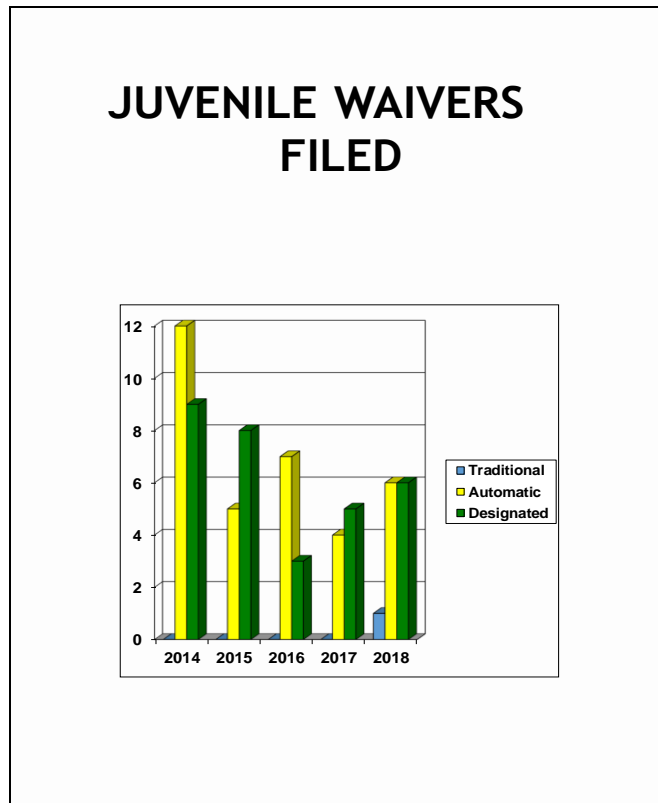
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JUVENILE DIVISION STATISTICS

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
DELINQUENCY					
Delinquency Trials	20 NJT = 15 JT = 5	13 NJT = 11 JT = 2	8 NJT=7 JT=1	24 NJT=21 JT=3	32 NJT=28 JT=4
Delinquency PTCs	646	613	610	622	651
Delinquency Pleas	701	674	504	594	377
Delinquency Jury Demands	459	506	466	683	645
Disposition Hearings	354	321	366	359	18
Review Hearings	361	265	277	297	365
Delinquency Petitions Authorized	2,459	2,154	2,064	1,884	1,563
Delinquency Petitions Denied	238	279	286	278	276
<u>NEGLECT</u>					
Neglect Conferences	303	325	358	332	333
Termination Confs Petitions Authorized	139	125	111	116	97
Contested Neglect Hearings	835	871	872	936	936
Contested Termination Hearings	318	326	284	256	286
Other Neglect Hearings	164	89	130	108	89
Motions and OTSC Hearings	94	83	82	110	122
Personal Protection Order Hearings	80	83	86	78	63
Incompetency Hearings	630	597	553 298-Kent 255-Other Counties	608 329-Kent 279-Other Counties	566 270-Kent 296-Other Counties

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	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Traditional Waivers Filed	0	0	0	1	1
Traditional Waivers Granted	0	0	0	1	1
Automatic (Direct) Waivers Filed	12	5	7	4	6

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.

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Designated Waivers	9	3	3	5	6

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

	2015	2016	2017	2018	Diff. 17-18
Prosecutor Referrals					
Total Year	80	90	64	89	25
Average Month	6.67	7.5	5.3	7.4	2.1
Offenders Enrolled					
Total Year	80	82	61	84	23
Average Month	6.7	6.8	5	7	2
Offenders Rejected					
Total Year	4	5	5	6	1
Average Month	0.34	0.4	0.4	0.4	0
Offenders Revoked					
Total Year	9	14	10	6	-4
Average Month	0.75	1.16	0.8	0.5	-0.3
Yearly Percentage	10%	19%	13%	14%	1%
Successful Completions					
Total Year	85	59	67	75	8
Average Month	7.10%	4.90%	5.6%	6.2%	0.6%
Yearly Percentage	90%	81%	87%	93%	6%
Average Days in Program	188	202	223	193	-30
Average Months in Program	6.1	6.6	7.3	6.6	-0.7
	2 pending cases ending 2015	5 pending cases ending 2016	4 pending cases ending 2017	3 pending cases ending 2018	
FEES COLLECTED					
Diversion Fee					
Total Year	\$41,473.25	\$33,799.89	\$28,693.00	\$38,785.00	\$10,092
Average Month	\$3,456.10	\$2,816.66	\$2,391.00	\$3,232.00	\$841
Restitution					
Total Year	\$12,999.88	\$6,447.03	\$15,241.67	\$17,429.00	\$2,007.33
Average Month	\$1,083.32	\$538.92	\$1,270.05	\$1,452.00	\$181.95
Percentage Ordered v. Collected	74%	48%			
Application Fee					
Total Year	\$1,950.00	\$1,800.00	\$1,590.00	\$2,025.00	\$435
Average Month	\$162.50	\$150.00	\$132.50	\$168.75	\$36.25

Diversions Program Statistics

