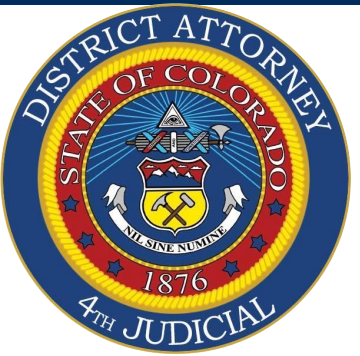


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Constitutional and Statutory Office

Colorado Constitution

Article VI, §13

Colorado Statute

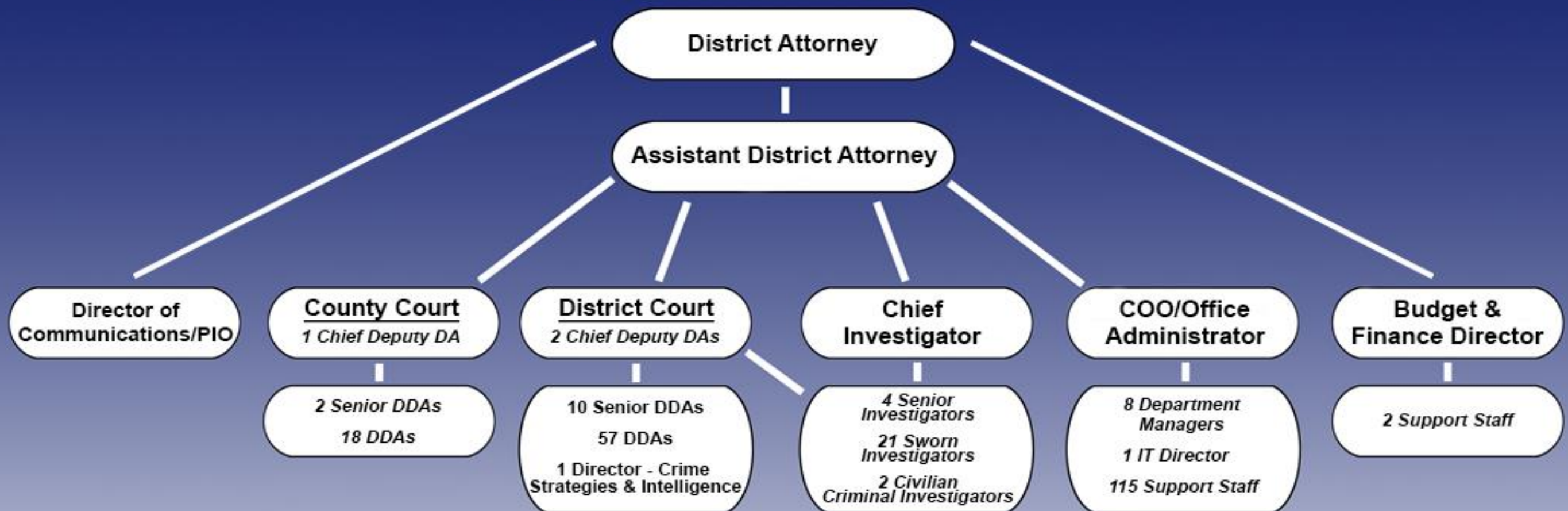
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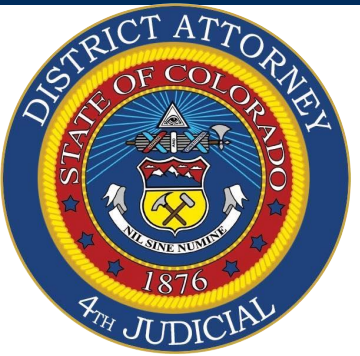
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2023 ORGANIZATION CHART



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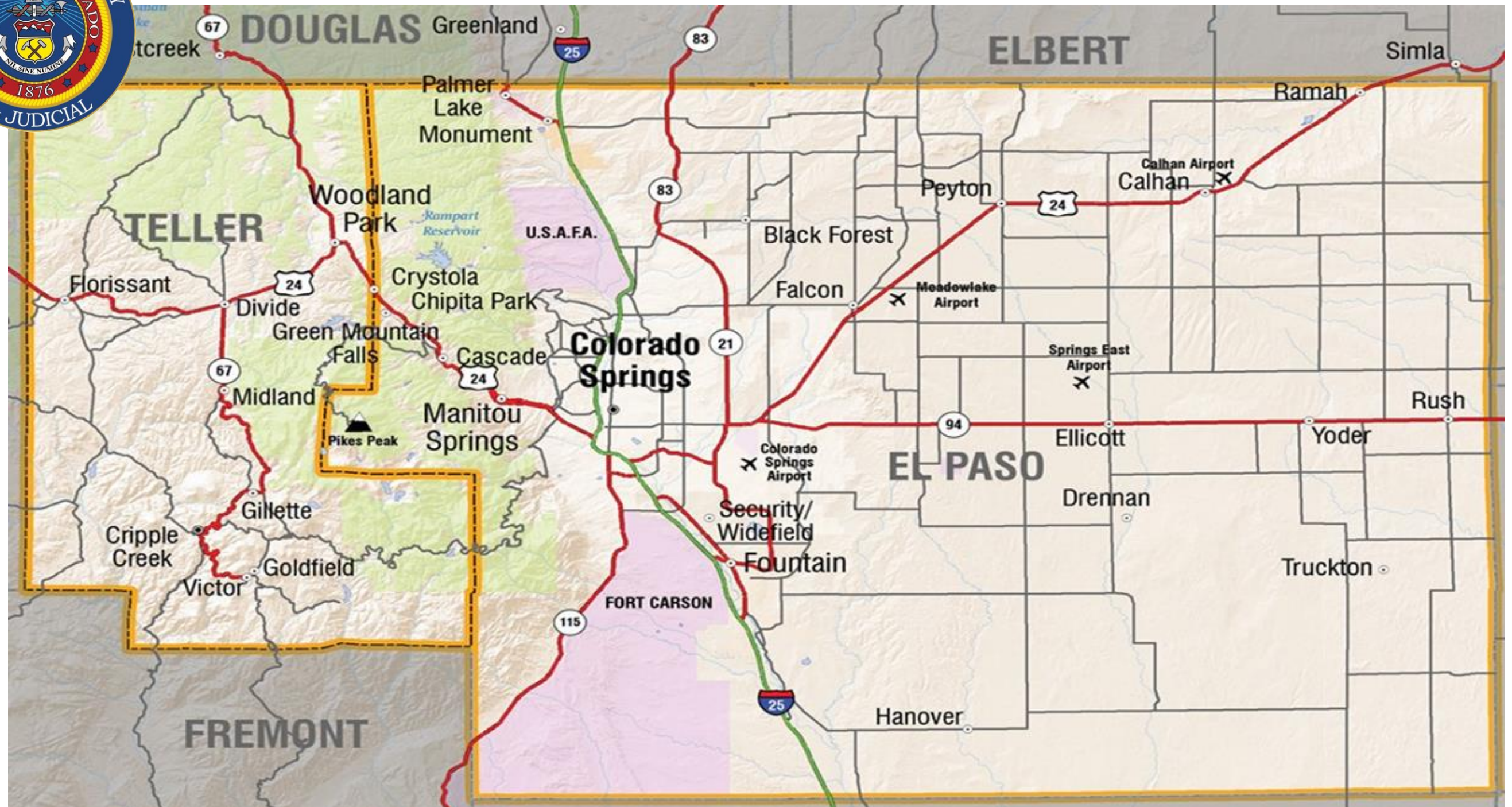
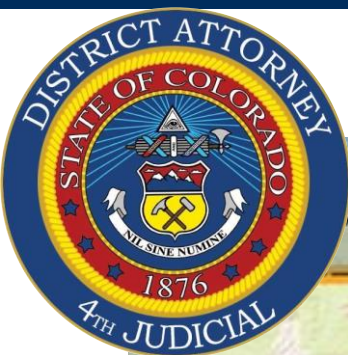


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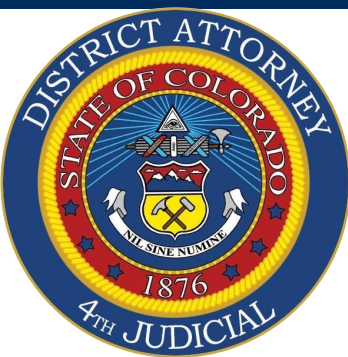
Administer justice, advocate for victims, and partner with law enforcement and the citizens of this community in the deterrence and prosecution of crime.



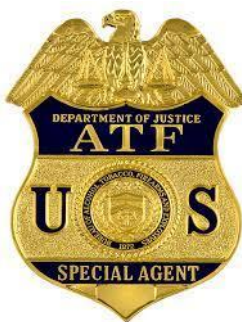
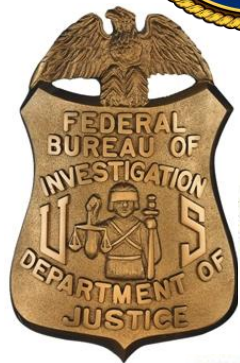
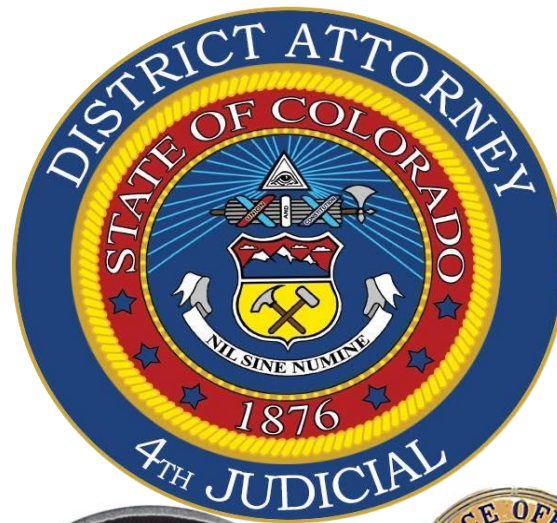
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Partnering with Law Enforcement



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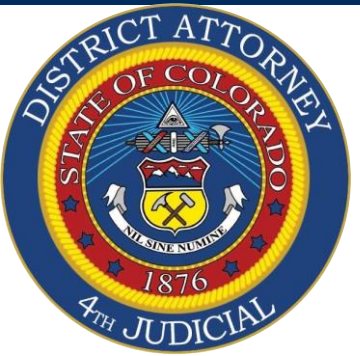
Office Staff

250 Employees

- 132 support staff
- 26 sworn investigators
- 92 attorneys



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Court Responsibilities

20 District Court Divisions

11 County Court Divisions

4 Juvenile Court Divisions

4 Problem Solving Courts

DUI Court – DV Court – VTC – Recovery Court



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Primary Assignments

County Court

- misdemeanor caseload, entry level prosecution

Appellate Unit

- handles all appeals and research needs



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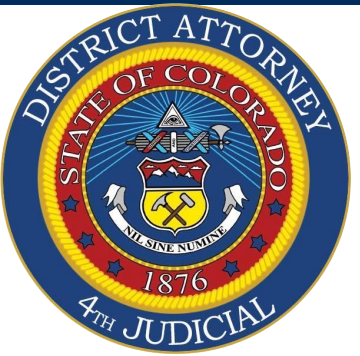
Primary Assignments

District Court – Felony Caseload

- Special Victims Unit
- Organized Crime Unit
- Juvenile Prosecution
- Felony Intake



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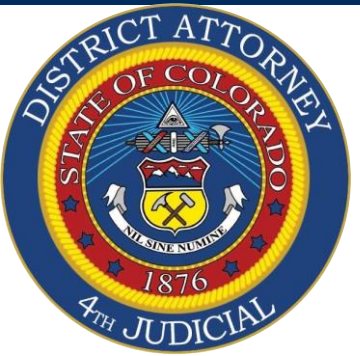


Secondary Assignments

- Homicide On-Call Team
- Vehicular Homicide / Assault On-Call Team
- Animal Cruelty
- Law Enforcement Agency Liaisons



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Community Engagement

- UCCS Law Enforcement Intern Program
- Recruiting / Law School Intern Program
- Kids Against Crime
- Volunteer Program
 - 78 volunteers
 - 10,468 hours donated



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Intervention Efforts

2022 Diversion Snapshot

- Human Trafficking Diversion- 2 cases accepted, 100% success
- Sexting Diversion- 6 cases accepted, 100% success
- Juvenile Diversion- 248 cases accepted, 81% success
- Minor in Possession- 70 cases accepted, 81% success
- Adult Diversion- 42 cases accepted, 69% success
- Neighborhood Justice Center- 255 cases mediated, 68% success



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Fighting For Victims

\$6,728,313 in restitution*



#1 in Colorado

\$1,274,063.47 in victim compensation**

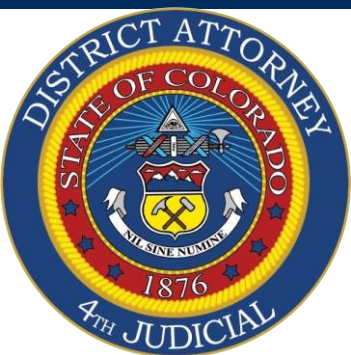
26,302 cases prosecuted in 2022



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4th JD Refuses to Compromise

2018-2022

Population: local growth outpacing the state

Violent Crime: 23% increase over five years statewide

Homicide	CO +75.2%	4 th JD +47.7%
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Agg Assault	CO +43.7%	4 th JD +28.9%
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Solve rates continue to fall - 49.5% in 2018 to 43% in 2022 (2023 currently at 39.6%)

Property Crime: 17% increase over five years statewide

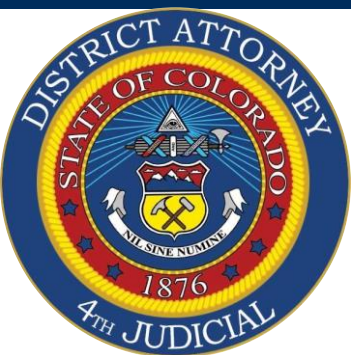
MVT	CO +107%	4 th JD +11%
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Burglary	CO +4.5%	4 th JD -3.3%
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Solve rates continue to fall for Motor Vehicle Theft - from 14% in 2021 to 9% in 2022



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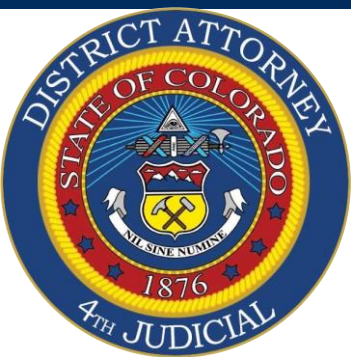
Benchmark Comparisons

Year	Felony	Juvenile	Misdo	Traffic	Total Filed	Declined Cases	Total Processed	Budget	Population	Total Staff
2022	6,167	918	8,654	10,563	26,302	1114	27,416	\$19,304,858.00	765,424	250
2021	6,956	984	8,361	14,632	30,933	896	31,829	\$17,617,081.62	762,793	244
2020	7,052	1,113	8,938	14,023	31,126	858	31,984	\$17,564,304.00	755,105	236

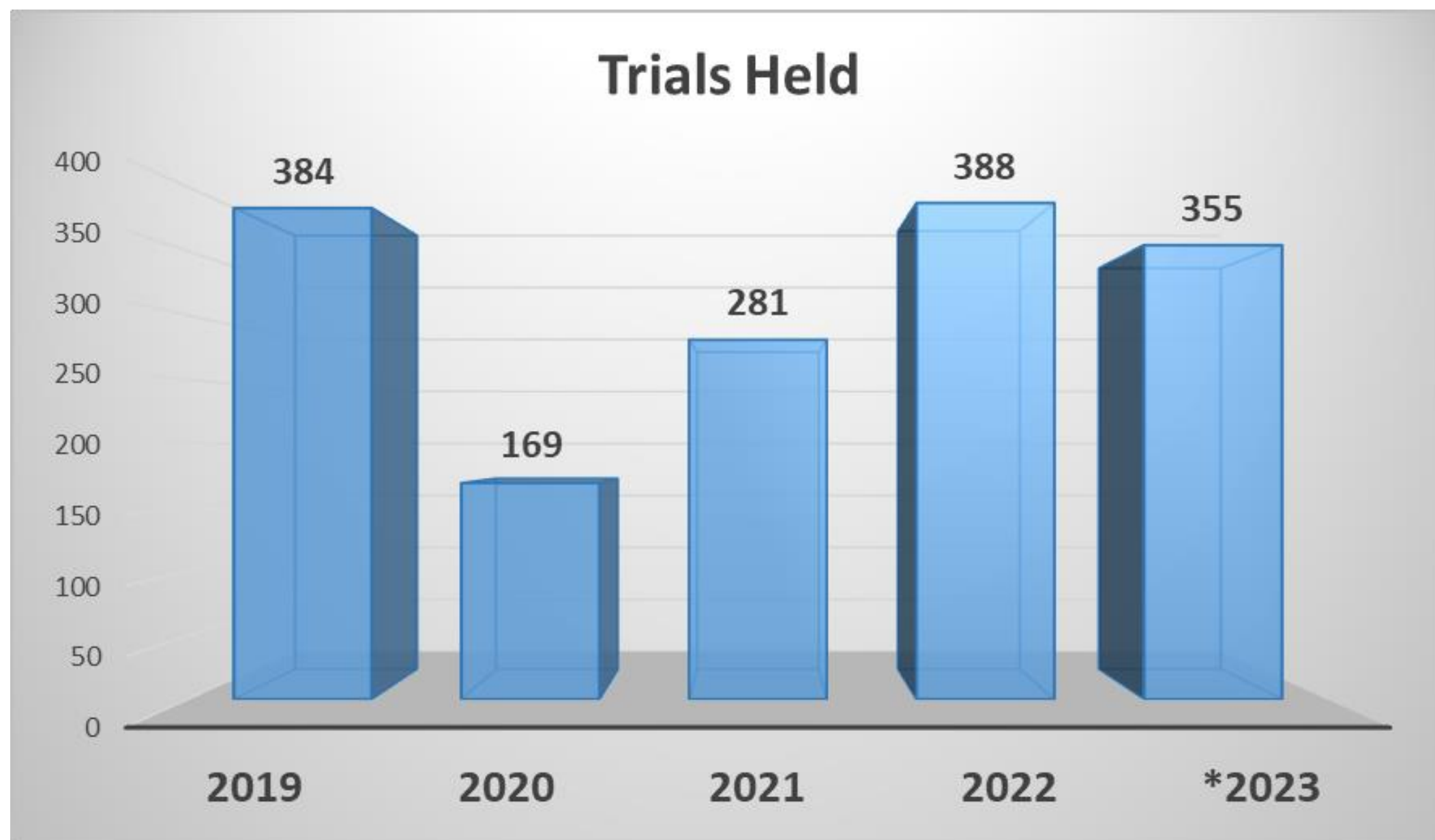
Judicial District	2020 Felony Cases	2020 Total Cases	2021 Felony Cases	2021 Total Cases	2022 Felony Cases	2022 Total Cases
4th JD	7,052	31,126	6,956	30,933	6,167	26,302
2nd JD	5,953	12,829	5,889	12,898	5,326	12,251
18th JD	4,729	26,951	4,118	25,935	4,257	24,920
1st JD	4,058	18,389	3,387	20,662	3,496	18,515
8th JD	2,670	11,850	2,159	11,527	2,121	10,699



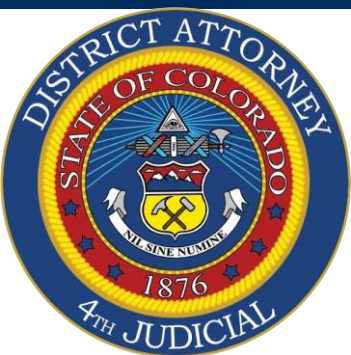
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Trials Held



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2022 vs. 2023 YTD

Year	Trials Held	Felony Trials	Days in Felony Trial	Homicide Cases Filed	Homicide Trials
2023 YTD	355	155	542	24	11
2022	388	169	568	51	20
2021	281	112	401	39	18

Notable Achievements

- 2023 projected record number of trials
- Renewed focus on prolific offenders – specialized collaboration between DAO, CSPD, EPSO, and FPD



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Gannon Stauch

Homicide trial – 20CR1358

- Largest investigation in 4th JD history
- Investigation and prosecution spanned more than 3 years
- 13-member trial team for 27-day trial
- National and international media coverage and responsibilities



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Inmate #KDOC-0129417

Homicide trial – 20CR1358

- Guilty on all counts
- Life in prison
- Transferred to Topeka Correctional Facility, Topeka, KS



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Club Q

Homicide case – 22CR6008

- Deadliest hate crime in 4th JD history
- Immediate high-level response
- Served over 50 victims
- Collaborative investigation and prosecution
- National and international media coverage and responsibilities



Daniel Aston



Raymond Green Vance



Ashley Paugh



Derrick Rump



Kelly Loving



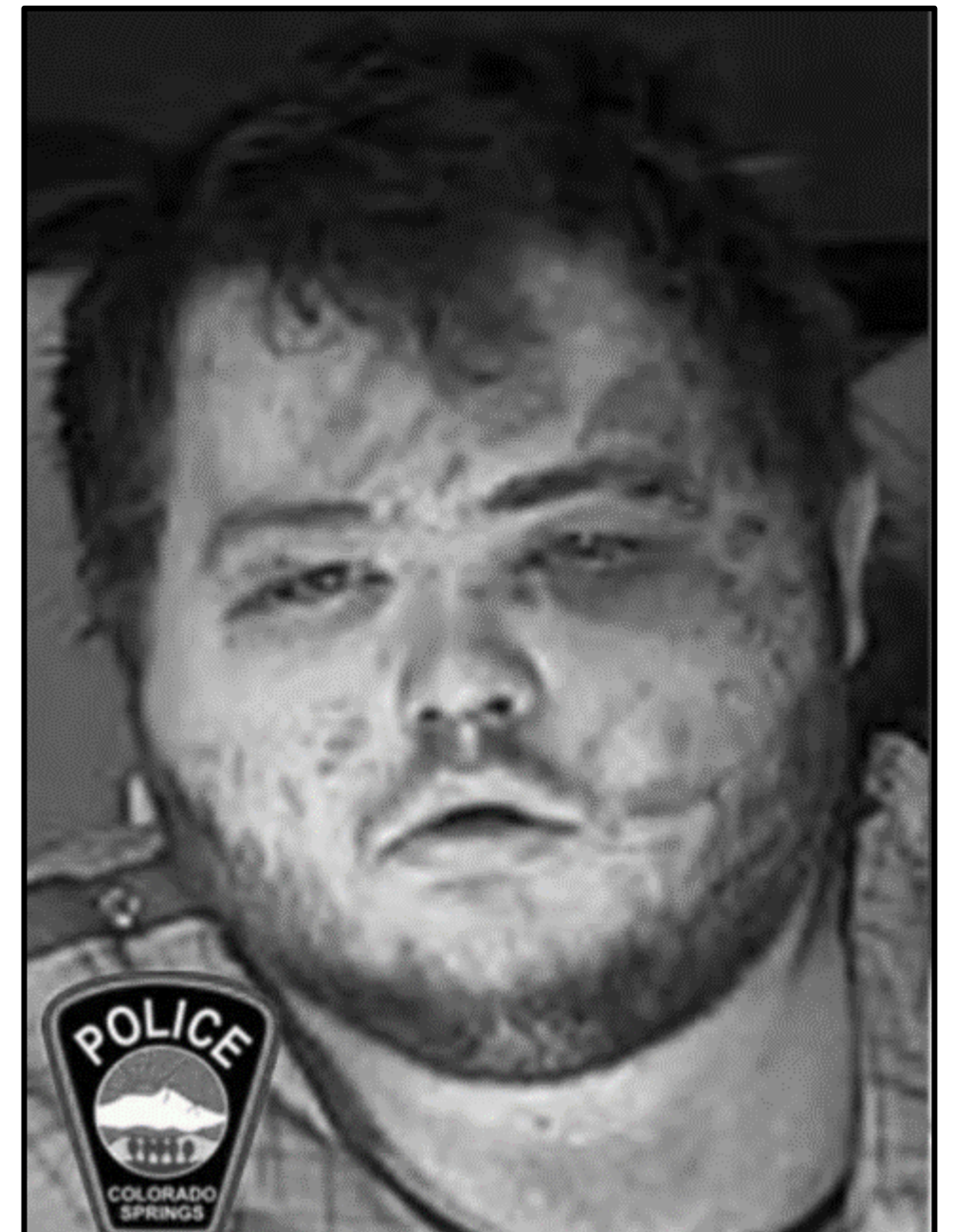
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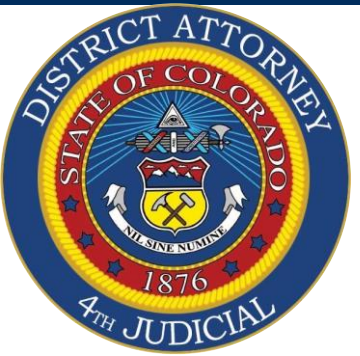
Inmate #WSP-34811

Homicide case – 22CR6008

- Plea result = max sentence
- Longest sentence imposed in 4th JD history
 - 5 consecutive life in prison sentences + 2,208 years
- Transferred to Wyoming State Penitentiary, Rawlins, WY



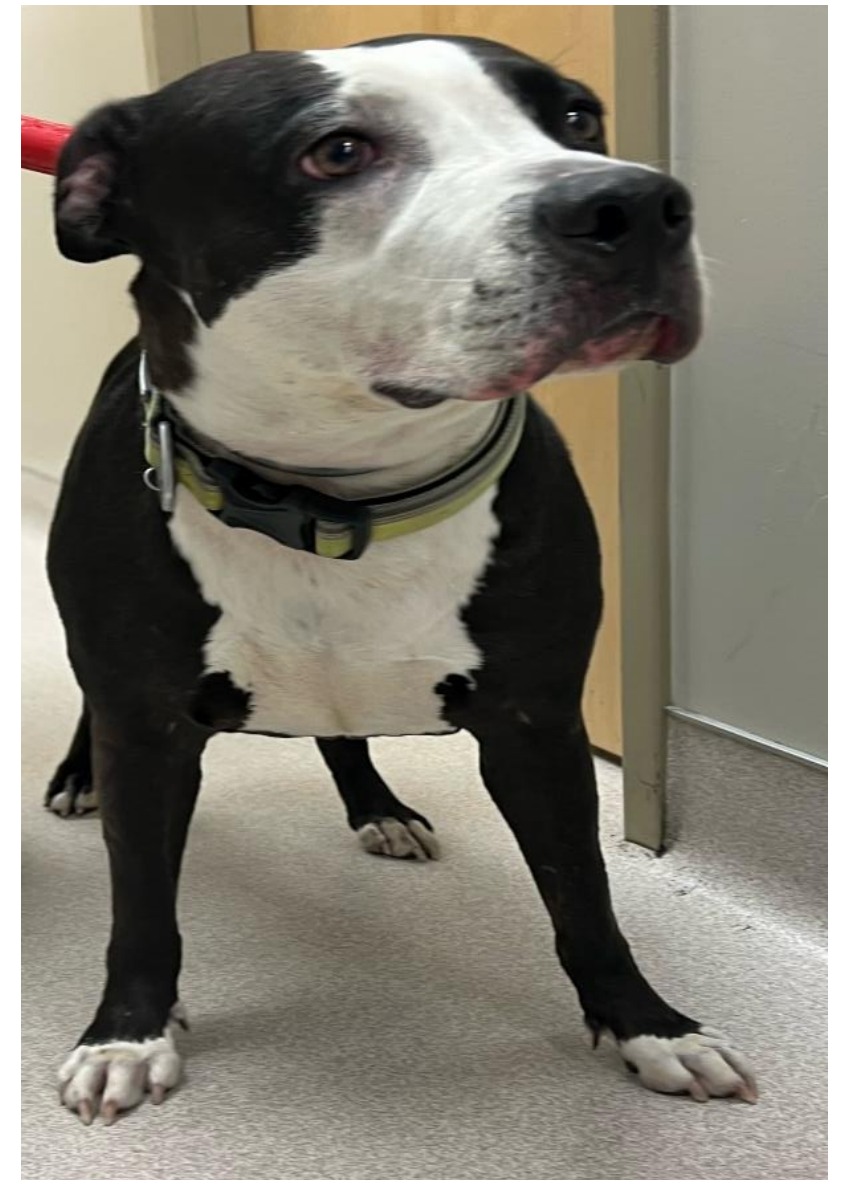
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Laila- Survivor of Animal Cruelty

Animal Cruelty – 22M4631 & 22T7233

- Defendant repeatedly struck Laila in a drunken rage
- Multiple onlookers intervened on Laila's behalf
- Defendant convicted of animal cruelty & DWAI
 - Failed to appear for sentencing
 - Warrant issued for his arrest



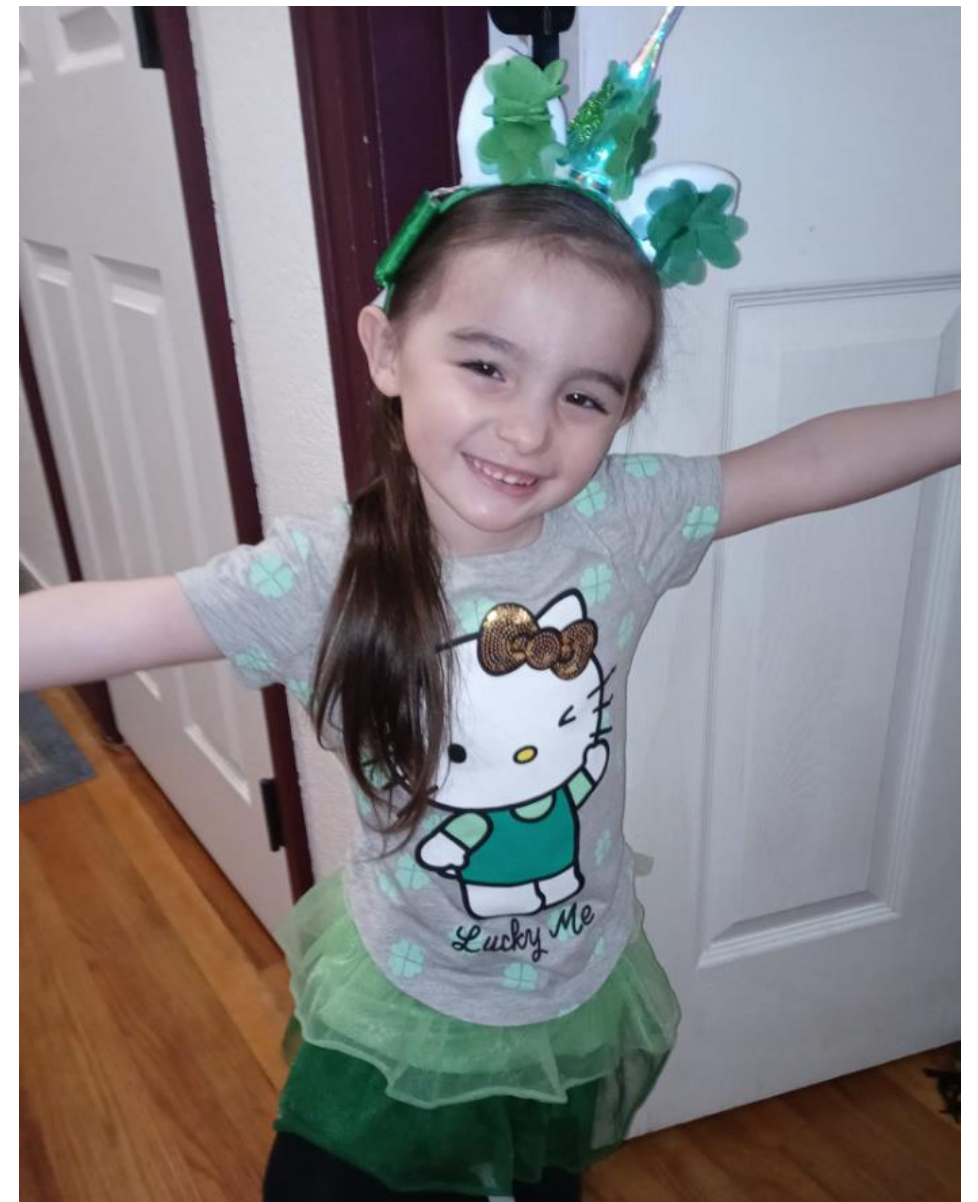
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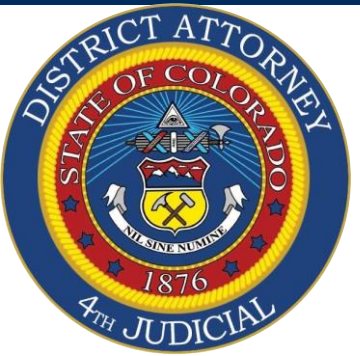
Acelynn Staton-Contreras

Child Fentanyl Poisoning Case – 22CR3539

- 4-year-old ingested fentanyl that belonged to her mother (defendant)
- Acelynn died at a truck stop in Fountain, CO
- Defendant sentenced to 27 years in Colorado Department of Corrections custody



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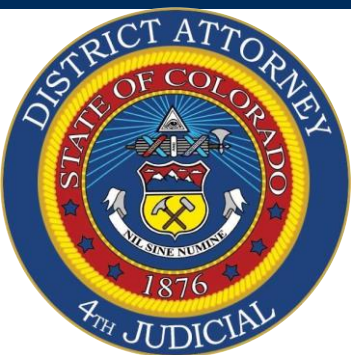
Leading the Fight Against Fentanyl

4th JD filed 345 cases, a 292% increase from FY22 to FY23

- 133 Possession w/Intent to Distribute Fentanyl counts in 118 cases
- 5 active cases of Fentanyl Distribution Resulting in Death
- 2 cases of Child Abuse Causing Death involving fentanyl



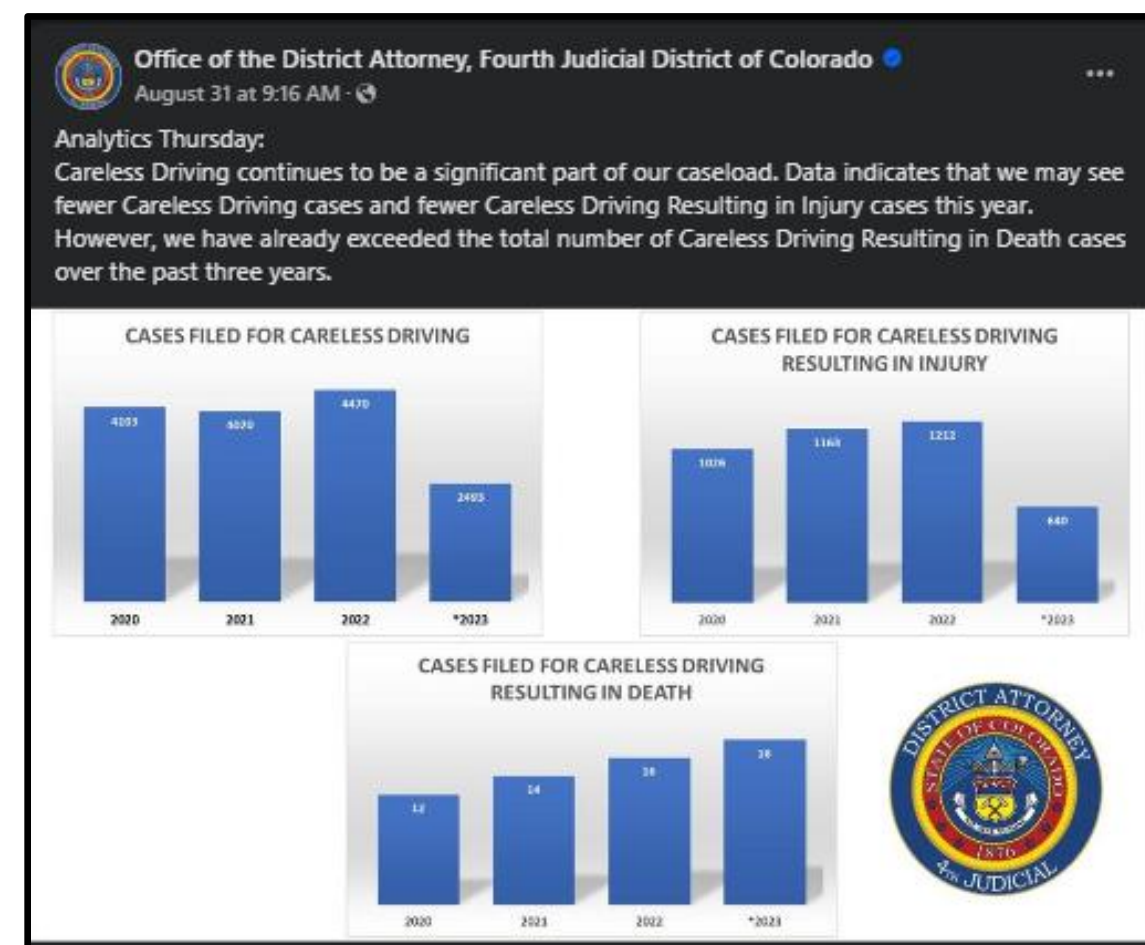
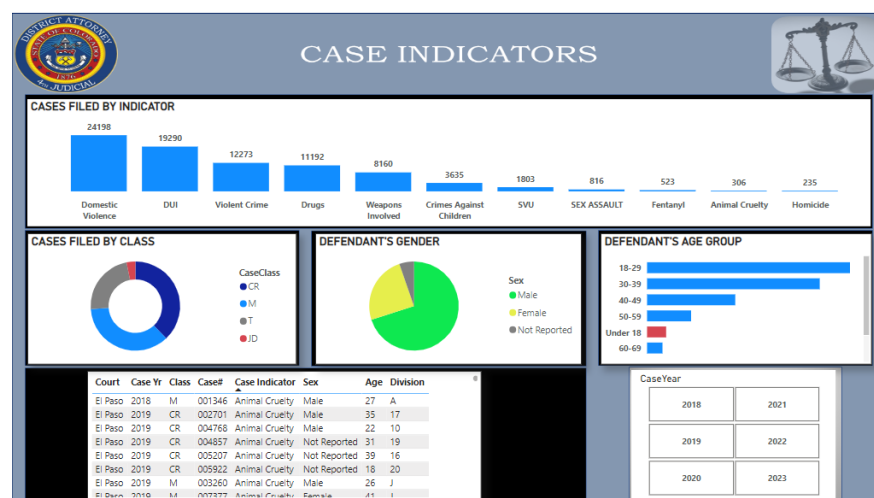
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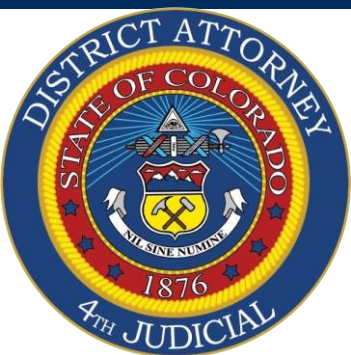
Increasing Transparency

Analytics Thursdays

- Weekly social media posts
- Data-backed statistics
- Current issues, trends, and community impact



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Base Budget & Critical Needs

2024 Ongoing Base Budget	2024 Critical Needs/Requests	2024 PBB
\$ 20,445,821	\$ 405,873	\$ 20,851,694

Funding Request 2024

Ongoing:

- Postage Costs \$25,000
- 4 Discovery Clerk FTE's \$159,666
- 2 Restitution Clerk FTE's \$88,704
- 1 HR Generalist FTE \$96,503

Onetime:

- New FTE Setup Costs \$36,000



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Challenges Ahead

- Engaging the community in the pursuit of justice
- Crime increasing as solve rates decline
- Fentanyl and synthetic opioid infiltration
- Fighting for victims despite “Criminal Justice Reform”





Questions?