

DISTRICT ATTORNEY FACT SHEET



About the District Attorney

The District Attorney's Office prosecutes criminal cases on behalf of the state, advocates for victims, and upholds justice within the community. They are dedicated to ensuring public safety through fair and effective prosecution while maintaining the integrity of the legal system.

Community Impact

Insurance Fraud

In 2023, the District Attorney's Office received a grant to combat disability, healthcare, auto, and workers' compensation fraud. The **Auto Insurance Fraud Program** held 8 events with 491 attendees, the **Disability & Healthcare Program** hosted 9 events with 1,041 attendees, and the **Workers' Compensation Program** held 6 events with 215 attendees. Year-round training and outreach help law enforcement and the community identify and report insurance fraud.

Victims Unit

The District Attorney's Office conducted **11 presentations** for schools and community partners on victim services, advocacy, and human trafficking. The unit participated in **15 tabling events**, connecting with thousands of Monterey County residents. In 2023, the unit provided over **24,000 services** to more than **3,000 victims**.

Additional Accomplishments

The office reviewed **1,307 search warrants** and **15,304 cases** for prosecution, filing **59 homicide cases**. It also participated in **7 National Night Out events** across the county to engage the community with law enforcement.

Projects & Initiatives FY 2023-2024



Cold Case Task Force

Awarded a U.S. Department of Justice grant to use DNA technology in cold-case investigations. Collaborating with local law enforcement, the task force prosecuted **3 homicide cases** and **2 sexual assault cases** in 2023.



Family Justice Center

Opened in King City on April 1, 2024, the Family Justice Center aims to provide victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, child abuse, elder abuse, and human trafficking with centralized, comprehensive support. Plans are underway to expand the center and open two more locations in Monterey County.



Victim's Recognition Ceremony

Held on April 26, 2024, during National Crime Victims' Rights Week, the ceremony honored crime victims across the county. Notable speakers included survivors Janette Blair, Julia Blair, and Anita Scott, who shared their personal stories of loss and resilience. The event also featured a dove release in memory of victims.



Camp Esperanza


In partnership with local agencies, Camp Esperanza hosted a surf camp for child victims of crime, providing a safe space for healing and positive experiences. Participants formed bonds through activities like surfing and journaling, supported by The Wahine Project.


DID YOU KNOW?



In October 2023, the District Attorney's Office partnered with the Multi-Cultural Community Council and Red Door Project to host "The Evolve Experience," an interactive performance on race and the justice system. The Truancy Unit handled **3,955 school referrals**, leading to **1,539 family mediations** by two deputy DAs. Since 2014, facility dogs Odie and Norma Jeane have supported **over 1,000 victims**, with Armani joining in 2024 to assist in court and beyond.

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