

# OFFICE OF THE STATE'S ATTORNEY

## FY2019 Mid-Year Report

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# The Transition

- State's Attorney
  - As of 12/3/2018
- A New Leadership Team
  - Jason Abbott, Principal Deputy
  - Todd Steuart, Deputy
  - Judith Danso, Chief of Staff
  - Doyle Niemann, Chief of Operations
  - LaKeecia Allen, Director of Policy and Intergovernmental Affairs
  - Denise Roberts, Communications Director

## RESIDENTS OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY

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JASON ABBOTT**

**DEPUTY STATE'S ATTORNEY  
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DOYLE NIEMANN**

**CHIEF OF STAFF  
JUDITH DANSO**

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**Wens (Asst. Chief)**  
**Terry Bell (CPU)**  
**Richard Carlton**  
**Lisa Chacko**  
**Laura Coleman**  
**-Amin (Paralegal)**  
**Green (Paralegal)**  
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**ashid Mahdi**  
**Owolabi (Paralegal)**  
**Erin Rogers**  
**a Rupert (CPU)**  
**Dam Trombly**  
**Chris Welsh**  
**hea Ziswail**

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DEVELOPMENT  
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Joeday Newsom  
Kirstin Riddle

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Amanee Blake (Interim Chief)  
Akwas Cato

**SPECIAL COUNSEL**  
**Gerald Collins**

**SPECIAL VICTIMS &  
FAMILY VIOLENCE UNIT**  
Christina Taylor (Chief)  
Melissa Hoppmeyer (Asst. Chief)

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Lorraine Harris  
Jonelle Ransom

**CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION  
ADMINISTRATIVE  
AIDE STAFF**

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**Deborah Baldwin (Reception)**  
**Alexis Balma**  
**Marilyn Booth**  
**Kyvia Hall**  
**Debbie Hanna**  
**Venus Haywood**  
**Gigi Jackson (SIU)**  
**Alesia McWilliams (PTP)**  
**Gloria Orme**  
**Ernestine Pullen**  
**Lori Sampson (HU)**  
**Quandria Willis**  
**Sandra Wilson**

**& DRUGS UNIT**  
**Paylor (Chief)**  
**Lee Ann Bell**  
**Janet Harrison**  
**Rick Leonardi**  
**Harry Matthews**  
**Nathan Maynor**  
**Steve Widmann**  
**andle Wilson**

**GRAND JURY UNIT**  
**Frank Denison (Chief)**  
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**Christina Donahue**  
**Jodie Donnelly-Kiker (Admin.)**  
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**Mercy Idoko (J-Visa Paralegal)**  
**Rhett Knight**  
**Elveta Martin**  
**Grant McDaniel**  
**Raha Mokhtari**  
**Blaec Shaw**  
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Kathy Ahn  
Lynn Celestin-Antonin  
Ashley Watson (Paralegal)

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**Lakuita Bittle**  
**Jessica Garth**  
**Niki Holmes**  
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Gigi Jackson (SIU)  
Alesia McWilliams (PTP)  
Gloria Orme  
Ernestine Pullen  
Lori Sampson (HU)  
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Sandra Wilson

**DISTRICT COURT  
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 Manso (Supervisor)  
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 Tyler (Coordinator)

**DISTRICT COURT UNIT**  
 Alison Leonard-Leach (Chief)  
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 Vernon Brownlee  
 Shakinah Douglas  
 Theresa Graham (Paralegal)  
 Julie Greenberg  
 Amina Haleem  
 Eugenia Hull  
 Catherine Jones  
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 Hurmayonne Morgan  
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 Anuj Patel  
 Alexander Powell  
 Chantel Simon  
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**Franklin Shelton (Chief)**  
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**POST TRIAL  
PROCEDURE UNIT**  
Matt Lynn (Chief)  
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**COMMUNITY AFFAIRS  
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**Thelmetria Michaelides**  
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**DISTRICT COURT DIVISION  
ADMINISTRATIVE  
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**Breonia Barnett**  
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**Mattie Dawan (Volunteer)**  
**Berkeley Henderson (Volunteer)**  
**Maria Martincorena**  
**Pam Fletcher**  
**Charlene Sadler**  
**Shanda Thomas (CCB)**  
**Cathy White**

**PUBLIC INTEGRITY  
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Renee Joy (Chief)  
Niecie Draper (Inv. Analyst)

**HOMICIDE UNIT**  
Jonathan Church (Chief)  
Sam Danai (Asst. Chief)  
Anna Chayka (Paralegal)  
Bob Dean  
Frank Cubero  
Sherrie Waldrup  
Dave Weinstein  
Steven Smith

**PROBLEM-SOLVING  
COURTS/DIVERSION**  
Alana Gayle (PSC ASA)  
Lakisha Muhammad (Drug Court)  
Toni Perry (BOT)  
Jessica Proctor  
(Dist. Ct. Coordinator)  
Jasmine Jackson (DSL)  
Leslie Reddick (Community Service)

**JUVENILE DIVISION  
ADMINISTRATIVE  
AIDE STAFF**  
**Darlene Holland (Supervisor)**  
**Nykicia Anderson**  
**Nathalie Goldbeck**  
**Gregory Rawls (Legal Asst.)**  
**Lynn Strange**

**INVESTIGATIVE UNIT**  
**Willie Powell (Chief)**  
**James Harper (Asst. Chief)**  
**Stan Andrews (SVFVU)**  
**Michael Ashe**  
**Meredith Bingley (SIU)**  
**Christopher Jordan (SVFVU)**  
**Duane Lee**  
**Toniere Lee**  
**John Piazza (HU)**  
**Wayne Pyles**  
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**VICTIM WITNESS UNIT**  
Theresa Middleton (Chief)  
JoAnne Douglas (Asst. Chief)

## SAO\_OrgChart\_2

# Key Organizational Changes

- Making the Juvenile Unit a stand-alone, dedicated prosecution unit
  - Experienced staff
  - Employing a public health approach to young offenders (focusing on ACEs, mental/behavior health, and learning disabilities)
  - Balance sanctions with diversion and focused intervention
  - Developing more diversion options and partnering with community-based organizations.
  - Taking on pre-screening of cases prior to referral to DJS

# Key Organizational Changes

- Created a dedicated Public Integrity Unit
  - Direct report to State's Attorney
  - Provides Training for law enforcement and government officials
  - Cases involving law enforcement officers
    - Abuse of power
    - Excessive force
    - Misconduct in Office
  - Cases involving public corruption
    - County elected officials
    - Municipal elected officials
    - Government agency officials

# Key Organizational Changes

- Changed the new attorney progression pattern
  - Generally start in District Court
  - Move to Guns & Drugs Unit
  - Then to Major Crime
  - Then to specialized units
- Dedicated Juvenile and Grand Jury Units

# Key Organizational Changes

- Expanded scope of Special Prosecutions Unit
  - Environmental Crimes (new focus)
  - Motor vehicle accidents resulting in deaths
  - Economic crimes
  - Arson
- Moved Community Prosecution
  - Shifted to Major Crimes
  - More contact with the community
  - Screening cases in the district stations

# Key Organizational Changes

- Created a new Training and Professional Development Unit
  - Staffed by experienced prosecutors
  - Incorporate training into ongoing activities
  - Developing better procedures for evaluating performance
  - Provide more hands-on training
  - Provide training for law enforcement agencies



# Key Organizational Changes

- Address issues in the District Court
  - New leadership
  - More accountability for results
  - Developing clearer procedures for how cases are to be handled
  - Create a new Discovery Unit
  - Additional training and mentoring
  - More systematic screening for cases to identify issues early

# Key Organizational Changes

- More emphasis on Community Outreach and Involvement
  - Outreach to more communities, including:
    - Immigrant communities
    - LGBTQI community
    - Disability community
  - Increased presence of staff at community events
  - Youth outreach
  - Millennial outreach
  - Increased appearances by State's Attorney
  - Dedicated points of contact

# Key Organizational Changes

- Created Office-Wide Committees
  - Policy
  - Community Engagement
  - Staff Development
  - Recruitment
  - Technology
  - Special Events/Recreation

# Office Caseloads

- Circuit Court case events - 12,321
  - Trials - 5,350
  - Status Conferences – 2,889
  - Motions Hearings – 1,792
  - Sentencings – 1,190
  - Violations of Probation - 1,028
  - Juvenile Waiver Hearings – 65
  - Competency Hearings – 57
  - Post-Conviction Hearings – 76
  - Reconsiderations - 181

# Office Caseloads

- District Court case events
  - Total – 27,111
  - Citizen Complaints screened – 1,984
  - Pending trials as of 1/31/19 – 4,556
  - Diversion cases - 996
- Juvenile Court case events
  - Total - 1,109
  - New juvenile cases - 491

# Staffing

- Attorneys - 105
  - Circuit Court
  - District Court
  - Juvenile
  - Vacancies
- Paralegals
- Investigators
- Other

# Budget Projections

- Working within the framework of previous administrations budget
  - FY19 Approved - \$18,231,200
  - Likely need to reallocate some funds
  - May need supplemental appropriations
- Critical needs that will impact FY19
  - Translation costs are over budget
  - New priorities & programs with juveniles
  - Need for upgrades and new technology
  - At capacity - lack of space for staff & operations

# New Initiatives Planned

- Expansion of Juvenile Unit
  - Dedicated professional staffing
  - Taking on pre-screening of cases
    - Additional staff, equipment and space needed
    - Short-term expenses, but reduced long-term societal costs and impact on individuals
- Retention of staff
  - Need for a pay scale and more competitive salaries
  - Other benefits and incentives



# New Initiatives Planned

- Conviction/Sentencing Integrity
  - New program to evaluate disputed convictions
  - Clearer standards to ensure pleas and sentences are fair and appropriate to the facts
- More Diversion Options
  - Prevent future crime by changing behavior
  - Increased community safety and well-being
  - Lower system and societal costs as a result

# New Initiatives Planned

- Environmental crimes
  - Prosecution of dumping
  - Collaborating with County on beautification initiative
- Illegal Gun Reduction/Prosecution
  - Keep better statistics on illegal guns involved in crimes
  - Working more closely with Gun Intelligence Unit (PGPD), Maryland State Police, US Attorney's Office, FBI and ATF to trace and source guns
  - Work with federal partners to prosecute gun trafficking cases
- DWI/DUI
  - Public Awareness Campaign

# New Initiatives Planned

- More Efficient Use of Technology
  - Shift to new State electronic system, MDEC
  - Need to upgrade our case management system
    - Interface with MDEC
    - Functionality to track results
    - Expanded discovery requirements
    - Increased automation of functions
  - Problem of electronic evidence
    - Acquisition, Storage and Transmittal
  - New trial & presentation technology