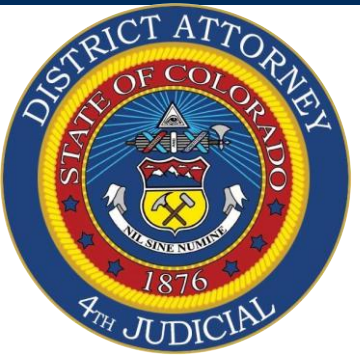


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Michael J. Allen
District Attorney
District Attorney's Office
October 21, 2025

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Constitutional and Statutory Office

Colorado Constitution – Article VI, §13

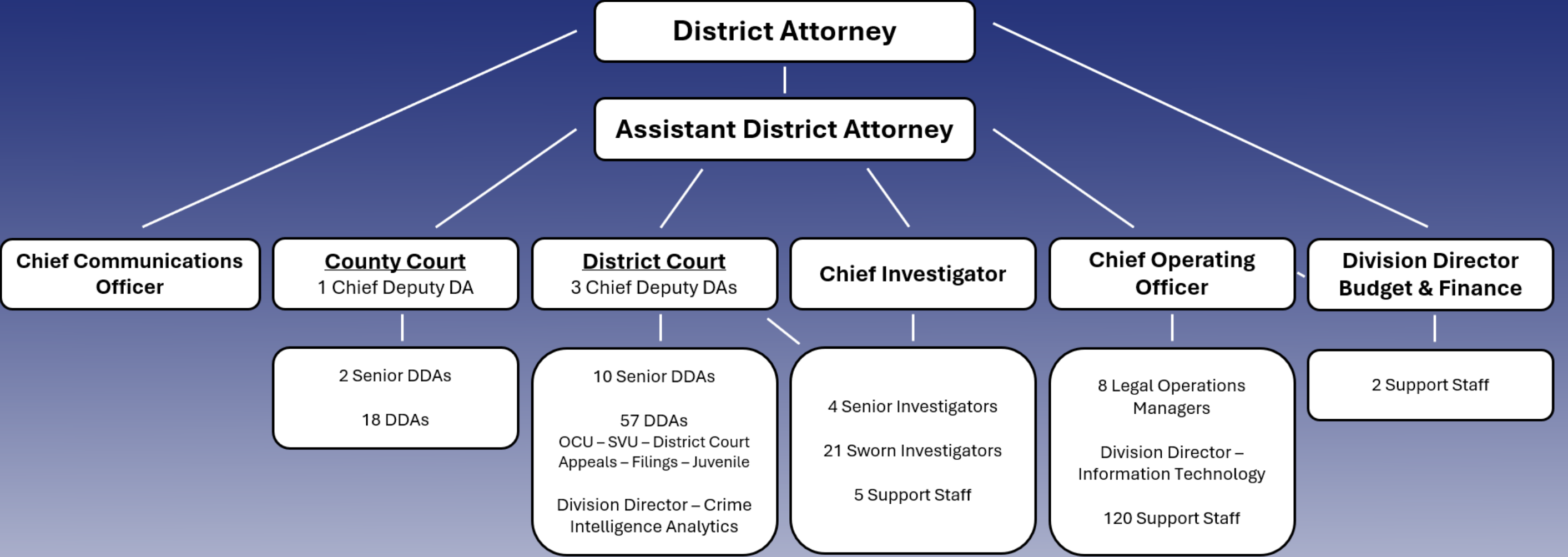
Colorado Statute - §§20-1-101 through 308



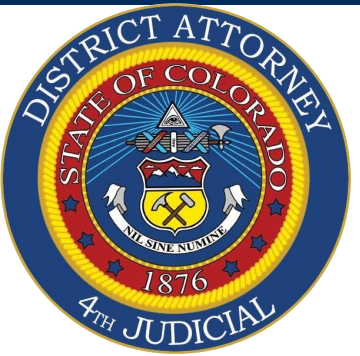
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2025 ORGANIZATION CHART



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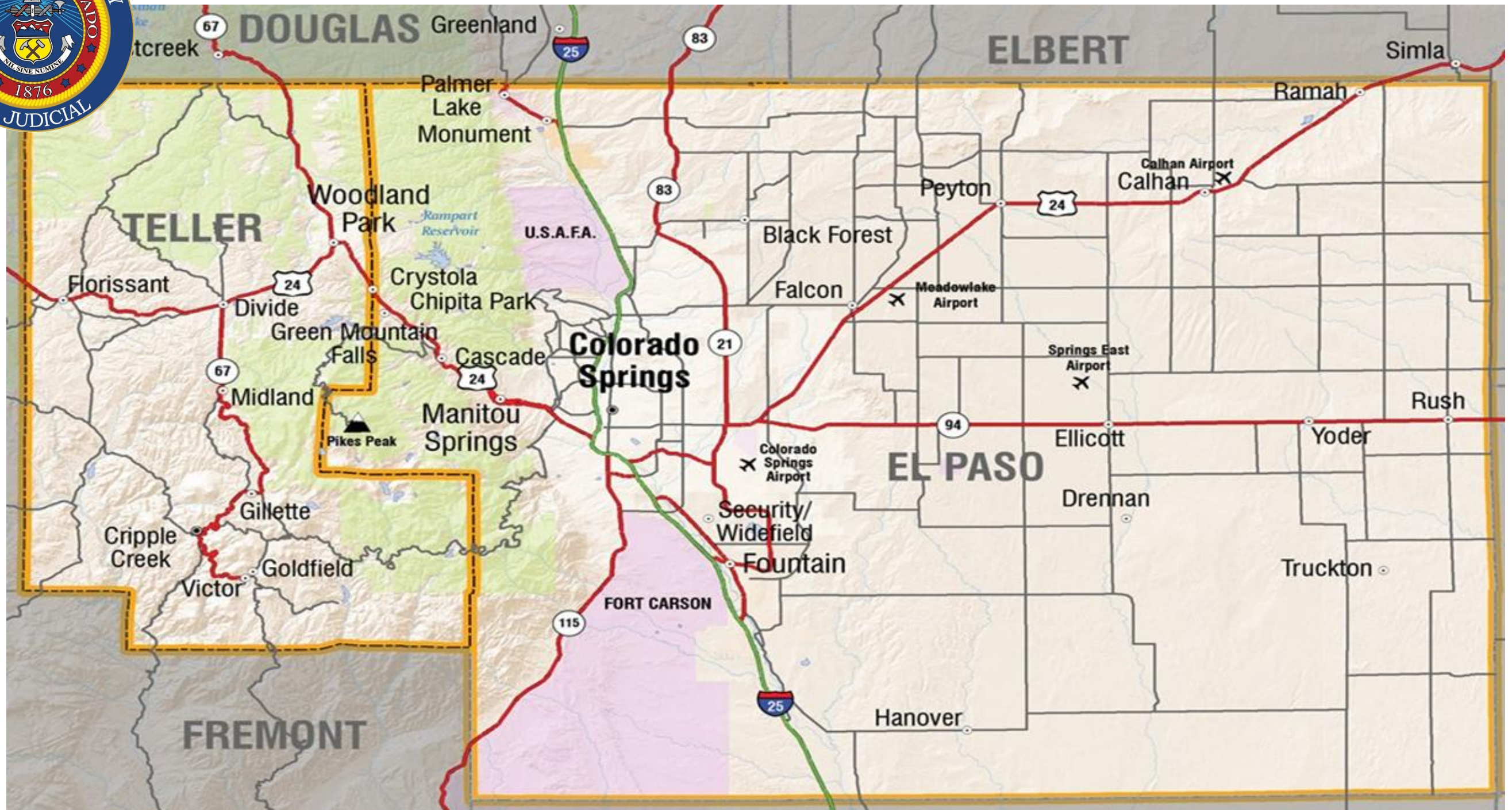
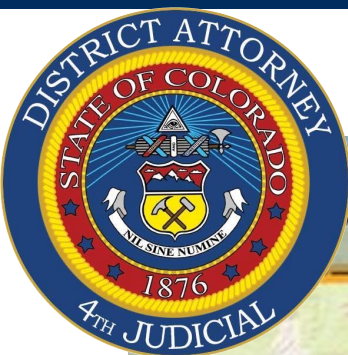


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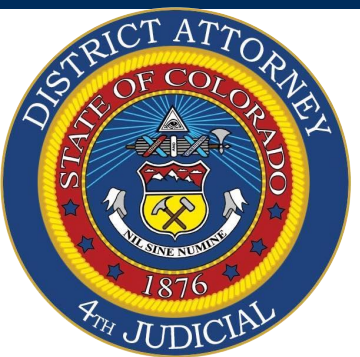
To administer justice, advocate for victims,
and partner with law enforcement and the citizens of this
community in the deterrence and prosecution of crime.



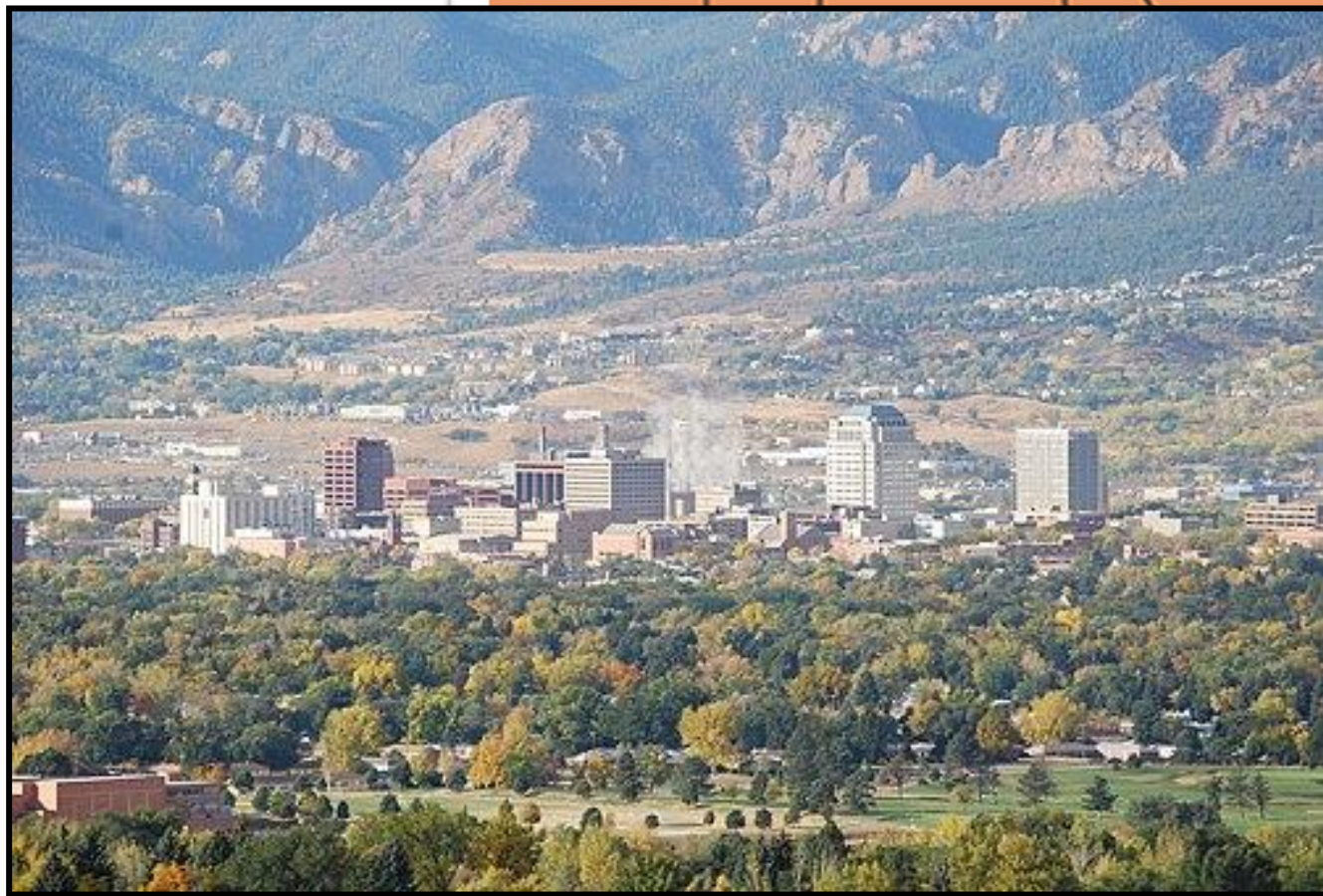
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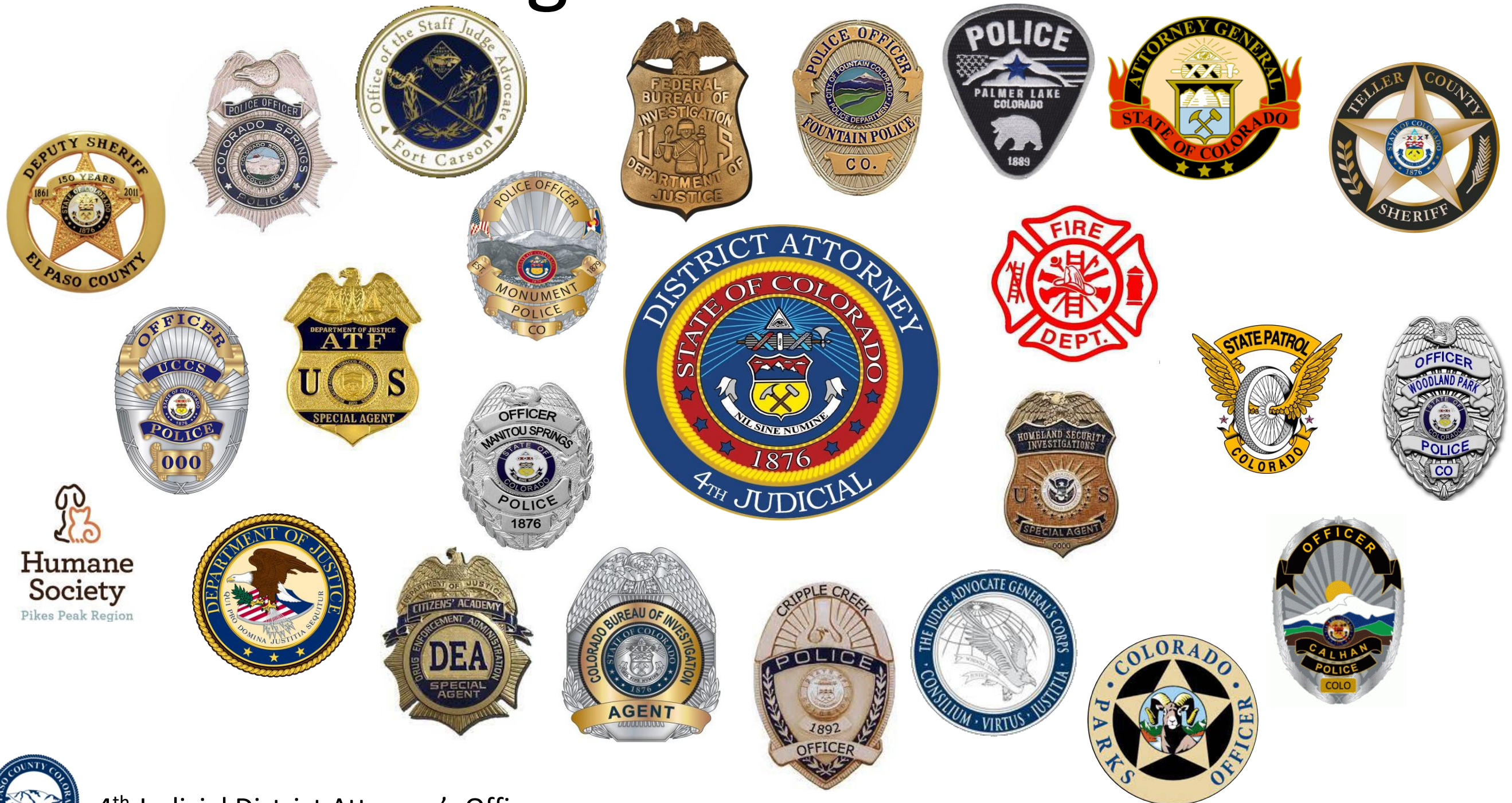


Population Trends CO vs 4th JD



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Partnering with Law Enforcement



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Office Staff

259
Employees

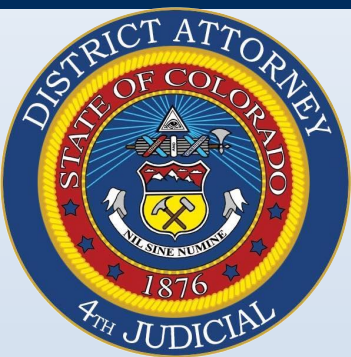
- 140 support staff
- 26 sworn investigators
- 93 attorneys

56
Volunteers

- Serving various departments
- 9,279 hours donated



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Intern to Deputy DA Program



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Court Responsibilities

20 District Court Divisions

11 County Court Divisions

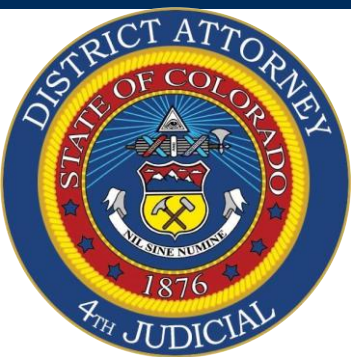
4 Juvenile Court Divisions

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:

All appeals
Research needs



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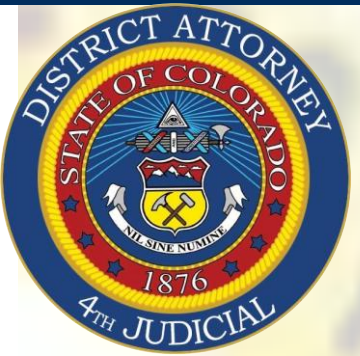
Primary Assignments

District Court: Felony Caseload

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



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Secondary Assignments



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Community Engagement

UCCS Law Enforcement Intern Program

Kids Against Crime

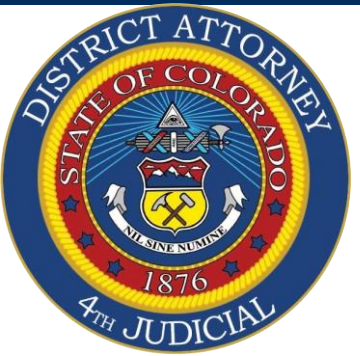
Fentanyl Awareness

Community Townhalls

Citizens College



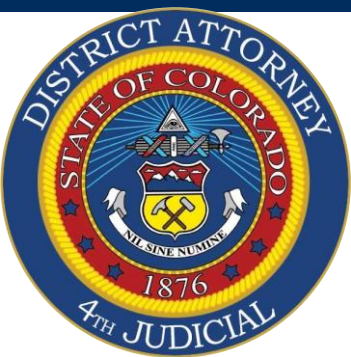
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Neighborhood Justice Center

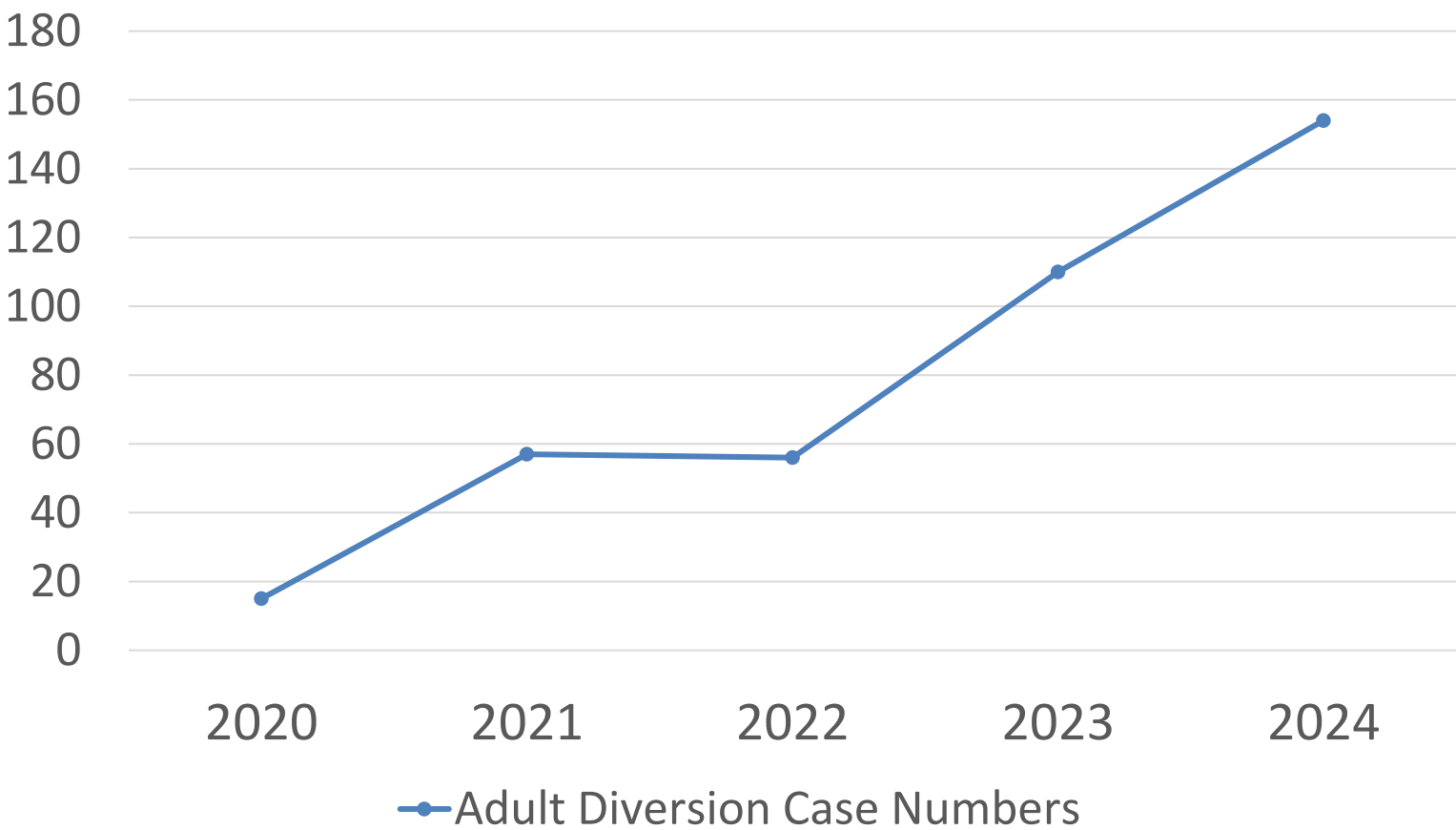
- Referral Process by DAO, City Attorney, Housing Authority, Schools & Community Partners, El Paso & Teller County Courts.
- Efficient, cost-effective dispute resolutions.
- Mediation staff is comprised of volunteers and DAO staff members.





Diversion Programs

Adult Diversion Case Numbers



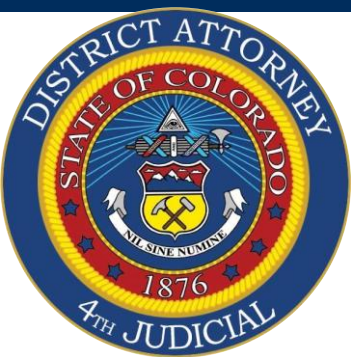
Juvenile Diversion Program

- Serves ~15% of all juvenile diversion cases statewide
- Handled the most cases statewide from 2023 – 2024

Adult Diversion

- Notable growth in cases from 2020 – 2024

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Diversion Programs

2024 Snapshot:

- **Sexting Diversion**
 - 6 cases, **100% success**
- **Juvenile Diversion**
 - 298 cases, **85% success**
- **Minor in Possession**
 - 70 cases, **75% success**
- **Adult Diversion**
 - 108 cases, **89% success**



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Restitution in 2024

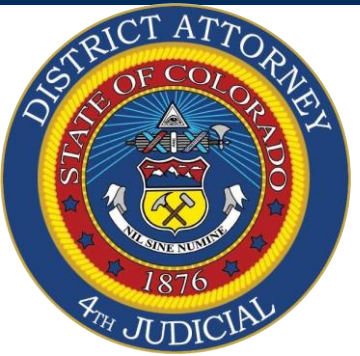


2024

- \$19,744,232 ordered
 - ★ #1 in Colorado ★
- A 59% increase since 2020
- More than 50,000 victim contacts made



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Victim Compensation



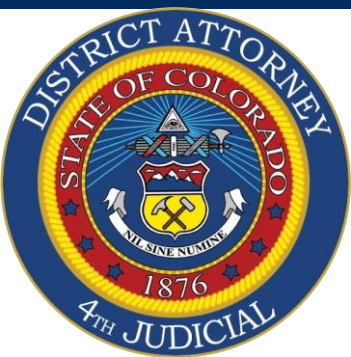
FY23: \$1,376,561 paid to victims

CY24: \$1,155,645 paid to victims and service providers.

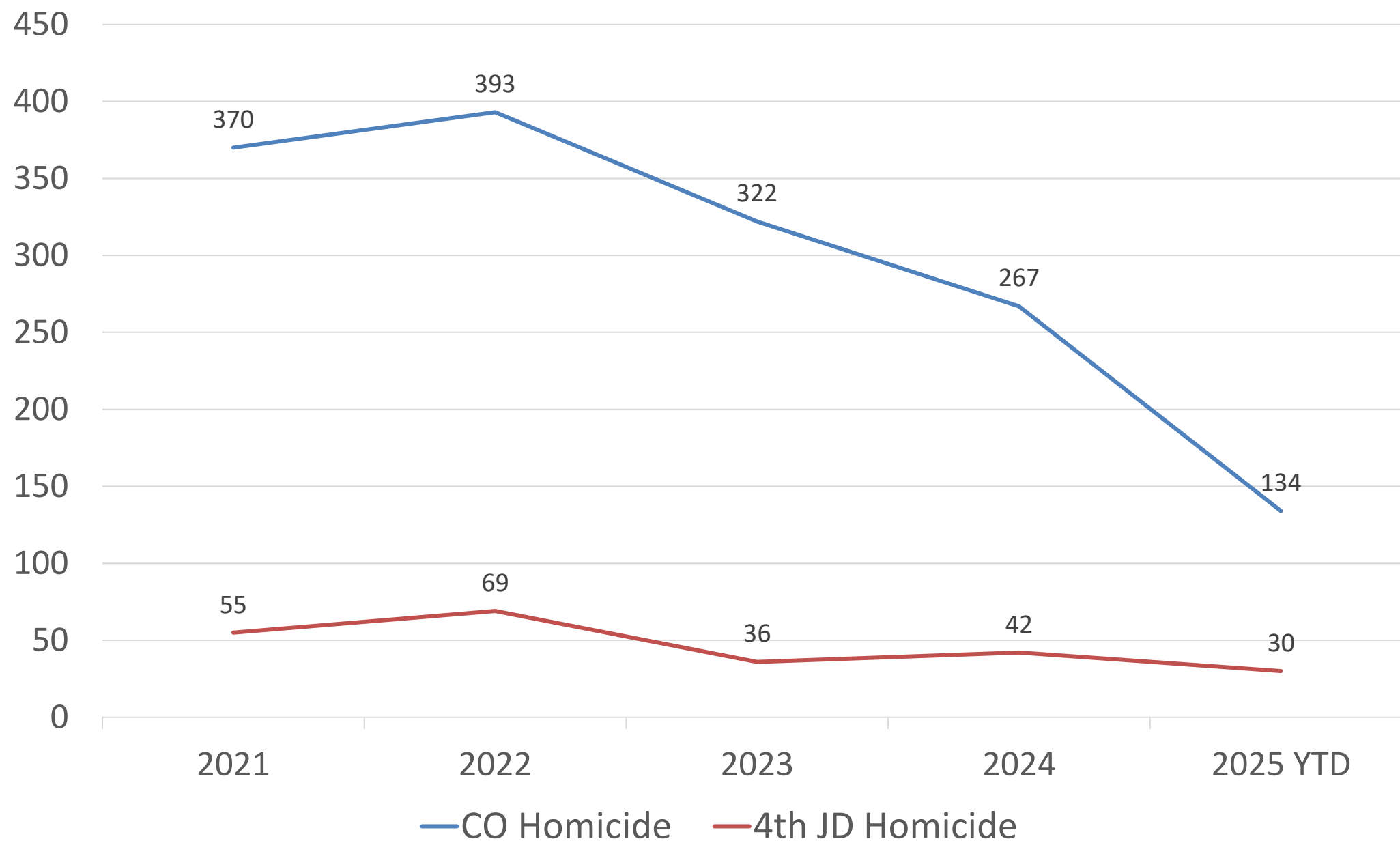
Supported legislative changes to increase victim access to CVC funds.

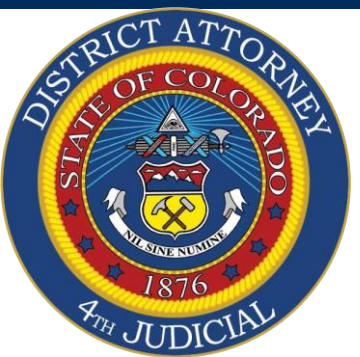


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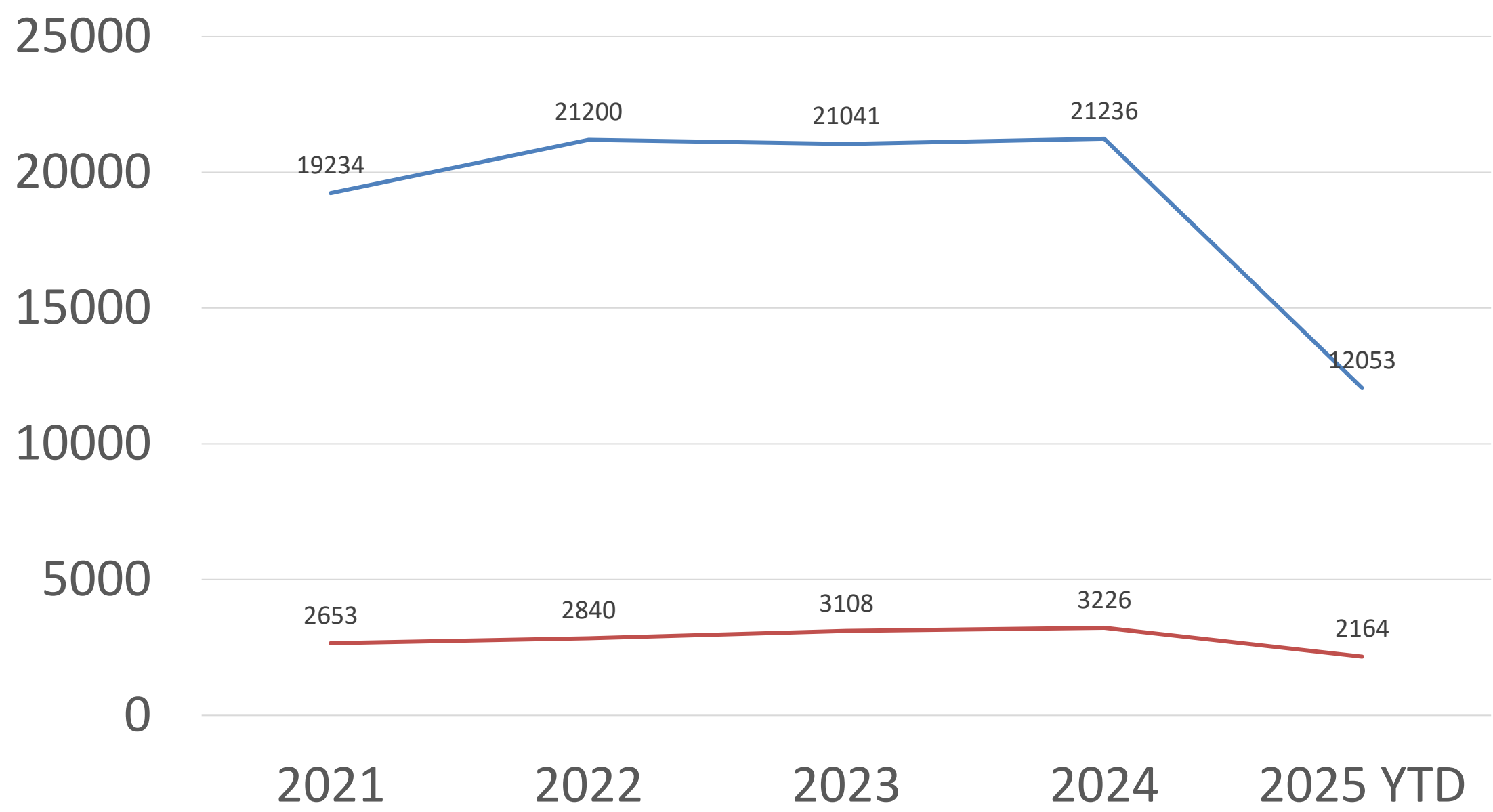


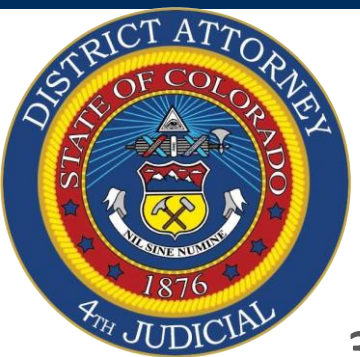
Homicide Trends



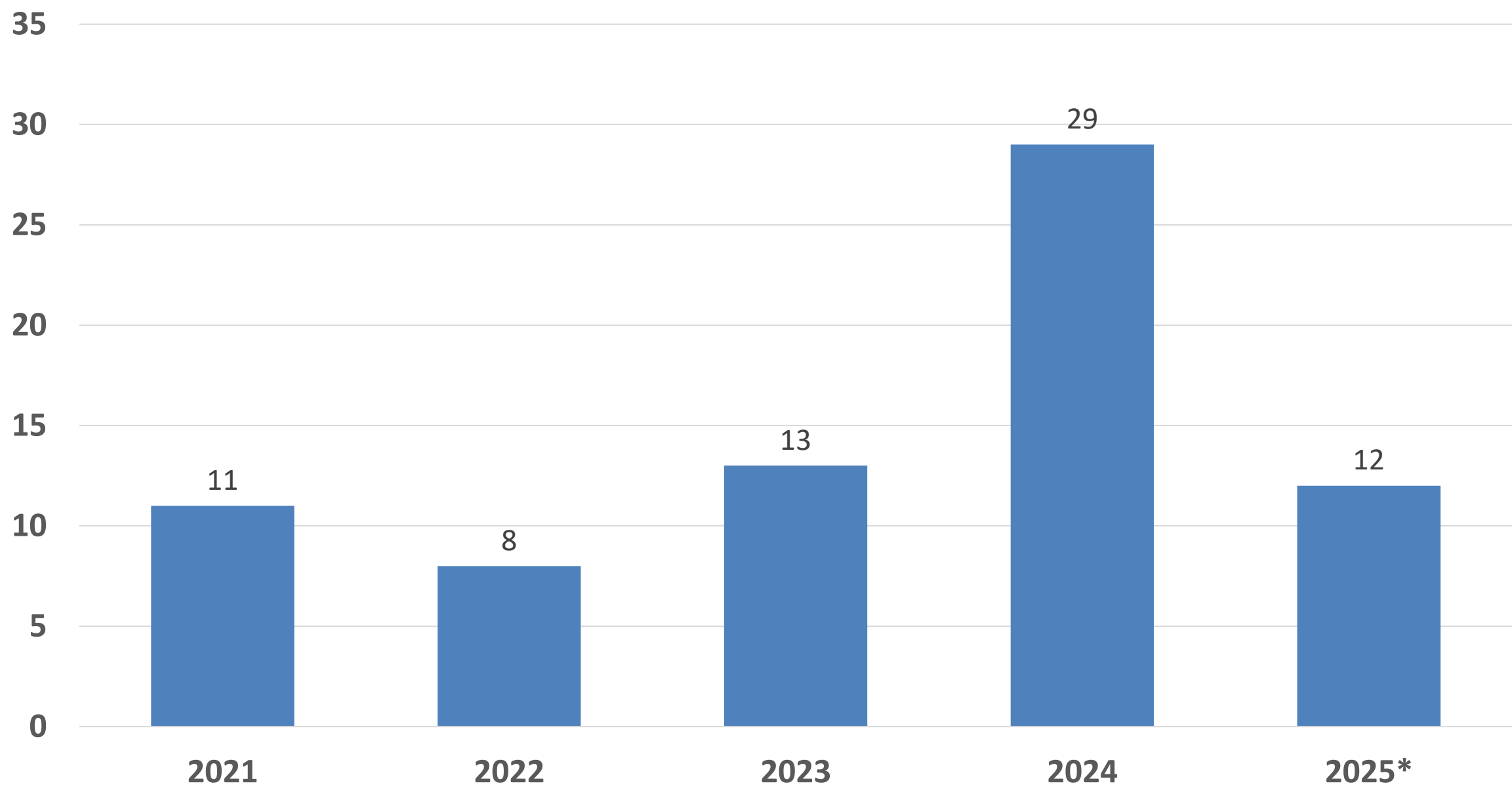


Aggravated Assault Trends

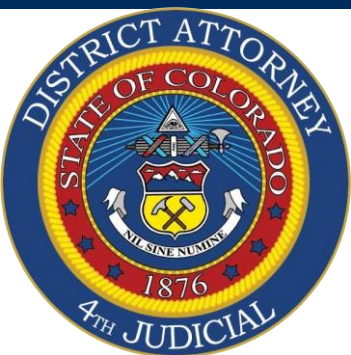




Juvenile to Adult Transfer



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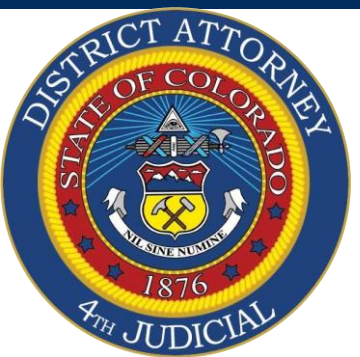
Benchmark Comparisons

Year	Felony	Juvenile	Misdo	Traffic	Total Filed	Declined Cases	Total Processed	Budget	Population	Total Staff
2025 *	5,272	1,067	9,008	7,344	22,691	1,004	23,695	\$23,046,154	775,584	259
2024	5,228	1,173	8,146	7,992	22,539	1,274	23,813	\$21,782,298	772,208	257
2023	5,167	1,009	7,999	8,539	22,714	650	23,364	\$20,595,821	768,832	250
2022	6,167	918	8,654	10,563	26,302	1,114	27,416	\$19,304,858	765,424	250
2021	6,956	984	8,361	14,632	30,933	896	31,829	\$17,617,082	762,793	244

Judicial District	2022 Felony Cases	2022 Total Cases	2023 Felony Cases	2023 Total Cases	2024 Felony Cases	2024 Total Cases	2025* Felony Cases	2025* Total Cases
4th JD	6,167	26,302	5,167	22,714	5,228	22,539	5,272	22,691
2nd JD	5,357	12,289	5,928	13,571	6,221	14,005	5,828	13,374
18th JD	4,247	24,914	4,461	27,849	4,768	31,412	3,334	22,408
1st JD	3,564	18,565	3,286	18,376	3,130	20,773	3,156	18,950
17th JD	4,094	15,830	4,350	17,360	4,226	18,282	3,686	21,920



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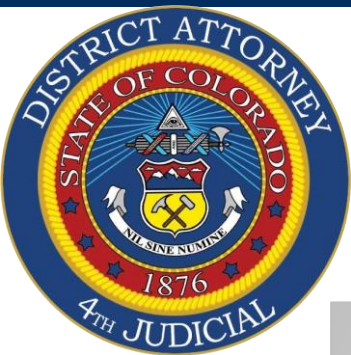


2024 Benchmark Comparisons

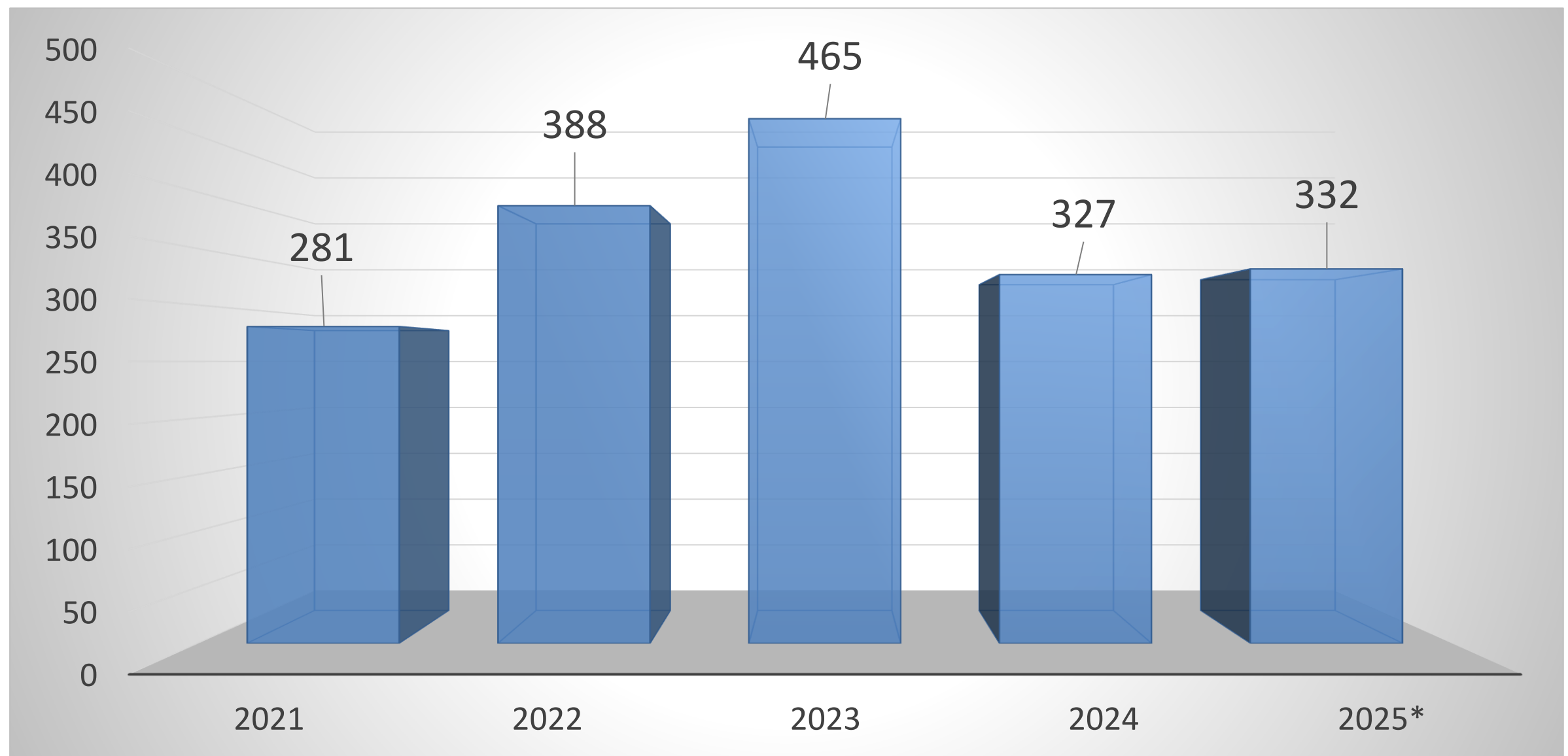
District	Counties	2024 Budget	Cost per case	Cost per citizen
4th JD	El Paso, Teller	\$29,913,542	\$1,327	\$38.74
2nd JD	Denver	\$44,164,753	\$3,153	\$61.37
18th JD	Arapahoe, Douglas, Elbert, Lincoln	\$32,714,111	\$1,041	\$30.21
1st JD	Jefferson, Gilpin	\$29,705,900	\$1,880	\$50.96
17th JD	Adams, Broomfield	\$35,932,276	\$1,965	\$58.26



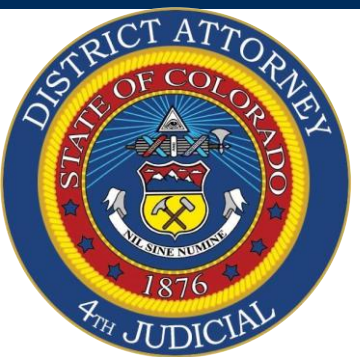
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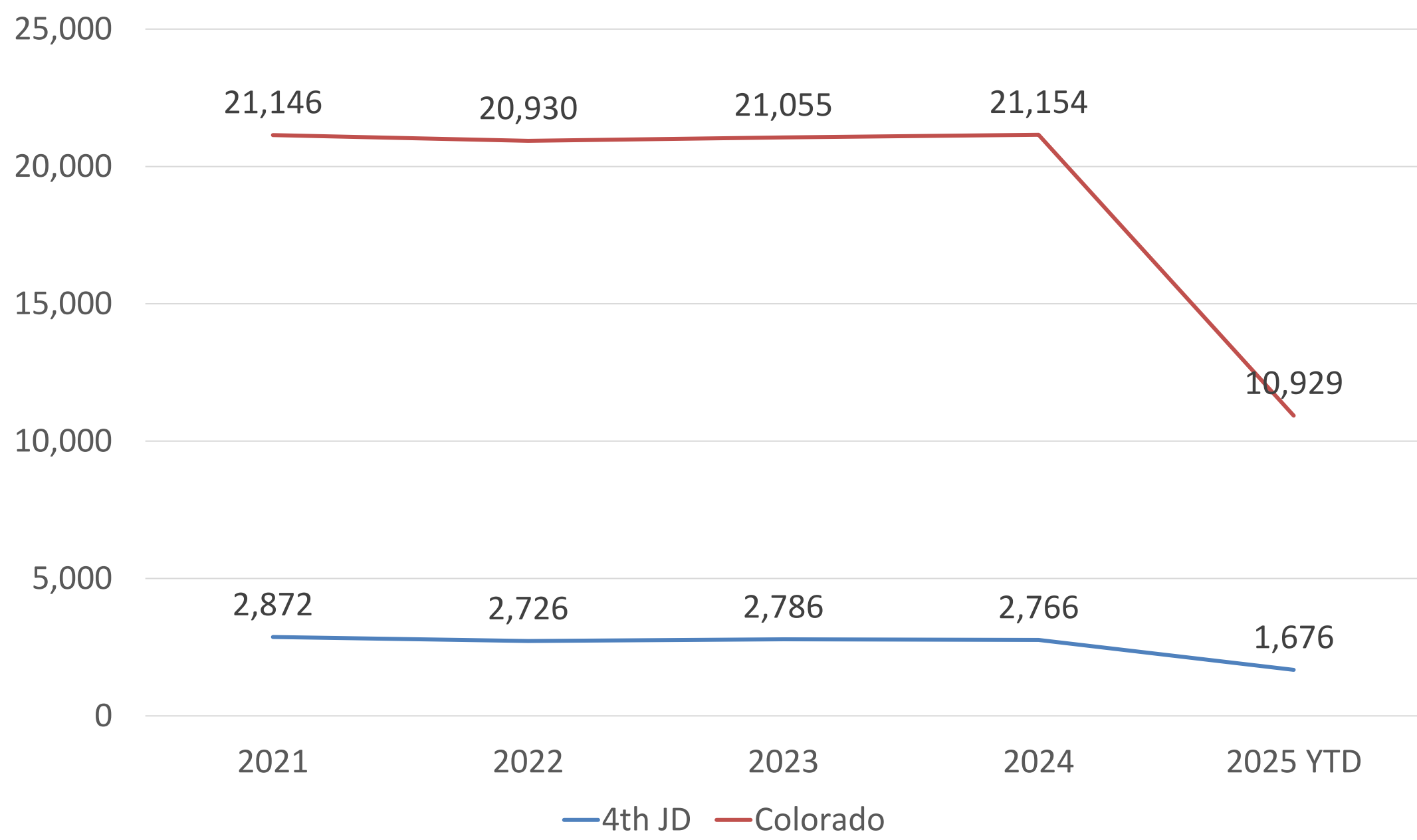
Trials Held



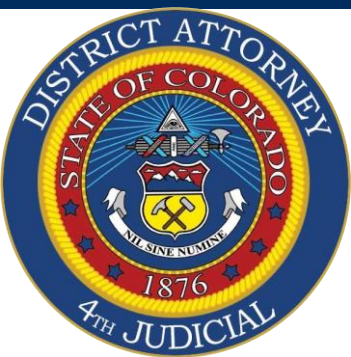
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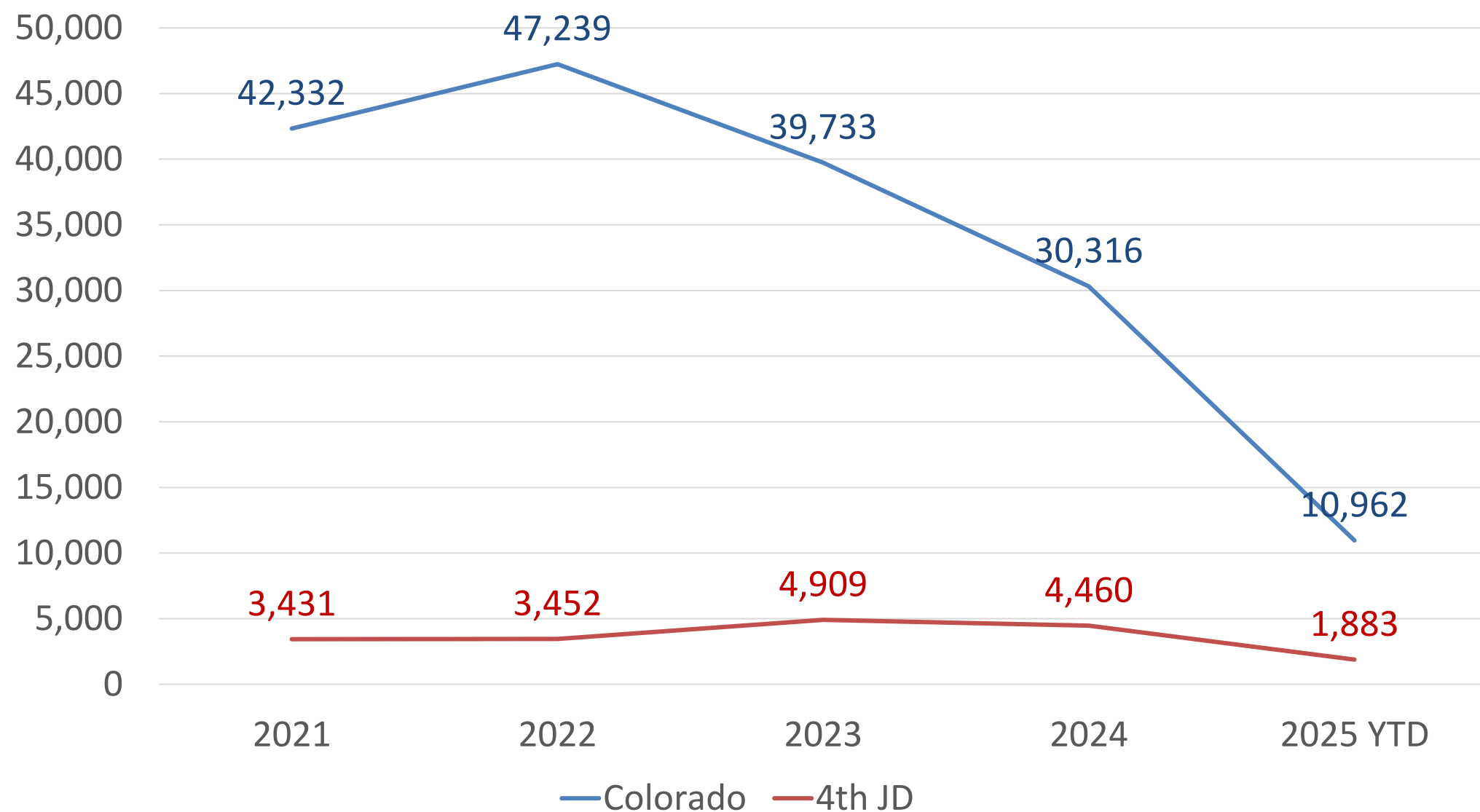
Domestic Violence



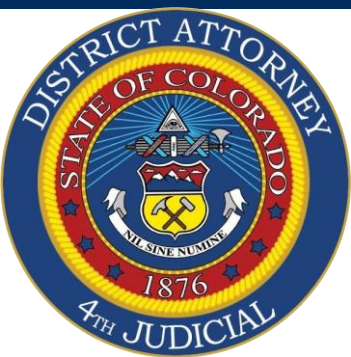
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Motor Vehicle Theft



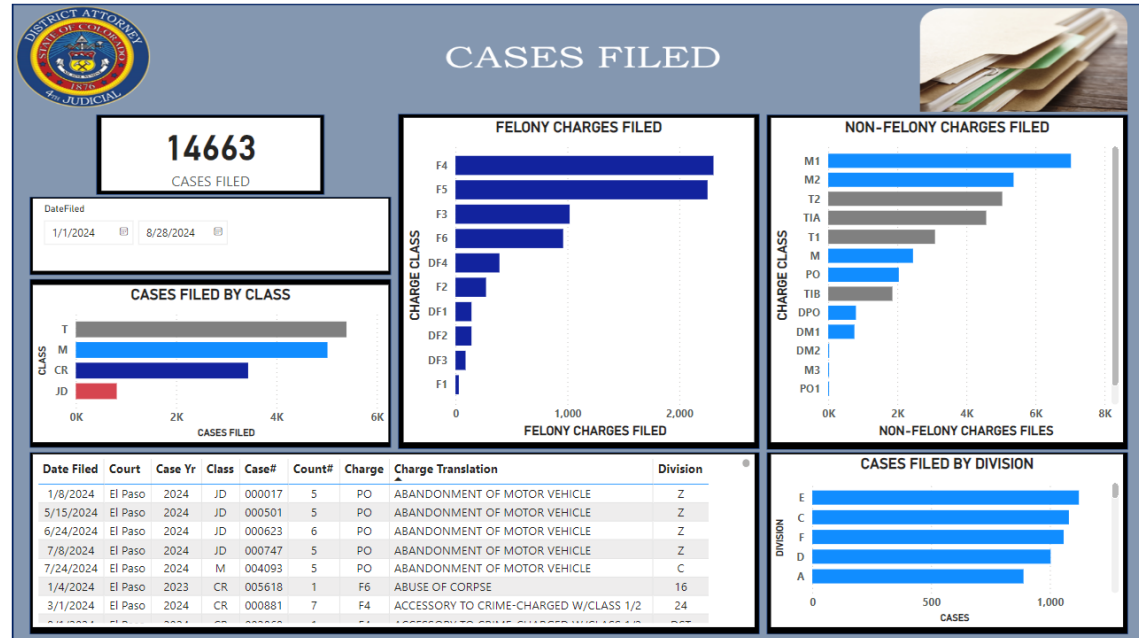
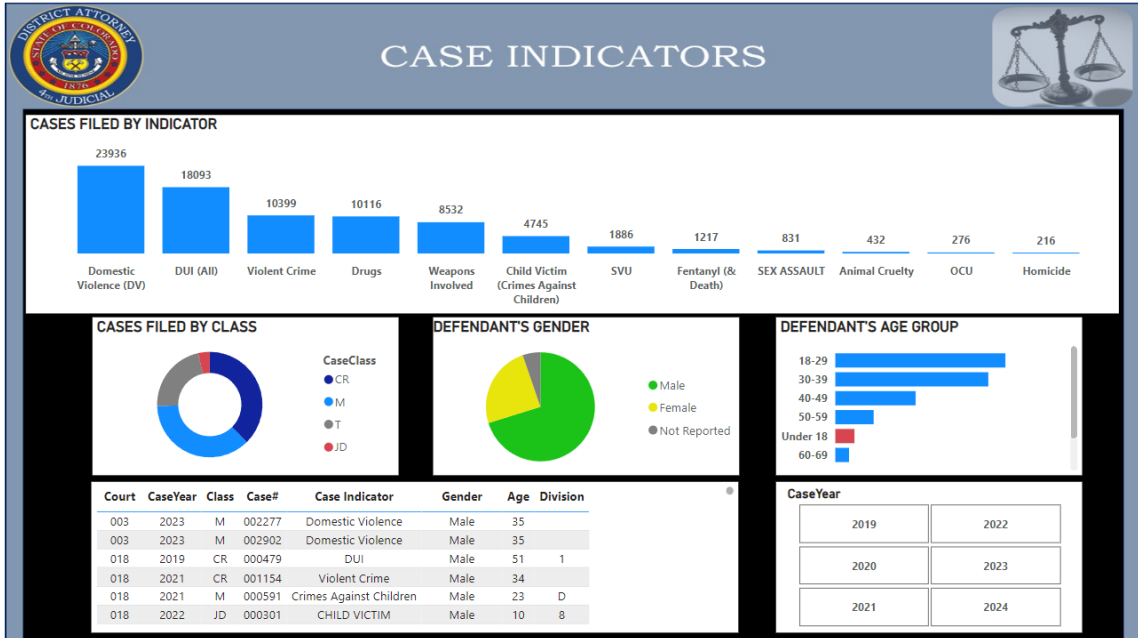
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Transparency

Data Dashboards

- Real-time updates
- 24/7 Public access
- Current issues, trends, and community impact
- Data-led prosecution



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Homicide - 2024CR1145

Victim - William Underwood

- Cause of death: multiple gunshot wounds

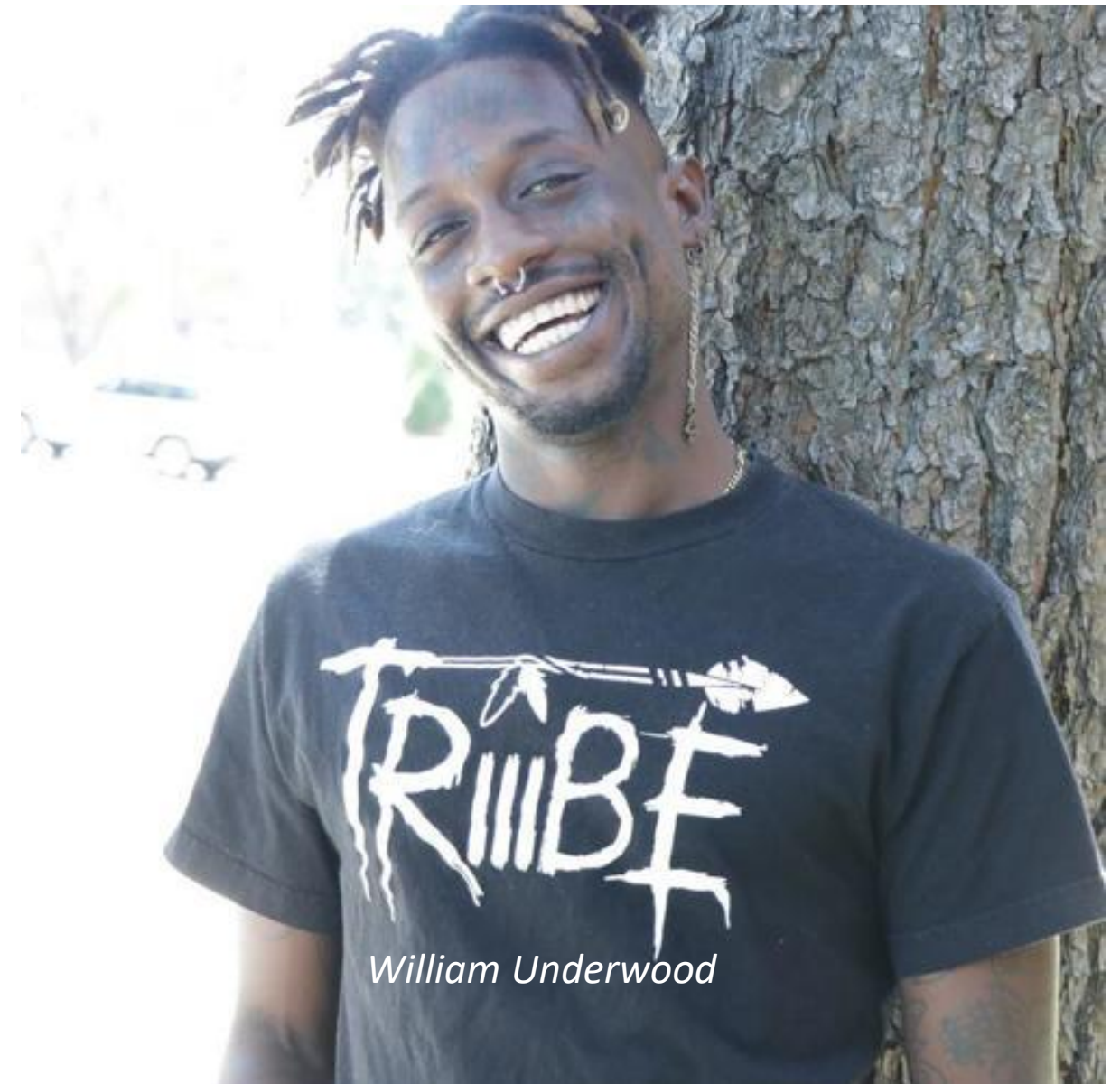
Two defendants

- Derrick Bernard ordered the murder while serving a DOC sentence

Both defendants convicted at trial

- Murder 1-After Deliberation
- Solicitation to Commit 1st Degree Murder
- Conspiracy to Commit First Degree Murder

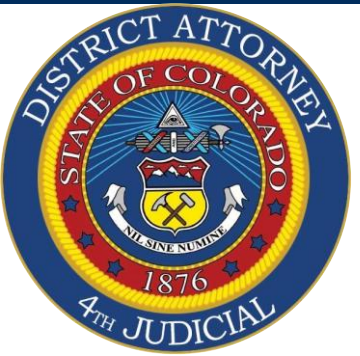
Sentenced to Life in Prison Without Parole



William Underwood



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Double Homicide - 2024CR753

Victims - Samuel Knopp and Celie Montgomery

- Cause of death: multiple gunshot wounds

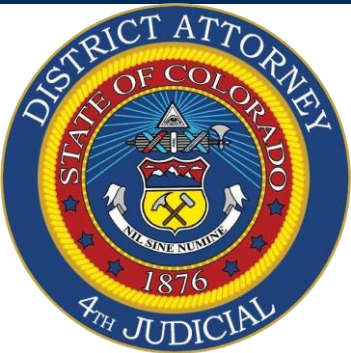
Defendant found **GUILTY at trial.**

- Murder 1-After Deliberation (2 counts)
- Violent Crime – Used Weapon
- Violent Crime – Cause Death (2 counts)
- Menacing

Sentenced two consecutive Life in Prison without Parole sentences



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Sex Assault - 2024CR1989

Victim - LW

Stranger broke into a home and sexually assaulted the victim

Cold case for roughly 20 years

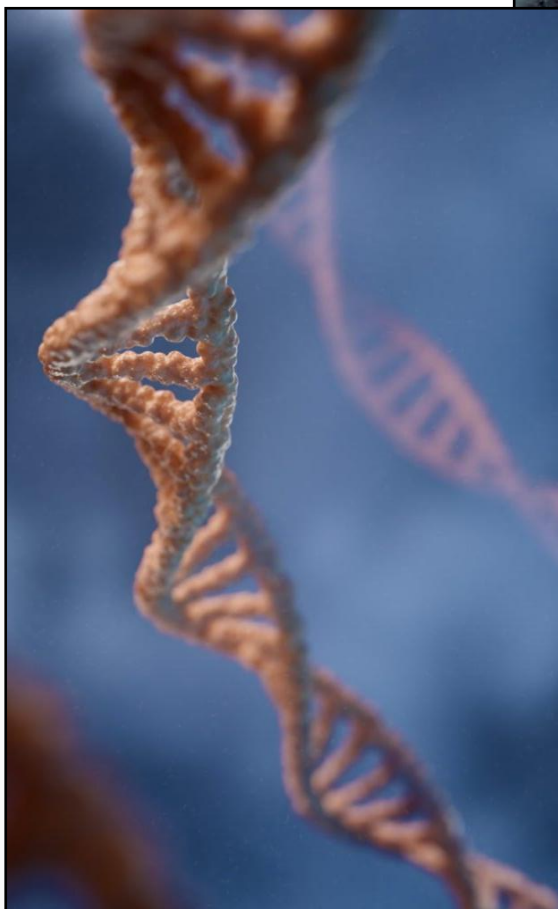
CODIS DNA match led LE to the defendant

Kenneth Hettle convicted at trial

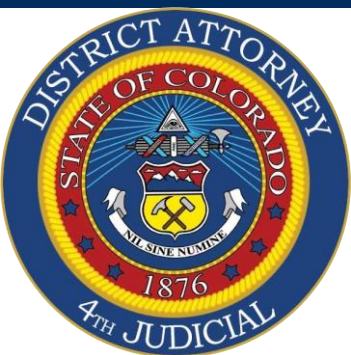
Sex Assault – Overcome Will

Sex Assault – Submit – Force

Sentence: 24 to Life + 12 to Life (Concurrent)



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Domestic Violence – 2024CR6257



Victim – **GL**

Victim was attacked, had a can of soda thrown at her back, was hit in the face, slammed into furniture, and strangled

Defendant tried to convince her not to testify against him at trial

Defendant – Jacob Urbina: **GUILTY**

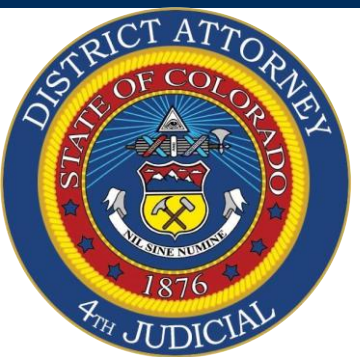
Third Degree Assault

Harassment – Strike/Shove/Kick

Sentence: 364 days in jail



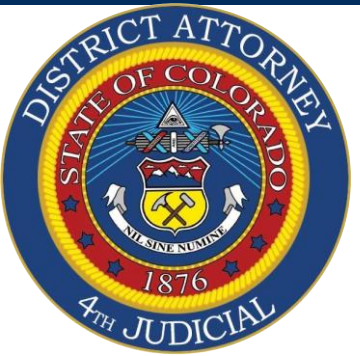
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Organized Crime Unit in Action



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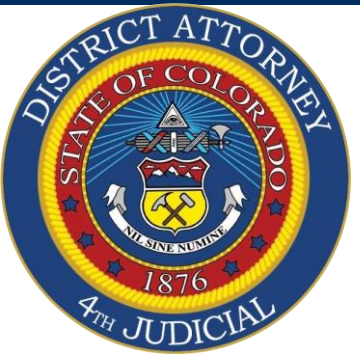


Colorado Prosecutor of the Year

Tony Gioia – Chief Deputy District Attorney



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Victim Advocates of the Year

Coyette Hanson and Zaida Dominguez



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Base Budget

CY 2026 Funding Request:

Operating Appropriation – \$957,622

Salary Appropriation – \$22,054,842



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Challenges Ahead

Future Court Expansion

Fixing Competency Statutes

Prosecutor Accountability

Digital Evidence / Discovery / Storage





Questions?