

# **Ingham County Prosecuting Attorney 2003 Annual Report**

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## LETTER TO THE CITIZENS OF INGHAM COUNTY

Dear Citizens:

It is an honor to serve as your Prosecutor, and to work on behalf of the people of Ingham County. As has been the practice during my tenure, this document serves as a report card for the past year.

This Annual Report is a reflection of the work of our staff. I am privileged to have a diverse and talented group of 72 people who handle the many responsibilities of our office. The Prosecutor's Office performs a wide variety of services, from prosecuting murderers and drug dealers, to helping crime victims apply for restitution; from helping local police departments draft search warrants, to reviewing complaints of neighbors with barking dogs; from helping mothers collect family support, to arguing before the Michigan Supreme Court.

I am pleased to say that the rate of violent crime has continued its decline. Between 1996 and 2002, the crime rate dropped 29 percent in the greater Lansing area, according to the most recent FBI crime report. Despite this welcome drop in the rate of violent crime, we have seen an increase in the number of economic crimes reported to our office. While those who are responsible for these crimes should not use the economy as an excuse, the increase coincides with a period of economic stagnation. During the past year, we saw increases in charges for shoplifting, fraud and bad checks, all offenses that typically increase in tough economic times.

In the past year, our office stepped up its enforcement of elementary school truancy, in coordination with the Lansing School District and others. The Lansing Elementary Attendance Diversion (LEAD) program is an effort to use the court system to improve school attendance at an early age. It is our experience that most criminal defendants take their first step towards the jail house when they fail to attend school on a regular basis. School attendance is absolutely critical for success, and the patterns of being "on time, every time," or not, are often ingrained for life.

It is not my desire to see parents of elementary students sentenced to jail. Instead, our office asks the courts for a probationary sentence that includes parenting classes and improved school attendance for a parent's elementary students. For older children, we continue to prosecute the students as the responsible party in the Truancy Court.

During the past year, our office prosecuted Susan Swanson for a car crash that resulted in the death of a pedestrian, and was the result of intoxicated driving. While Ms. Swanson is currently in prison, this criminal conviction could happen to anyone who gets behind the wheel after having too much to drink. During the past year, our office began prosecuting drunk driving cases under new laws that make it tougher for drunk drivers to beat the system. In addition, our office has worked to set up a new Drug Court in the 55<sup>th</sup> District Court, thanks to a drug court team that includes Chief Assistant Prosecutor Joyce Draganchuk. This court will order drunk drivers and substance abusers into treatment, so that the criminal justice system can intervene before a tragedy occurs.

If you have questions about this annual report, or a comment about the operations of our office, please feel free to contact me, either at (517) 483-6272 or [sdunnings@ingham.org](mailto:sdunnings@ingham.org).

Very Truly Yours,

Stuart Dunnings III

## BUDGET

	<i>BUDGET</i>	<i>ACTUAL</i>
<b>PERSONNEL</b>	4,629,570	4,508,927
<b>SUPPLIES</b>	136,219	79,257
<b>PROFESSIONAL SERVICES</b>	255,256	175,413
<b>TRANSPORTATION</b>	103,309	96,967
<b>OTHER</b>	505,821	490,553
<b>CAPITAL OUTLAY</b>	27,300	41,777
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5,667,475</b>	<b>5,392,894</b>

\* - Includes Cooperative Reimbursement Grant  
Does not include Metro totals

## **DISTRICT COURT UNIT 2003 Annual Report**

- **M. ANTHONY FLORES, Unit Chief**
- **LINDA MALONEY, Unit Chief**
  - Susan Hoffman Adams, APA
  - Angela Piccici-Lloyd, APA
  - Marie Wolfe, APA
  - Tracy Horvath, APA
  - Kollette Bordeaux, APA
  - John Dewane, APA
  - Gary Adamo, APA
  - Richard White, APA

Ingham County adult misdemeanor and felony cases begin in 54-A, 54-B, and 55<sup>th</sup> District Courts. The District Court Unit (Unit) covers everything from civil traffic tickets to First Degree Murder cases. One Assistant Prosecuting Attorney (APA) is assigned to each district court judge.

The Unit prosecutes misdemeanor cases from arraignment to conclusion. The APA must appear in court for pretrials, pleas, motions, hearings, bench trials, and jury trials. Each APA performs legal research, writes motions, responds to motions, and drafts briefs. The APA must keep in contact with victims pursuant to the Crime Victim's Rights Act, interview victims, interview witnesses, read reports, request further investigation, and prepare cases for court.

Every issued felony case begins in District Court. APA's handle felony motions or hearings held in District Court. APA's review felony files, present the cases to committee for review, negotiate any plea offers, represent the People at district court plea hearings, conduct preliminary examinations, or write the plea offer and conduct the preliminary examination waiver hearing. The majority of plea agreements in felony cases are negotiated by this Unit.

Office days provide Unit APA's the opportunity to write notes in files and move files out of their possession. In addition the APA reviews cases dropped off by the police departments and determines whether there is probable cause for a Complaint and Warrant to be issued. This duty is called screening and is the gateway to cases entering the prosecution process. Unit APA's cover the majority of screening as the assigned screening

attorney. APA's handle telephone calls answering questions from the citizens as well as law enforcement officers. Communications by APA's assigned to this Unit are paramount to successful criminal prosecution and public relations.

**The District Court Unit is the workhorse of the Ingham County Prosecuting Attorney Office.**

## **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE FOCUS 2003 Annual Report**

**- LINDA A. MALONEY, Unit Chief**

The two district court unit chiefs each have an area of special focus. One area of emphasis remains domestic violence. In 2003 our office reviewed 2240 warrants that were domestic related.

We continue to pursue our goals of responsiveness to victims' needs, accountability for offenders, and coordinated response from our office, law enforcement, and the courts.

Tremendous strides toward each of our goals were realized through the efforts of the Domestic Assault Response Team (DART). Another in-house asset is our Domestic Violence Prevention Program, headed by Maria Valayil. Prosecutors also have the benefit of the expertise and assistance of many area service care providers. Our continued participation in the Capital Area Family Violence Coordinating Council, Stop Grant, and Service Providers meetings contributes to our education and development of strategies to better relate with victims of domestic violence.

This year we instituted a policy of notifying victims when a defendant is ordered not to have contact with them as a part of the bond. Armed with this information, victims know to contact law enforcement if the defendant makes contact. Prosecutors also attend any hearing to remove a no contact provision.

Our struggle toward accountability for offenders continues on numerous levels. The district court attorneys meet once a month for training, review of new legislation, updates on office policy, and discussion of current events. This year many prosecutors attended a training program for use of expert witnesses in domestic violence cases, coordinated by our office, service care providers, and the Prosecuting Attorneys Association of Michigan. We now have a pool of volunteers from the community who are experts in domestic violence, to testify in both district and circuit court cases. All of our prosecutors, along with local law enforcement, also attended a full day conference on domestic violence. All domestic cases are now handled on a fast-track basis, to expedite the issuance of the warrants and apprehension of the offender.

Our office remains very active with the local law enforcement agencies in their efforts to investigate and report incidents of domestic violence. We work very closely with the Lansing Police Department in their development, training, and implementation of a special unit to handle only domestic violence cases. Legal updates are done for the law enforcement agencies, with one-on-one interaction between prosecutors and the officers. We also supply the Lansing Police Department with the dispositions on the domestic cases to keep them updated on the progress and outcome of their cases. The Lansing 911 center now automatically makes a copy of any incoming call in a domestic case and the detectives supply them to our office.

During the last six months of this year our office worked with Judge Amy Krause of the 54-A District Court to set up the first local domestic violence court. The start up date is January 2004. The domestic cases taken by the court will be handled on an expedited basis. Following a plea or conviction, each offender will meet with a probation agent specially trained in the issues of domestic violence, and will undergo intensive supervision including additional contacts with Judge Krause to monitor their progress.

## **CIRCUIT COURT UNIT 2003 Annual Report**

### **- SAMUEL R. SMITH, Unit Chief**

- Joseph Finnerty
- Eric Matwiejczyk
- Michael Cheltenham
- Jeffrey Cruz
- Lisa McCormick

The Ingham County Prosecutor's Office is responsible for the prosecution of all felony and high court misdemeanor cases in the 30th Judicial Circuit for Ingham County. These are the most serious crimes, carrying prison penalties from two years to non-parolable life offenses. This responsibility is handled by the six-person Circuit Court Unit.

By necessity this Unit is comprised of experienced attorneys who have shown the aptitude and proficiency to try these more difficult cases. The average courtroom experience level is well over 10 years.

At the circuit court level, the attorneys deal with all aspects of the criminal case once it has been bound-over to the circuit court. Duties include: review of police and other agency reports, review of evidence and scientific analyses performed on the evidence, document preparation and reviews, meeting with and interviewing victims and witnesses in preparation for trial, and legal research and brief-writing with regard to issues raised by the defense or inherent in the case. The Circuit Court Unit attorneys also engage in pretrial negotiations and litigate pretrial motions. They attend and handle all arraignments, pretrial hearings, pretrial motions, plea hearings, trials, sentence hearings, and many post-trial motions. In addition to representing the state in these criminal matters, the attorneys represent the Department of Corrections in probation violation hearings and the Secretary of State in driver's license appeals.

In 2003, there were 1,162 new felony cases heard in the circuit courts (not including probation violations, driver's license cases and district court appeals); 93 of those cases were life offenses. Almost 80% (1012) were resolved with the defendants subject to a possible prison sentence. About 5% of the cases resulted in pleas to misdemeanors or remand to district court where a misdemeanor plea was entered. Less than 7% of the cases were dismissed: many of them for guilty pleas in other cases, many in exchange for cooperation in other on-going criminal cases.

The circuit court unit tried cases 47 in 2003; of that number 38 were jury trials, and 9 non-jury trials. There were 38 guilty verdicts. That is a conviction rate for trials of over 80%.

Between guilty pleas to felonies and jury verdicts of guilty in felony trials, 1050 defendants were convicted of their felonious behaviors. The resulting removal of those felons who are a danger to the community will mean safer streets and neighborhoods for Ingham County. The Ingham County Prosecutor's Office continues as a fundamental "environmental protection" agency.

## **VERTICAL PROSECUTION UNIT / MAJOR CRIMES UNIT 2003 Annual Report**

**- MICHAEL J. FERENCY, Chief Trial Attorney / Unit Chief**

The Major Crime Unit was instituted within the Prosecutor's Office during 1998. It was intended that the Unit be a "clearing house" and coordinator for prosecutions involving drug crimes, gang-related criminal activity, organized crime and other cases assigned for special handling. The effort has earned success.

The attorneys receiving assignments through this Unit are to handle their cases from start to finish; that is, by authorizing charges, conducting pre-trial conferences, preliminary examinations, motions and discovery, through to disposition by way of trial or plea negotiation. This constant personal attention given to the prosecution of these cases results in the title of "vertical" prosecution. The method ensures consistency in the case, and fosters better communication between the police agencies, crime victims, and the assistant prosecutors. During the year 2003, more than 200 felony cases have been handled by the three attorneys assigned to the Unit.

In addition, the Unit has managed the civil forfeitures generated by the Tri-County Metro Narcotics Unit, the Lansing Police Department Special Operations Section, and other police agencies having jurisdiction within Ingham County. During the year 2003, 355 such claims involving cash, personal and real property were processed.

The Major Crime Unit has, as part of its assignment, the task of assisting police agencies within Ingham County in complex, on-going investigations. The Ingham County Sheriff's "Cold Case" Task Force has received assistance from the Unit in their investigation of nine unsolved homicides. "Prosecutor's Investigative Subpoenas" have been utilized in four unsolved Lansing homicides. A major Identity Theft ring operating in the City of Detroit was disrupted as a result of Search Warrants prepared in a successful Identity Theft prosecution in Ingham County.

Since the Unit is "multi-tasked", crime types prosecuted through the Unit are diverse. This year, for example, in addition to drug law enforcement, the Major Crime Unit handled Murder, Identity Theft, major thefts by Embezzlement and Criminal Enterprise cases. The "clearing house" potential of the Major Crime Unit is becoming realized.

The Major Crime Unit is a valuable resource both within the Prosecutor's Office and to the police agencies within Ingham County.

## **CHILD ABUSE / NEGLECT UNIT 2003 Annual Report**

- CATHERINE EMERSON, Unit Chief

### **ABUSED CHILDREN**

The child abuse unit of the Ingham County Prosecutor's office has been in existence for more than two years. This unit is involved with the investigation and prosecution of adults who physically abuse children.

The unit experienced a 22% increase in the number of warrant requests for 2003. This increase is due, in part, to our increased training efforts and our efforts to coordinate investigations with all the agencies involved. In other words, we do not believe that more adults are abusing more children than last year, rather we believe we are better able to find the children in our community suffering from abuse.

The number and types of injuries are outlined below. Reasonable parental discipline is legal and does not result in a complaint and warrant.

#### **CHILDREN 0 TO 3 MONTHS OLD**

Twelve infants were injured. Children in this age group are usually injured by a violent shaking or an inflicted blow. Babies who are struck or shaken suffer from fractured skulls, bleeding into the brain, broken legs, ribs, and arms. Two of the injured children will never be able to speak, walk, or feed themselves.

#### **CHILDREN 4 TO 12 MONTHS OLD**

Four infants were injured. Only one of these children suffered from Shaken Baby Syndrome. The remaining injuries were from excessive slapping, abandonment, or heat stress injuries from being locked in a 150-degree car interior.

#### **CHILDREN 1 TO 3 YEARS OLD**

Sixteen children were injured. These injuries were caused by punching, beating, and burning.

#### **CHILDREN 4 TO 7 YEARS OLD**

Twenty-four cases of child abuse were presented to this office for prosecution. The injuries reported in this age group included, beating a child

in the face with a hanger, intentional burning, bruised genitalia, a stabbing, starvation, and other severe beatings.

### **CHILDREN 8 TO 12 YEARS OLD**

Thirty-six cases were presented to this office for prosecution. Most of these injuries occur from excessive beatings outside the scope of reasonable parental discipline.

### **PROGRESS IN 2003**

- ✓ Ninety-three cases were handled by the unit this year. Resolution of those cases is as follows:
  - Fifteen cases were carried over into 2004.
  - Twelve were resolved by the defendant pleading guilty to the charge.
  - Seventeen were resolved by the defendant pleading guilty to reduced charges.
  - Two cases were dismissed.
  - Thirty-nine cases were denied for prosecution, due to insufficient evidence.
  - One case resulted in a bench warrant.
  - Seven of those cases were resolved by jury trial. All of those cases resulted in a guilty verdict. The unit experienced a 100% conviction rate.
- ✓ The unit hosted a national training on multi-disciplinary investigation of child abuse.
- ✓ The unit provided monthly training at the Ingham County Sheriff's Office.
- ✓ Provided training for the Lansing Police Department.
- ✓ We have continued progress toward Angel House. Angel House will be the only place in Ingham County that will be immediately available to

temporarily house children removed from danger. It will also house an assessment center for abused children.

- ✓ Received a second grant from the National Children's Alliance Foundation in the amount of \$49,000.00 for operating expenses of Angel House.
- ✓ Received Federal funding in the amount of \$197,000.00 to build Angel House.
- ✓ Received \$38,000.00 from the fund-raising efforts of the Corporate Breakfast.
- ✓ Received 2 ½ acres of land in Mason from Dart Corporation for Angel House.
- ✓ Ground breaking for Angel House is scheduled for spring of 2004.
- ✓ Opening of Angel House is scheduled for the fall of 2004.
- ✓ Multi-disciplinary teams have formed and are already operating as if the assessment center was operational. The communication and cooperation of the various agencies are helping the investigations to progress more quickly and with less trauma to the child.
- ✓ Serving on the board of Child Abuse Prevention Services.
- ✓ Serving on the board of Child Death Review Board.

It has been an honor to work with the Family Independence Agency, Child and Family Services, Sparrow Hospital, Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners, law enforcement, the National Children's Alliance Foundation and many volunteers in our community to coordinate our investigations and to make our child abuse investigations as thorough and as child-friendly as possible. The children of Ingham County benefit and our community benefits from this new team approach to a terrible problem.

# **CHILD CRIMINAL SEXUAL ASSAULT UNIT 2003 Annual Report**

- CAROL KAY BUCHER, Unit Chief

## **WHERE THE UNIT STARTED**

The Child Criminal Sexual Assault unit began in March 2000. The primary goal was to aggressively prosecute persons responsible for sexually assaulting children. The unit designated one prosecutor to review all criminal sexual conduct cases involving victims under thirteen years of age, victims between ages thirteen and sixteen, and special needs victims.

The Child Criminal Sexual Conduct Unit Chief prosecutes all cases involving the sexual assault of a child under thirteen years of age. The Unit Chief interviews every child before the child testifies in court, reviews all requests for complaint and warrant, and issues criminal charges. Post arrest, the Unit Chief represents the People at the preliminary examination, trial, guilty plea hearing, and at the sentence hearing. This protocol ensures consistency in charging decisions. The child victim is afforded greater comfort with a system that is adversarial and rigorous in nature by allowing the child victim familiarity with one assistant prosecutor.

## **CHILD CRIMINAL SEXUAL CONDUCT UNIT CASE BREAKDOWN SINCE MARCH 2003**

- 130 criminal sexual conduct cases reviewed
- 100% of the cases involving victims under 13 years of age prosecuted vertically
  - 70 cases issued
    - 38 convictions
    - 13 cases are progressing through the court system
    - 14 cases pending arrest
    - 1 case not guilty by reason of insanity
    - 2 cases defendant is being examined by the Forensic Center
    - 2 cases dismissed

30 cases denied due to insufficient evidence

9 cases pending further investigation by the police  
21 cases reviewed with no request for prosecution –  
guidance requested on what if anything else may be  
investigated to establish probable cause

It is noteworthy that in 2003 all warrant requests involved male defendants.

### **WHERE THE UNIT IS GOING**

The Internet is exciting new territory for many children. Children go to the Internet to learn, play meet people and explore the world. Not every online adventure is a happy one. Children are encountering sexual solicitations they did not want, sexual material they did not seek and people who threaten and harass them in a variety of ways. Many children are able to glide past these encounters as litter on the information highway, some children experience the encounters as upsetting because it put them in contact with a reality they were distressed to find.

Persons who attempt to sexually assault children often use the Internet by purporting to make new "friends" and learn about our children. This is happening while our children are "safe" within the walls of their family home. The following statistics are provided by the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children, *ONLINE VICTIMIZATION: A Report On The Nation's Youth*, June 2000:

"Based on interviews with a nationally representative sample of 1,501 youth ages 10 to 17 who use the Internet regularly

- Approximately **one in five received a sexual solicitation or approach** over the Internet in the last year.
- One in thirty-three received an **aggressive** sexual solicitation – a solicitor who asked to meet them somewhere; **called them on the telephone; sent them regular mail, money or gifts.**
- One in four had an **unwanted exposure to pictures of naked people** or people having sex in the last year.
- One in seventeen was **threatened or harassed.**
- Approximately one quarter of young people who reported these incidents were distressed by them.

- Less Than 10% of sexual solicitations and only 3% of unwanted exposure episodes were reported to authorities such as a law-enforcement agency, an Internet service provider or a hotline.
- About one quarter of the youth who encountered a sexual solicitation or approach told a parent. Almost 40% of those reporting an unwanted exposure to sexual material told a parent.
- Only 17% of youth who encountered a sexual solicitation or approach told a parent. Almost 40% of those reporting an unwanted exposure to sexual material told a parent.
- Only 17% of youth and approximately 10% of parents could name a specific authority (such as the FBI, CyberTipline, or an Internet service provider) to which they could make a report although more said they had "heard of" such places.
- In households with home Internet access, one third of parents said they had filtering or blocking software on their computer at the time they were interviewed."

The number one reason **Ingham County youth** didn't tell about sexual encounters on the Internet is **fear their parent or guardian will restrict their access to the Internet**. Ingham County youth may have gone to a place on the Internet they shouldn't have and didn't want to deal with the disapproval. The general public does not tend to approach law enforcement until a situation places their child at great risk.

The Ingham County Prosecutors Office is working with the Michigan State Police High Tech Crime Unit in investigating and prosecuting persons responsible for victimizing children via the computer. **Child pornography is the hard copy of a child being sexually exploited**. The digital camera combined with the power of the Internet has accelerated the distribution of child pornography. Adults targeting children for sexual encounters have used pornography to test a child's receptiveness to sexual contact and groom the child for sexual contact. Children are naturally curious.

**The Ingham County Prosecutors Office through the Child Criminal Sexual Assault Unit will aggressively deal with adults targeting children for sexual purposes. Protecting children is paramount. The victimized child that steps forward and holds an adult perpetrator**

**responsible for criminal acts is the true hero protecting other children. It is an honor and a privilege to work with children victims.**

## **DART GRANT - DOMESTIC VIOLENCE GRANT 2003 REPORT**

- **LAURIE S. OBERLE**, Assistant Prosecutor

The Domestic Assault Response Team (DART) continues to realize and make many positive changes affecting domestic violence, stalking, and Personal Protection Order (PPO) cases. With the renewal of the DART grant the team was fortunate to get additional funding to staff a part time Probation Officer, thus comprising the team of an Advocate, PPO Legal Advocate, Detective, and Assistant Prosecutor, and Probation Officer. These individuals work together closely to focus on a list of established high risk individuals. Additionally, the team considers other cases on a case by case basis, focusing on safety factors and the nature of the offense.

DART's mission continues to be to reduce the incidence of domestic violence by utilizing a coordinated community response to: increase safety of victims, ensure the accountability of offenders, detect and respond to system deficiencies.

The DART team continues to meet weekly to discuss developments in the pending cases and to refine policies and protocols to improve services to victims and ensure cases maintain strength through completion of the court process, as well as into Probation. When a case is determined to be a DART case, the advocate initiates immediate contact with the victim to determine their needs, find out their concerns, and to explain about the court process. Additionally, the advocate determines if a Personal Protection Order is necessary as well as other support services. Whenever possible, DART members meet collaboratively with the victim rather than one on one in order to provide added convenience and a sense of group effort. Accordingly, after the initiation of the case, the team continues to keep close contact with the victim throughout the court process thus giving victims additional support and contact.

Because a centralized method of case tracking has been developed, and collaboration has increased, and we have begun to close the gaps that still exists throughout the system. Some of the positive outcomes from the last year include: county wide training with a nationally known speaker Lt. Mark Wynn, improved advocacy and PPO services; Law enforcement personnel's increased use of digital cameras, canvasses of crime scenes, and efforts in evidence gathering. 911 tapes are now being ordered on all Domestic

Violence cases and LPD has assigned four new detectives in addition to the DART Detective to concentrate only on domestic cases. With the increased efforts of law enforcement the Prosecutor's Office continues to respond by building better cases so that it can hold defendant's accountable with or without the participation of the victims.

Additionally, a domestic violence court and "fast track" system is being implemented to handle misdemeanor cases in the 54A district court. This Court is being implemented by the Honorable Amy Krause and it currently is targeting all DART misdemeanor cases. The advisory committee determined this would be an appropriate starting place since the DART team focuses on a list of established high risk individuals. The "fast track" system focuses on expediting the process a case goes through by quickening the warrant issuance and trial process to better ensure victim safety. In addition, review hearings are now being held for probationers to reinforce the terms of probation and to ensure compliance.

Since the inception of the DART program in November 2001, prosecutions for domestic violence have increased substantially.

	2000	2001	2002	2003
Complaints	1861	1847	1883	1852
Cases issued	1160	1385	1704	1735
Cases denied	701	462	179	117

# COMMUNITY GUN VIOLENCE PROSECUTION 2003 REPORT

- **RAYMOND A. PURDY, Assistant Prosecutor**



The Ingham County Prosecutor's Office was awarded a Community Gun Violence Prosecution grant through the Federal Bureau of Justice Assistance of the Department of Justice. The grant period commenced on January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2002 and runs through December 31, 2004. This award is for the hiring and payment of salary and benefits to create a dedicated gun violence prosecutor.

The goal of the program is to prioritize gun violence crimes and prosecute those offenders in a manner that would maximize the sentencing potential of the most dangerous criminals within our community by using both state and federal courts.

Assistant Prosecutor Purdy has been assigned as the full time Community Gun Violence Prosecutor as well as the Project Director overseeing the grant and affiliated Project Safe Neighborhood activities. As an experienced prosecutor with 15 years of service as a trial lawyer he oversees the review and referral process for warrant authorization and federal prosecution referral. He also administers the grant and attends investigative activities with both local and federal law enforcement agencies. At the direction of the elected prosecutor he attends and reports on all regional Project Safe Neighborhood task force meetings and functions as well.

Only those cases that meet the program criteria are accepted for referral for federal prosecution. The Gun Violence Prosecutor has established a strong working relationship with the US Attorney for the Western District of Michigan. Weekly communication with the Criminal Division staff of the US Attorney's office has allowed for enhanced followup investigation and prosecution of referred Ingham County cases. . The Federal Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms Office located in Grand Rapids, Michigan, has instituted a plan to place two agents in Ingham County to better facilitate federal investigation with Ingham County law enforcement agencies and our Gun Violence Prosecution effort. These agents are now in place and provide the

federal investigative effort for Ingham County gun violence cases referred for federal prosecution

The creation of a dedicated gun violence prosecutor has allowed for a more uniform treatment in plea negotiations and dispositions of gun cases allowing us to intensify the consequences to gun violence criminals. One prosecutor is now assigned to review all firearm related charges issued by our office for screening and referral of those cases that meet federal prosecution guidelines to the US Attorney's Office for federal prosecution. With the institution of this screening and referral process federal prosecutions have occurred for the first time on referrals from the Ingham County Prosecutor's Office for gun violence crimes. Our partnership with the US Attorney's office is resulting in substantial increases in sentencing consequence. This translates, in our view, to a safer community by taking violent offenders out of our community

In the first six months of 2003, one hundred and three (103) criminal defendants used a firearm to commit a total of three hundred and eleven (311) separate counts of criminal misconduct. During the last six months of 2003 that number was reduced to seventy four (74) gun wielding criminals who were charged with two hundred and eleven separate (211) counts. The threat of federal referral for prosecution under this program induced the vast majority of these offenders to plead guilty to their state charges without significant plea reductions which is one of the primary objectives of the elected prosecutors efforts at ridding the community of gun violence. These dispositions result in higher sentencing as they are pleading guilty to the crimes charged which carry stiffer penalties then reduced plea dispositions. Accordingly we are ridding the community of those individuals that carry guns for violent purposes.

Additionally our rate of gun related homicides have dropped dramatically which echos the results in other PSN initiatives such as Grand Rapids, Michigan, and Richmond, Virginia. Here in Ingham County we went from seventeen murder prosecutions in 2002 to a mere six in 2003. During 2003 only one of these homicides involved a firearm. The message is getting out, gun crime means serious time.

## **APPEALS UNIT 2003 REPORT**

- **SUSAN LeDUC, Unit Chief, (June - present)**
- **GUY SWEET, Unit Chief, (January - June)**
  - John Murray, Assistant Prosecutor, (June - present)
  - Eric Matteo, Assistant Prosecutor, (January - June)
  - Lisa Davis, Legal Assistant

This unit is staffed by two assistant prosecuting attorneys and a clerical legal assistant. Until June, 2003, Guy Sweet served as Unit Chief and Eric Matteo served as APA. In July, positions were rotated and Susan LeDuc became Unit Chief with John Murray assigned as APA to the unit. Lisa Davis is the unit's legal assistant. The increased number of appeals of parental rights termination cases which require a response from the Ingham County Prosecuting Attorney's Office necessitated a readjustment of duties covered by the Appellate Division.

**The work of the Appellate Division** - the bulk of the work of the division consists in responding to appeals of right from criminal convictions (except plea-based convictions), including delinquency cases and from the termination of parental rights in neglect/abuse cases. In these two instances an aggrieved criminal defendant and/or parent of whose rights have been terminated are entitled to court-appointed appellate counsel and transcripts of all proceedings as public expense. Most avail themselves of this right, whether or not there are any issues of merit. The Division responds to such appeals in circuit court (misdemeanor convictions) and in the Court of Appeals (felony convictions and parental rights termination cases). We also respond to applications for leave to appeal before the Michigan Supreme Court in both these types of cases.

In addition, we respond to applications for leave to appeal in plea-based criminal cases in the Court of Appeals, the occasional appeal from an involuntary commitment mental health proceeding, and to re-sentencing issues. Under Michigan Court Rule (MCR) 6.500, a criminal defendant also has one chance (actually a second chance) to raise further issues before a circuit court judge even if he/she has lost an appeal previously. We respond to these motions filed in the general trial division of circuit court

when requested to by the trial judge. On occasion, issues are raised by defendants who have been imprisoned for years.

The division files appeals on behalf of the Ingham County Prosecuting Attorney when a trial judge makes a decision adverse to the prosecution.

We conduct legal research for all the attorneys in the office and provide training and to APAs and law enforcement agencies. We track new cases, new statutes, court rules and administrative rules to keep the attorneys in the office abreast of legal developments. We have cooperated with the Thomas M. Cooley Law School Innocence Project. Students are reviewing cases of felons serving lengthy sentences looking for any cases where new DNA evidence could shed light on a wrongly convicted person. Cooperating with the project has meant retrieving files, looking at evidence and contacting the Michigan State Police Lab about issues regarding scientific evidence. To date there have been no motions for a new trial filed on the basis of DNA or other scientific evidence in Ingham County. Lastly, attorneys from the division provide training for local law enforcement agencies, court staff, probation agents and Family Independence Agency caseworkers.

Our legal assistant, Lisa Davis, helps in preparing all pleadings filed by unit, tracking appeals and deadlines for briefs as well as assisting both APAs with research and cite checking. Lisa also drafts correspondence and pleadings. In addition the legal assistant maintains files in drug forfeiture cases and assists with gun board.

Last year the division took on the responsibility of filing briefs in termination of parental rights cases. Because those cases are "custody" cases and adoptions cannot be finalized until the appeal has been decided, they are set with strict time deadlines. The number of this type of appeal has increased as the number of child neglect/abuse cases has increased. This year we have achieved our goal of filing an answer in every one of these cases.

### Statistics for 2003

	2003	2002	2001	2000
Total New Files Opened	112	107	63	111
Total Hearings & Arguments	13	30	40	38
Total Briefs Filed	22	13	22	37
Total Motions & Answers	27	35	18	40
Total Appeals Decided	79	85	74	103
Percent of Appeals Won	96%	95%	93%	94%

## **FAMILY COURT / JUVENILE DIVISION 2003 Report**

### **- JAMES L. PETTIBONE, Unit Chief Family Division**

- Catherine Emerson, Unit Chief
- Eric Matteo
- Nana Bailey
- Julie Fletcher

Assistant prosecuting attorneys (APAs) in the Family Court/Juvenile Division of the Ingham County Prosecutor's Office are responsible for handling the following types of cases:

1. Child protective proceedings (neglect and abuse), including hearings on petitions requesting court jurisdiction of children and hearings on petitions requesting termination of parental rights.
2. Juvenile delinquency proceedings, including authorizing delinquency petitions, bench or jury trials on petitions requesting court jurisdiction of youthful offenders, disposition hearings and hearings seeking to treat a juvenile as an adult.
3. Contempt of court hearings in personal protection order cases.
4. Mental health involuntary commitment proceedings both here at St. Lawrence Hospital and on a rotating schedule with other counties at the Kalamazoo Regional Psychiatric Facility.

### **◆ CHILD NEGLECT AND ABUSE CASES ◆**

The majority of the cases handled by the division involve cases in this area. They remain a top priority for the division and the court. APAs usually become involved in a child protective proceeding at the time of pretrial after a petition has been filed requesting court jurisdiction. The case is set for a bench or jury trial if it is not resolved at pretrial. Once the court has jurisdiction over the children, orders are entered in an effort to reunify the family. In cases involving serious physical or sexual abuse, termination of parental rights is requested immediately. Otherwise, cases are reviewed every 3 months if the children are out of the home and every 6 months if the children are in the home. Great effort is made to protect the children and

place them in the most family like setting. This may include ordering the offending parent or "significant other" out of the home while the children remain with the other parent or placing the children in foster care if they cannot live safely at home. If the children are out of the home and reunification does not occur within a reasonable time, the court may hold a hearing to determine whether or not to terminate parental rights. APAs and the courts adhere to the required time deadlines in neglect cases to insure that children receive permanency in their lives as soon as possible.

Statistics do not accurately reflect the work done in the division as the complexity of each case is different. Trials may last an hour in cases where the parent has abandoned the children and the evidence is straightforward or they may last days with medical and /or mental health experts offering opinions on the source and nature of a child's physical or emotional injuries. During the course of a child protective case the APA may also handle preliminary hearings, show cause contempt of court hearings, emergency removal hearings, review hearings and permanency planning hearings.

### ◆ JUVENILE DELINQUENCY CASES ◆

Juveniles under the age of 17 may be petitioned before the court for criminal behavior or as a status offender. Division and staff continue in our efforts to attack problems of delinquency and at risk youth in innovative ways while at the same time we remain committed to holding juveniles accountable for the crimes they have committed. The City of Lansing Teen Court and the grant-funded "Juvenile Intervention Program" are excellent opportunities for juveniles to be held accountable for their actions and at the same time avoid formal court involvement. APAs get involved in delinquency cases at the beginning by reviewing in-custody petitions. All non-status offender delinquency petitions are reviewed by the Prosecutor's Office. If the case goes formal, APAs handle the pretrial, bench or jury trial, dispositions and reviews. Staff is working with juvenile court staff to better address the issue of restitution in juvenile cases and make the system easier to deal with for the victim.

Truancy has long been an issue for parents as well as an indicator of "at-risk" behaviors for teens. This year was the third year of Truancy Court, an intensive, fast track effort to get at truancy early in the school year. The program concentrates on middle school offenders as well as ninth graders. Once a juvenile is identified as having a truancy problem, the juvenile and parents are given an opportunity to meet with school officials and improve attendance prior to a truancy charge being authorized. Once formal charges

are issued, they are on a fast track. Court is held every Thursday and the juvenile and parents must attend their court hearing and return in 4 weeks. The object of the program is simple: "be on time, every time, to class."

For the most serious juvenile offenders and in appropriate cases, APAs can request that the court treat the offender as an adult and in certain cases APAs can designate that the case be tried in the same manner as an adult. If adult status is granted, the juvenile offender can receive an adult sentence that can include jail or prison.

### ◆ PERSONAL PROTECTION ORDER VIOLATIONS ◆

Although these are civil orders, the PPO petitioner has the option of having the prosecutor or private counsel present evidence at the violation hearing. The division is doing the majority of the PPO violation hearings in Ingham County. We are responsible for seeing that witnesses are subpoenaed and for presenting the evidence at the hearing. APAs work closely with the court staff and the PPO office to insure that matters are properly handled. APAs work with our domestic violence unit to coordinate criminal charges, bond violation hearings and PPO violation hearings to avoid any double jeopardy problems. The division and office work hard to support victims of domestic violence and to hold batterers accountable.

### ◆ MENTAL HEALTH COMMITMENT HEARINGS ◆

Attorneys in this division handled the majority of involuntary commitment hearings done in this county as well as a number of assigned days at Kalamazoo Regional Psychiatric Hospital throughout the year. APAs also do follow-up to criminal cases that have resulted in not-guilty by reason of insanity. This includes presenting evidence at the commitment hearing for mental health treatment under the Mental Health Code.

### ◆ TRAINING, COMMITTEE AND LIAISON WORK ◆

Attorneys and victim witness staff continue to serve on numerous committees in the community such as the Child Death Review Team, the Youth Violence Prevention Coalition, the Truancy and Teen Court

committees, Angel House and the STOP Grant Committee. APAs were also involved in training and cross training efforts throughout the year with CASA volunteers, East Lansing Listening Ear, local law enforcement, FIA staff, PAAM as well as classes and conferences at both law schools.

## **FAMILY SUPPORT UNIT 2003 Annual Report**

- **BARBARA K. HAMM, Unit Chief (January - July)**
- **GUY L. SWEET, Unit Chief (July - December)**
  - Barbara K. Hamm, APA (July - December)
  - Susan Hoffman Adams, APA (January - July)
  - Angela Mina Lloyd, APA (January - July)
  - Heather Adamo, APA
  - Suzan Haney, Caseworker
  - Jacqueline Millard, Caseworker
  - Marilee Eagan, Caseworker
  - Frank Russell, Investigator (January - May)
  - Ron Auble, Investigator
  - Monica Hall, Support Clerk
  - Mary Lou Dobias, Support Clerk
  - Angela Maddelein, Support Clerk
  - David Smith, Support Clerk (January - September)
  - Kimberly Chapman, Support Clerk (November - December)

### **INTRODUCTION**

The Family Support Unit (FSU) consists of a Civil Section and a Criminal Section. The Civil Section has 10 full-time positions - 2 attorneys (including the Unit Chief), 3 caseworkers, 3 clerks, and 2 investigators/process servers. The Criminal Section is staffed by a part-time attorney and part-time clerk. All FSU positions are funded by a federal Title IV-D grant administered by the Michigan Family Independence Agency Office of Child Support (FIA-OCS).

### **CIVIL SECTION**

The Civil Section's three primary duties are to establish paternity, establish child support, and obtain reimbursement for financial and medical assistance that the FIA has provided to families. The ultimate objective is to enable children and their custodians to receive regular child support payments from the non-custodial parent, and thereby reduce or eliminate their reliance on public assistance.

The OCS refers cases to the FSU. The caseworkers review each referral to ensure that it satisfies the federal criteria, and was sent to the proper county. In paternity cases, a caseworker or attorney conducts an in-person interview with the custodial parent. A civil complaint is then generated and filed with the Circuit Court. The investigators are responsible for serving a copy of the summons and complaint on the non-custodial parent. Genetic testing is offered in all paternity cases. An attorney or caseworker conducts a settlement conference in all paternity and support cases. If the case cannot be resolved, it proceeds to a court hearing. The FSU's goal is to resolve each case within 90 days after the OCS referral is received.

The following table lists the number of paternity or support orders obtained during the last three years.

<b>Year</b>	<b>Paternity<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Support</b>	<b>Interstate (Initiating)</b>	<b>Interstate (Responding)</b>	<b>Total</b>
2001	215	1,116	62	48	1,441
2002	252	932	31	35	1,250
2003	233	320	4	22	579

Five percent of the 2003 orders were entered in Uniform Interstate Family Support Act (UIFSA) cases. This statute enables Michigan prosecutors to initiate paternity and support cases in other states where the non-custodial parent lives, and to prosecute these types of cases in Michigan if the non-custodial parent lives here and his or her dependents reside in another state.

The FSU Civil Section also handles cases in which the Friend of the Court seeks to confirm the registration of out-of-state child support orders in Michigan. This process enables the FOC to enforce those orders. In most of these cases, the non-custodial parent has failed to make child support payments to the other state, and is in arrears. During 2003, the FSU confirmed the registration of two child support orders from Washington and Georgia. This is fewer confirmed orders than 2002 (7) and 2001 (6).

Decreased productivity during 2003 is largely attributable to the Michigan Child Support Enforcement System (MiCSES), a statewide computer network that links the FIA-OCS with 83 Prosecuting Attorney offices and 58 Friend of

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<sup>1</sup> Paternity orders normally include child support and/or state reimbursement provisions.

the Court offices. By early October, all of these agencies had converted to MiCSES. (The Ingham County Prosecutor's office has been in this system since March 2002.) MiCSES has continued to malfunction. During 2003, the FSU made 172 calls to a State hotline to report system failures. This means that an average of between 3 and 4 Hotline calls were made each week. Reported problems included inability to access the system, printer failures, loss of data, mis-assignment of cases, and slowness. The technicians who maintain MiCSES frequently provided temporary "work-arounds", but are not expected to implement permanent "fixes" until spring of 2004. The system failures - and the inadequate responses - have slowed down the process of entering data and generating pleadings and orders.

The primary advantage of MiCSES is that the FSU staff can now view child support orders from other counties. This helps the staff produce more accurate - and fair - Child Support Guidelines recommendations in cases where the non-custodial party is already paying child support in other counties. The statewide data base also reduces the risk of obtaining multiple support orders for the same child.

## **CRIMINAL SECTION**

Since 2001, the FSU has filed criminal charges against individuals who have failed to pay court-ordered child support but have the ability to do so. The Friend of the Court refers cases to the Prosecutor in which the unpaid amount exceeds \$10,000. After the case is reviewed, the Prosecutor sends a notice to the defendant and offers him or her an opportunity to avoid prosecution by making regular child support payments. If the case is not resolved, a warrant is issued and the matter proceeds through the criminal courts. Efforts are made to collect child support money during the plea negotiation and sentencing process.

The following table summarizes criminal non-support activity during the last three years.

<b>Year</b>	<b>Warrants issued</b>	<b>Money collected</b>
2001	16	\$108,065
2002	9	\$192,987
2003	13	\$262,049

The 2003 data does not include 16 cases that were referred to the Attorney General for prosecution. That agency has formed a Criminal Non-Support Unit that handles cases in which the amount owed exceeds \$40,000.

The money collected last year exceeds the 2001 and 2002 amounts by 143% and 36% respectively. Seventy five percent of the money collected during 2003 was paid after the defendant received the initial notice of intent to prosecute. This suggests that the mere prospect of criminal prosecution provides a powerful incentive for individuals to pay their child support.

	2001	2002	2003
Warrant request received from Friend of the Court	33	46	40
Warrants Issued	16	9	13
Warrants Pending (awaiting requested information)	12	21	36
Warrants Rejected	10	29	21

Total collections attributed directly to the criminal non-support warrant program via all the warrants issued under this program to date are:

	2001	2002	2003
Payments by suspect after receiving notice of intent to charge with a felony, but prior to issuance	\$3747.12	\$56,460.79	\$140,985
Payments by defendants after arrest	\$47,816.03	\$58,702.86	\$56,816.74
<b>TOTAL ANNUAL COLLECTIONS*</b>	<b>\$108,065.11</b>	<b>\$192,986.57</b>	<b>\$286,748.21</b>

\*Since there is processing overlap between the years there will not always be a balance between warrant requests and the other figures.

## **DIVERSION PROGRAM 2003 REPORT**

- JUDITH SPENCER, Director**
  - Dawn Hawes, Caseworker
  - Mary Sue Lester, Caseworker
  - Jason Bartley, Caseworker
  - Rose Olivett, Secretary (shared-time)
  - Barbara Smith, Secretary (shared-time)

The Ingham County Prosecutor's Office started the Diversion Program in 1975 and has served the community as a deferred prosecution program for first-time, non-violent offenders. Diversion is a voluntary program which channels first-time offenders into such programs as community service, drug and alcohol treatment, high school completion or individual counseling.

The terms of each individual program are based on a contract between the probationer and the Prosecutor's Diversion Program. The client must meet all terms of the contract agreement, which include; not violating any laws, paying restitution if required, maintaining an active employment or educational status, attending all scheduled casework appointments, and performing assigned community service.

Offenders who successfully complete the programs are not formally charged with the offense and receive no criminal record for the offense.

Diversion participants provide community service at such agencies as Goodwill, Impression 5, ALFA Adult Day Care, Resource Center for Persons with Disabilities at Michigan State, Beekman Center for Therapeutic Horseback Riding Program, etc. Many clients report to us that the most meaningful and rewarding part of their Diversion experience is community service.

As a result of an 89% satisfactory completion rate, the benefits to the residents of Ingham County are clearly shown. The time and expense saved by not prosecuting these cases permits the Prosecutor and Courts to devote their time and effort to prosecuting violent offenders and major drug dealers.

There were two events that impacted the program this year. The first was an increase in our fee structure which resulted in 52% increase in the

amount of application fees collected and a 10% increase in service fee collections. This year we collected \$10,300 in application fees, and almost \$105,000 in service fees. Victims of crimes were reimbursed \$46,000 through the collection of restitution.

The second event was the introduction of the Lansing Elementary Attendance Diversion (LEAD) program . This program was initiated by Prosecutor Dunnings to address the problem of excess absences in elementary school. In conjunction with the Lansing School District, Michigan State University School of Social Work, and Child Abuse Prevention Services, the Diversion Programs work with parents of elementary students who have been identified as having excessive absences and/or tardiness.

These parents are required to attend parenting skills classes, attend PTO meetings and meet with their child's teacher and principal. If the program is successfully completed and their children are attending school, as required by law, then the charges are dismissed.

The first set of parenting skills classes is well under way and we are anticipating positive results from the program.

## DIVERSION PROGRAM STATISTICS

	2000	2001	2002	2003
<b>CASES REFERRED</b>	857	795	702	708
<b>CASES ACCEPTED</b>	387	392	391	361
<b>SATISFACTORY COMPLETIONS</b>	299	321	337	329
<b>REVOICATIONS</b>	36	58	50	40
<b>TOTAL TERMINATIONS</b>	335	379	387	369
<b>% OF SATISFACTORY COMPLETIONS</b>	89	85	87	89
<b>SERVICE FEE</b>	\$73,525	\$82,682	\$95,034	\$104,747
<b>APPLICATION FEE</b>	\$6,750	\$7,035	\$6,780	\$10,305

## **VICTIM/WITNESS PROGRAM 2003 ANNUAL REPORT**

- **TRIXIE BROWN, Coordinator**  
Martha Mitchell, Victim/Witness Assistant (Shared-time)  
Carey Keller, Victim/ Witness Assistant  
Elizabeth Savage, Victim/Witness Assistant  
Sally Despina, Victim/Witness Assistant (Shared-time)  
Angela Olson, Victim/Witness Assistant

The Victim/Witness Unit was created in 1978. The Unit began assisting victims with court services in 1985 with the enactment of the Michigan Crime Victims Rights Act. The Unit is comprised of a coordinator, three full time advocates and one shared full time position. The Unit also includes a domestic violence coordinator who trains and supervises three student interns, working directly with domestic violence victims. The goal of the Victim/Witness Unit is to ensure that victims of Ingham County are assisted throughout the criminal procedure. A copy of the Victim Rights Act may be obtained by contacting this office.

The Unit focuses on continually improving procedures and services throughout the case to ensure the victim's safety as well as witness cooperation and assistance to the prosecutors. Within the past year our Unit has been provided access to the Ingham County Jail database so that we may inform victims of an inmates status immediately. Lansing's 54A District court has worked with this office to implement a domestic violence court with Judge Amy Krause. This court will allow domestic assault victims the opportunity to get through the system in a more efficient, timely manner.

The Victim/Witness Unit provides several different services for victims. Some of the services provided are; a daily recording for circuit, family and district courts, allowing subpoenaed witnesses to telephone the office to determine if their service is needed for court the following day. We provide witnesses with "on call" status to decrease time spent waiting at the court when requested.

We will provide courtesy services when needed such as contacting employers regarding time off work for testifying, escorting witnesses to court, providing a room to ensure safety and privacy and also providing transportation and lodging accommodations for out of state witnesses. Finally, our Unit will provide emergency child care and transportation when needed for court proceedings.

The Unit also may assist eligible victims in seeking compensation for injuries, funeral costs, counseling or loss of wages suffered as a result of criminal acts through the Crime Victim Services Commission and/or the Crime Victim Foundation.

Our Unit continues to work closely with Representative VanRegenmorter's office (author of the Victim Rights Act), the Victim Witness Forum, C.A.R.E. (Capitol Area Response Effort), Eve Inc. and other local agencies in an effort to keep abreast of new legislature and community services as they pertain to victims.

Our goal of 2003 for attending a greater number of court hearings was achieved. We were able to assist more victims at the district court level than in past years by assigning our misdemeanor advocate to court for most pretrial/trials.

We also were able to continue utilization of the Michigan Crime Victim Network Notification Network (MCVNN) through the Ingham County Jail. MCVNN is a telephone system that allows victims the ability to register personal contact numbers, via telephone to have the jail contact them directly when a prisoner is released from jail or the Michigan Department of Corrections. We hope to be able to offer MCVNN for the Circuit Court judicial system within the first 6 months of 2004, this system will notify victims of court proceedings, hearings, etc.

## **VICTIM/WITNESS STATISTICS**

### Victim/Witness Unit Overview

In 2003 our Unit initiated 3,487 new cases. This is approximately the same amount as sent in 2002. The Victim Witness Unit's goal for 2004 is to work with 54A district court in the development and fine tuning of the domestic violence court as well as to continue our practice of attending as many court proceedings as possible to provide rights to victims.

	2000	2001	2002	2003
<b>JANUARY - MARCH</b>				
Felony	459	429	163	461
Misdemeanor	348	333	341	202
Juvenile	117	367	159	180
<b>APRIL - JUNE</b>				
Felony	395	427	433	362
Misdemeanor	186	179	294	383
Juvenile	341	392	222	184
<b>JULY - SEPTEMBER</b>				
Felony	395	427	433	341
Misdemeanor	253	185	440	337
Juvenile	362	380	169	255
<b>OCTOBER - DECEMBER</b>				
Felony	325	363	363	302
Misdemeanor	309	355	355	351
Juvenile	165	225	225	129
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>3672</b>	<b>4009</b>	<b>3485</b>	<b>3487</b>

# **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PREVENTION PROGRAM 2003 Annual Report**

– **MARIA VALAYIL**, Domestic Violence Coordinator

The mission of the Domestic Violence Prevention Program is to reduce family violence in the Ingham County area by providing direct services to the victims of crime. Our goals include: enhancing the awareness of domestic violence and crime victim's rights under the law, and improving the safety of survivors of domestic violence.

The Domestic Violence Prevention Program will assist the victims of crime throughout the criminal justice process by providing the victim with criminal justice advocacy, emotional support, information, referrals to community resources, and safety planning.

In the grant fiscal year, 10/1/02 to 9/30/03, the Domestic Violence Unit had the support of 14 volunteers who put in 1751 hours of service to provide support to victims. The coordinator and volunteers provided services to 865 Ingham county residents; staff took calls from 792 victims of domestic assault, 81 victims received crisis services, 390 were provided with court support, unit staff did follow-up with 394 survivors, and the program provided 18 with assistance in applying for victim compensation.

\*This project, Domestic Violence Unit, was supported by Crime Victim Assistance Grant Award CVA# 20636-5V01 awarded to the Ingham County Prosecutor's Office by the Michigan Crime Victim Services Commission, Michigan Department of Community Health. The grant award of \$53,041, comes from the Federal Crime Victims Fund, established by the Victims of Crime Act of 1984. The Ingham County Prosecutor's Office provides the required match by the use of volunteers, 1250 hours valued at \$10.61.

**2003 DEPARTMENTAL STAFF  
As of December 1, 2003 and current assignment**

Gary Adamo	Assistant Prosecuting Attorney	District Court
Heather Adamo	Assistant Prosecuting Attorney	Family Support Unit
Susan Hoffman Adams	Assistant Prosecuting Attorney	District Court
Ronald Auble	Investigator	Family Support Unit
Sally Auer	Intake Coordinator	Screening
Nana B. Bailey	Assistant Prosecuting Attorney	Family Court
Jason Bartley	Diversion Caseworker	Diversion
Kollette Bordeaux-Borruso	Assistant Prosecuting Attorney	District Court
J. Nicholas Bostic	Assistant Prosecuting Attorney	Forfeiture Unit
Trixie Brown	Victim/Witness Coordinator	Victim Witness Unit
Carol Bucher	Unit Chief	CSC Prosecution
Erin Byrd	Clerk/Prosecuting Attorney	Screening
Mike Cheltenham	Assistant Prosecuting Attorney	Circuit Court
Deborah Chieppo	Clerk / Prosecuting Attorney	District Court
William Crino	Assistant Prosecuting Attorney	Forfeiture Unit
Jeffrey Cruz	Assistant Prosecuting Attorney	Circuit Court
Lisa Davis	Appellate Secretary - Legal Assistant	Appeals

Sally Despins	Victim/Witness Assistant	Victim/Witness Unit
John J. Dewane	Assistant Prosecuting Attorney	District Court
Mary Lou Dobias	Support Clerk/ System Manager	Family Support Unit
Joyce Draganchuk	Chief Assistant Prosecuting Attorney	Administration
<b>STUART J. DUNNINGS III</b>	Prosecuting Attorney	Administration
Marilee Eagan	Support Investigator	Family Support Unit
Catherine Emerson	Unit Chief	Family Court / Child Abuse & Neglect
Roberta Faivor	Administrative Assistant Prosecuting Attorney	Administration
Michael Ferency	Unit Chief, Chief Trial Attorney	Major Crimes Unit
Joseph B. Finnerty	Assistant Prosecuting Attorney	Circuit Court
Julie Fletcher	Assistant Prosecuting Attorney	Family Court
M. Anthony Flores	Unit Chief	CSC Prosecution
Mary Greener	Executive Secretary - Prosecuting Attorney	Administration
Monica Hall	Support Clerk	Family Support Unit
Ann Hamilton	Warrant Clerk	Screening
Barbara Hamm	Unit Chief	Family Support Unit
Suzie Haney	Support Investigator	Family Support Unit
Dawn Hawes	Diversion Caseworker	Diversion
Pam Henry	Clerk/Prosecuting Attorney	Family Court

Tracy Horvath	Assistant Prosecuting Attorney	District Court
Scott Hughes	Juvenile Justice/ Community Outreach Coordinator	Administration
Carey Keller	Victim/Witness Assistant	Victim / Witness Unit
Susan LeDuc	Deputy Chief Assistant - Prosecuting Attorney	Appeals Unit
Marysue Lester	Diversion Caseworker	Diversion Unit
Angela M. Lloyd	Assistant Prosecuting Attorney	District Court Unit
Angela Maddelein	Clerk / Prosecuting Attorney	Family Court
Linda Maloney	Unit Chief	District Court
Eric Matteo	Assistant Prosecuting Attorney	Family Court
Eric Matwiejczyk	Assistant Prosecuting Attorney	Circuit Court
Lisa McCormick	Assistant Prosecuting Attorney	Circuit Court
Jacqueline Millard	Support Investigator	Family Support Unit
Martha Mitchell	Victim/Witness Assistant	Victim / Witness Unit
John Murray	Assistant Prosecuting Attorney	Appeals Unit
Laurie Oberle	Assistant Prosecuting Attorney	DART - Domestic Violence
Marga Ogden	Information Clerk / Prosecuting Attorney	Screening
Rose Olivett	Diversion Clerk - Prosecuting Attorney	Diversion

Angela Olson	Victim/Witness Assistant	Victim / Witness Unit
James Pettibone	Unit Chief	Family Court
Raymond Purdy	Assistant Prosecuting Attorney	Gun Violence Grant
Elizabeth J. Savage	Victim/Witness Assistant	Victim / Witness Unit
Pandora Signor	District Court Coordinator - Prosecuting Attorney	District Court
Barbara Smith	Diversion Clerk - Prosecuting Attorney	Diversion Unit
Samuel Smith	Unit Chief	Circuit Court
Judith Spencer	Diversion Director	Diversion Unit
Shondell Strickland	Clerk / Prosecuting Attorney	Circuit Court
Guy Sweet	Unit Chief	Family Support Unit
Helen J. Todd	Clerk - Prosecuting Attorney	District Court
Maria Valayil	Domestic Violence Coordinator	Victim / Witness Unit
Richard White	Assistant Prosecuting Attorney	District Court
Sherri J. Wiegman	Administrator	Administration
Lynda Williams	Secretary - Prosecuting Attorney	Family Court
Marie Wolfe	Assistant Prosecuting Attorney	District Court
Gladys Woodard	Circuit Court Coordinator	Circuit Court

# STUART J. DUNNINGS III

PROSECUTING ATTORNEY

Chief Assistant Prosecuting Attorney

Administrator

Executive Secretary

Community Outreach Coordinator

Administrative Assistant

<u>Screening</u>	<u>District Court Unit</u>	<u>Circuit Court Unit</u>	<u>Appellate Unit</u>	<u>Family Court Unit</u>	<u>Major Crimes Unit</u>
	2 Unit Chiefs	1 Unit Chiefs	1 Unit Chief	1 Unit Chief	1 Unit Chief
2.5 Warrant Clerks	8 APAs	5 APAs	APA	3 APAs	2 APAs
Clerk/PA	Coordinator	Coordinator	Legal Assistant	Secretary	<u>Family Support Unit</u>
Information Clerk	2 Clerks	Clerks			Unit Chief
					2 APAs
<u>Diversion</u>		<u>Victim Witness Unit</u>	<u>CSC Prosecution</u>	<u>Child Abuse/Neglect</u>	3 Caseworkers
Director		Coordinator	1 Unit Chief	1 Unit Chief*	2 Investigators
3 Investigators		4 Assistants	<u>Domestic Violence Grant</u>	<u>Gun Violence Grant</u>	4 Support Clerks
Secretary			1 APA		
				1 APA	

\* = Double assignment. Assigned to Judge Economy courtroom