

# Office of the District Attorney

2016 Budget Presentation

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## District Attorney 2016 Budget Request – General Fund

| General Fund        | 12,031,199 |
|---------------------|------------|
| - Personal Services | 9,642,244  |
| - General Operating | 793,092    |

#### **District Attorney**

## 2016 Budget Request – Other Funds

| Crime Victim Fund                          | 430,393 |
|--|---------|
| - Personal Services                        | 395,567 |
| - General Operating                        | 32,000  |
| HIDTA - Personal Services                  | 384,788 |
| Law Enforcement Account - Asset Forfeiture | 145,514 |

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## 2016 Decision Package Request

| <b>Decision Packages</b> | 841,133 |
|--------------------------|---------|
| Priority # 1             | 686,555 |
| Special Victims Unit     |         |
| Priority # 2             | 91,223  |
| Investigative Analyst    |         |
| Priority # 3             | 63,355  |
| Victim Advocate/         |         |
| Juvenile Court           |         |

### **Decision Packages**

There are 3 decision packages being requested in the 2016 Budget for the Office of the District Attorney.

#### **Priority #1 – Special Victims Unit**

Given the increasing complexity of the prosecution of sex crimes and crimes against children a dedicated unit of specially trained attorneys and investigators has become a necessity in order to provide for optimum outcomes in these cases.

### **Decision Packages**

#### **Priority #2 – Investigative Analyst**

Investigative Analyst to be shared between the Drug Task Force and Technical Investigations that have a high demand for time and expertise.

Examples for Drug Task force would be Pen-Link examinations, cell tower mapping, cell phone extractions, obtaining toll information and other similar tasks.

Examples for Technical Investigations would be DVD/CD redactions, audio/digital file recovery of proprietary records, computer and cell phone forensics, discovery packets on hard drives, etc.

### **Decision Packages**

#### Priority #3 – Victim Advocate/Juvenile Court

Legislative changes have increased the need for great Victim Advocate presence in Juvenile Court. The changes to the code section are extensive and place a great emphasis on time deadlines. As a result of these deadlines it is imperative that Juvenile Court be staffed with a knowledgeable professional. Currently these statutorily mandated duties are shared by at least three different divisions in Juvenile Court and/or the District Attorney's Office. This position would allow for a single entity to be responsible to carry out the statutorily mandated duties.

#### **Budget Increase or Reduction**

There has been an increase to the requested Budget for 2016 in the General Fund and the Crime Victim Fund. The increase in the budget amount request is due to the escalating costs of prosecuting cases in an efficient manner.

#### **Service Reductions**

The office has no plans for service reductions in 2016. Due to the nature of the services provided, a reduction in services would hinder timely prosecution of cases and jeopardize the safety of our community.