

Annual Report

Madison County State's Attorney's Office



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State's Attorney



A message from...

Tom Haine

MADISON COUNTY STATE'S ATTORNEY



To: Honorable Chris Slusser, Chairman, Madison County Board
Honorable Members of the Madison County Board
Citizens of Madison County

Ladies and Gentlemen:

As we reflect on the work of the Madison County State's Attorney's Office in 2024, I am proud to report that we have continued building on the successes of recent years, ensuring justice, safety, and accountability for all members of our community. Over the past year, we have faced significant challenges—both new and ongoing—but we have met them with a steadfast commitment to fairness, transparency, and effective prosecution.

My goal in providing this Annual Report is to offer insight into the tremendous work of the devoted and zealous team of public servants and professionals at the State's Attorney's Office. Their diligent pursuit of justice has a profound impact on every facet of Madison County government and each community in Madison County. The aim of this Report is to illustrate how your hard-earned tax dollars support this pursuit of justice.

The successes and progress outlined here would not be possible without the vital support we receive from the citizens of this county and our elected leaders on the Madison County Board. We're grateful that the voters and elected officials of Madison County recognize the importance of keeping our communities safe. As we move forward, our focus will remain on upholding the law, protecting victims, and fostering a safe and vibrant County. I am deeply grateful for the hard work and dedication of our staff, the trust of our community, and the ongoing support from our partners. Together, we are making a difference, and I look forward to building on this progress in the coming year.

Thanking you again, I remain,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Thomas A. Haine". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Thomas A. Haine,
Madison County State's Attorney

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2024: TACKLING CHALLENGES

For the Madison County State's Attorney's Office, 2024 marked a year of confronting challenges head-on. The most significant of these challenges was the implementation of the SAFE-T Act.

This major shift in state law not only eliminated the cash bail system, but it also completely changed the way we try to remove dangerous individuals from our neighborhoods. Along with our partners in law enforcement, we have sometimes been frustrated by this upheaval. But working together, we have devised smart strategies for keeping our communities safe while also minimizing

the increased financial burden.

The professionals in the State's Attorney's Office are dedicated to public service and are accustomed to overcoming challenges. Our work is never complete – we are always working to fulfil our core mission of pursuing justice and fighting crime.

As we move forward in our mission, we are thankful for the assistance and cooperation from other stakeholders in the Criminal Justice System, including: the Judiciary, Madison County Board, Law Enforcement Agencies, Circuit Clerk and Public Defender.



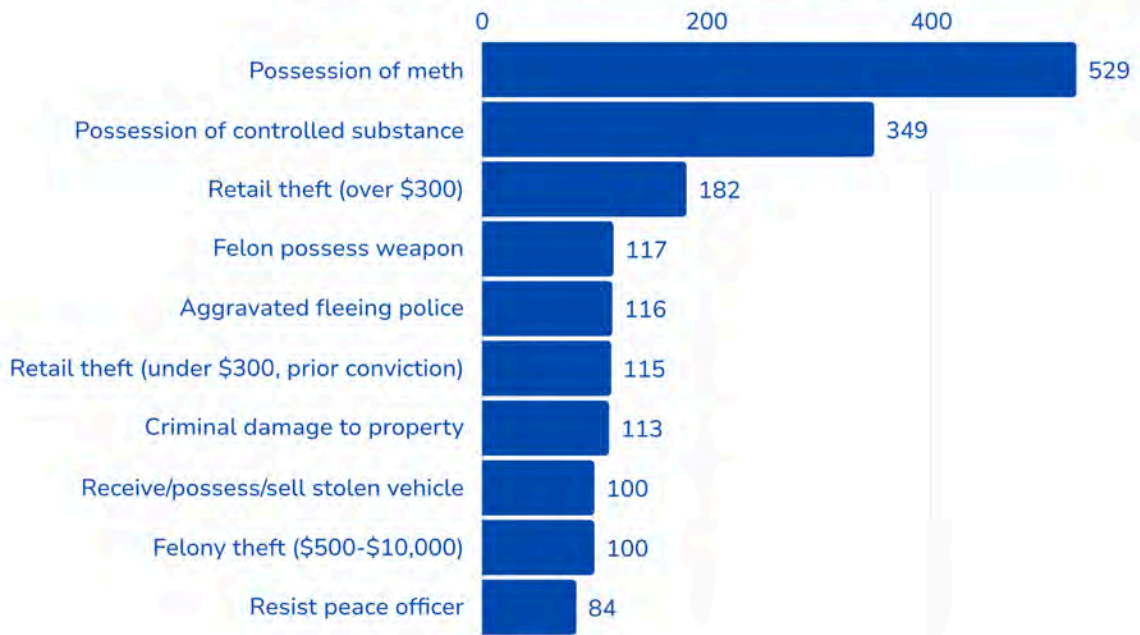
2024: By the numbers

\$5,089,317	Total budget (including state grants)
\$377,280	Amount under budget
24,941	New Misdemeanor, Traffic, DUI charges filed
2,663	Felonies prosecuted to conclusion
2,970	New Felony charges filed
4,591	Felony cases open at end of year
562	Detention Petitions filed
426	Hearings held on Detention Petitions
325	Detention Petitions granted after hearing
192	Average daily County Jail population (230 in 2023)
55	Full-time employees (including attorneys)
29	Assistant State's Attorneys (full-time)
8	First-degree murder convictions
6	Defendants charged with first-degree murder (18 in 2023)
1	Wonderful support/comfort dog named Fitz, to assist crime victims

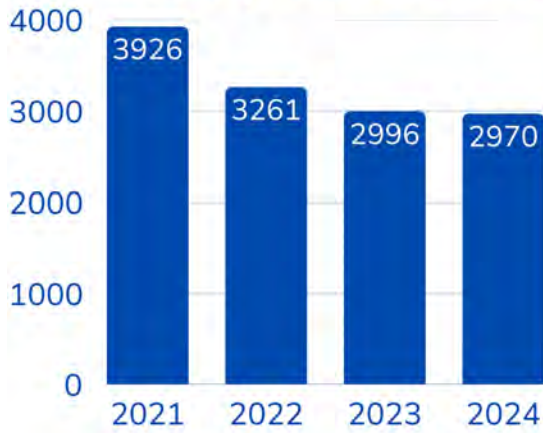
2024 case and staff data

- 29** Full-time Assistant State's Attorneys (as of Dec. 31)
- 5** Open positions for full-time Assistant State's Attorneys (as of Dec. 31)
- 5** Full-time Assistant State's Attorneys hired
- 19** Open first-degree murder cases (as of Dec. 31)
- 17** Total support-staff positions

2024 Top felony charges



Total felony charges filed



Traffic/DUI/misdemeanor charges*

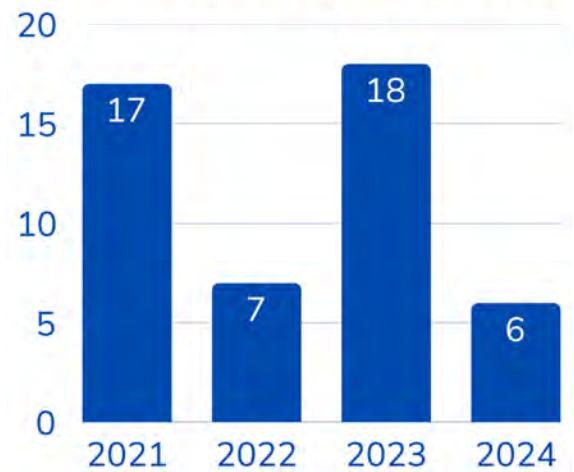


*In 2021 and years prior, a separate case was filed for each ticket/charge issued to a motorist

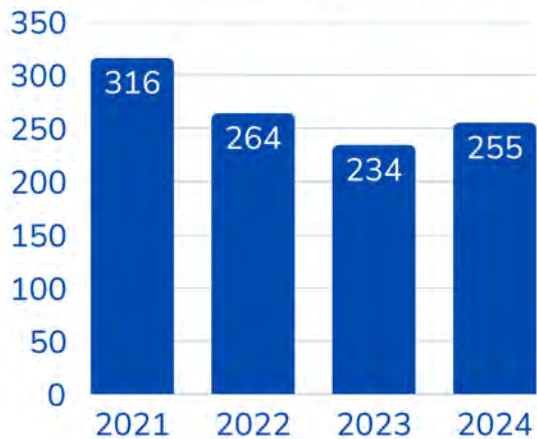
Felony cases open at end of year



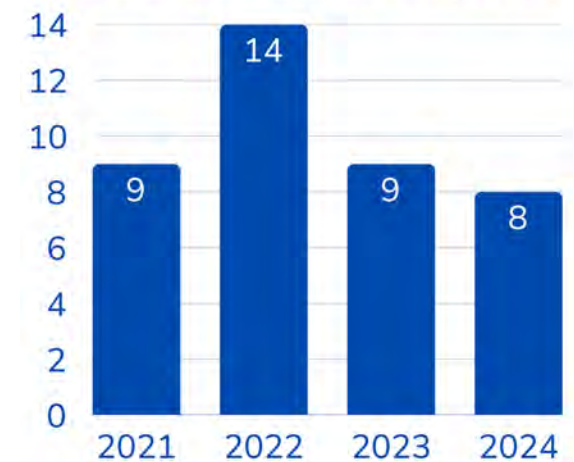
Defendants charged with murder



Average number of open felonies per full-time felony prosecutor



Defendants convicted of murder





SIGNIFICANT CONVICTIONS

- **42-year sentence for man who robbed military veteran:** On Jan. 29, Jaleen Gladney was sentenced to 42 years in prison for twice breaking into the home of a military veteran and robbing him of money the veteran had saved for an upcoming surgical procedure.
- **50-year sentence for man who murdered woman by setting fire to home:** On Feb. 26, Michael E. Sloan Jr. was sentenced to 50 years in prison for murder. He killed a woman by dousing her with gasoline and setting her home ablaze.
- **75-year sentence in murder case:** On May 8, Larry D. Lovett was sentenced to 75 years in prison for an ambush killing and attempted armed robbery.
- **20-year sentence for meth and fentanyl dealer:** On March 8, Nicholas J. Paynic received a 20-year sentence for dealing methamphetamine and fentanyl. The case is just one example of aggressive prosecution of offenders who traffic in dangerous drugs.
- **29-year sentence in murder-for-hire scheme:** On May 21, Lorenzo D. Miller received a 29-year prison sentence for directing an acquaintance to fire shots at the home of Miller's ex-girlfriend. No one was injured in the shooting.

SIGNIFICANT CONVICTIONS

- **Sexual predator convicted:** On Aug. 7, following a trial, Markki L. Edmonson was found guilty of four counts of predatory criminal sexual assault of a child (enhanced class X felony) and one count of criminal sexual assault. He faces a minimum 28-year sentence.
- **40-year sentence for murder:** On Aug. 16, Albert Campos was sentenced to 40 years in prison for first-degree murder. He fatally shot a man in a truck outside a residence.
- **Jury finds man to be Sexually Dangerous Person:** On Sept. 11, a jury found James M. Lopes to be a Sexually Dangerous Person, meaning he will be held indefinitely in state prison. The finding was based on his alarming interactions with children and parents in public places.
- **18-year sentence for sexual abuse:** On Oct. 30, a former teacher, Danielle C. Fischer, was sentenced to 18 years in prison for sexually abusing 3 students.
- **18-year sentence for meth trafficker:** On Dec. 9, Cody J. Elfgen was sentenced to 18 years in prison for trafficking methamphetamine. He brought 100 to 400 grams of meth into Illinois from Missouri.
- **35-year sentence in cold-case murder:** On Dec. 12, Roger Dale Sutton, 57, was sentenced to 35 years in prison for the murder of a woman in 2013. Sutton will be 92 before he's eligible for release from prison.



SIGNIFICANT CHARGES

- **5 defendants charged with murder in fatal shooting of girl:** Five defendants charged with first-degree murder in the fatal shooting of a 13-year-old girl. The victim, who was not an intended target, was standing on a porch when she was shot.
- **Class X felony drug-trafficking:** Class X felony drug-trafficking charges filed against a California man who is alleged to have possessed more than 13,000 grams of cocaine. One of the charges punishable by up to 120 years in prison.
- **Man charged with living under stolen identity since 1994:** Felony identity-theft charge filed against a man who allegedly had been living under a stolen identity since 1994, when he was charged with attempted murder.
- **Attempted murder:** Collinsville woman charged with shooting man in the chest.
- **Home invasion/aggravated robbery:** Class X felony charges filed in Wood River home invasion and aggravated robbery.
- **Aggravated domestic battery/child endangerment:** Edwardsville couple charged in connection with alleged abuse of their children and an elderly relative.
- **First-degree murder:** Man charged with first-degree murder in execution-style killing in Alton.
- **Child endangerment:** Man charged with child endangerment after child drowned in pool.



DETAINING THE MOST DANGEROUS DEFENDANTS

In 2024 – the first full year of the SAFE-T Act being in effect – we filed 562 Detention Petitions.

These petitions argued that the defendant committed a detainable offense specified in the Act and posed a threat to others. As a result, the Court conducted 426 hearings on those petitions. The Courts granted 325 of our petitions, resulting in the defendant remaining in custody while awaiting trial. The Courts denied 101 of our petitions.

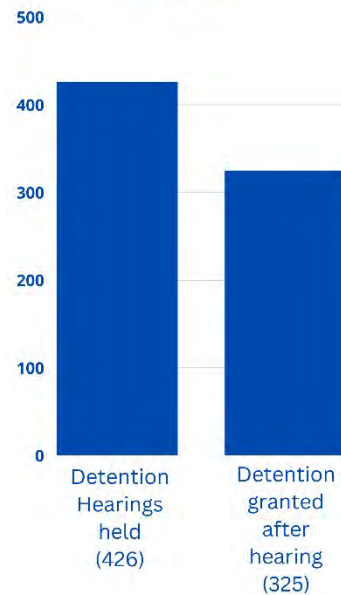
Therefore, the SAO has been successful in detaining defendants in about 77 percent of the cases in which we sought detention and presented arguments and proffers to the Court. We believe this percentage is indicative of an aggressive approach to seeking detention – we’re seeking detention in not only the slam-dunk

cases. We’re cognizant that, with an aggressive approach to seeking detention, the Courts will not always agree with our arguments that a defendant should remain in jail while awaiting trial.

We have kept our partners in law enforcement informed with this data. This rate of success is a result of the outstanding efforts by those law enforcement agencies in providing us with the information we need, very early in the case, to proffer to the Court the facts and circumstances supporting detention. Our prosecutors, in turn, have succeeded in making persuasive arguments in support of detention.

Also in 2024, we continued our efforts to improve the SAFE-T Act. For example, in one case, we successfully appealed the pretrial release of a defendant charged with

**Madison County
Detention Petitions
2024**



Aggravated Unlawful Use of Weapons. In a second case, we successfully appealed the release of a defendant charged with Aggravated Fleeing, an offense which courts had previously viewed as a non-detainable offense. In that second case, we argued that the defendant’s actions posed a real and present threat to any person or the community.

LIFE-CYCLE OF A CRIMINAL CASE

For felonies:

When a criminal investigation into a felony offense is completed, the law enforcement agency will present its findings to the State's Attorney's Office to review for possible charges. The State's Attorney's Office now has a Warrant Division, staffed by prosecutors who handle most felony charges at this initial stage. Any special offenses such as First-Degree Murder, Sexual Assault, and Elder Abuse are presented to an ASA in the specialized unit that will handle the matter.

When a charge is filed, an arrest warrant is issued. At this time, the State's Attorney can file a Detention Petition, asking that the defendant remain in custody while awaiting trial. A Detention Petition can be filed only if the defendant is charged with an eligible offense, as enumerated in the SAFE-T Act.

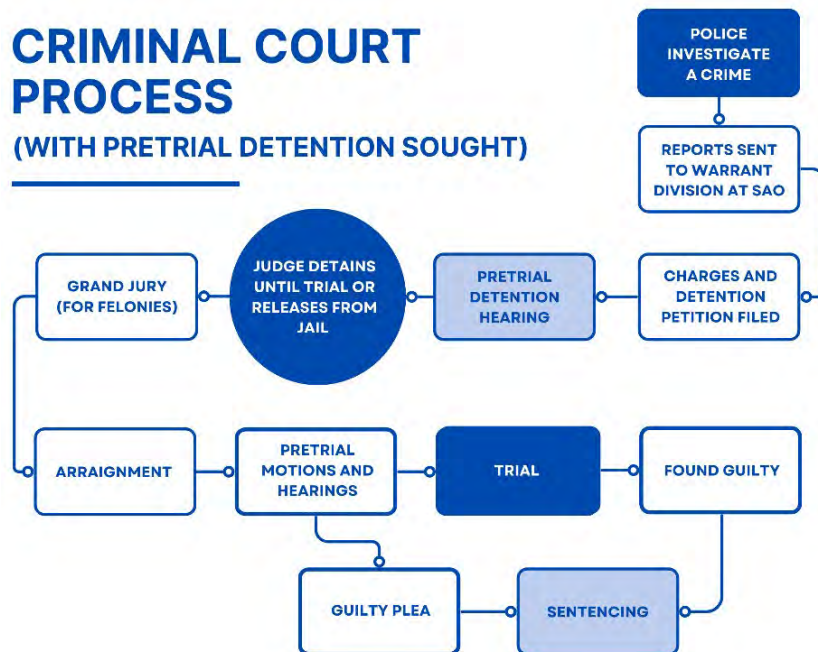
The case will then be set for a preliminary hearing. At that time the State's

Attorney's Office can either proceed with a preliminary hearing to determine if there is probable cause for the charges, or the case can be presented to a grand jury for indictment. Once the case has passed through the preliminary hearing or indictment stage, the matter will be set on a trial docket. Cases can be delayed while waiting for laboratory results (for example, drug-testing, fingerprints, DNA, etc). Eventually the case is resolved via trial, plea, or dismissal.

For misdemeanors:

Law enforcement agencies file their own misdemeanor and traffic charges. Typically defendants are released on a notice to appear in court. Traffic and misdemeanor defendants represent themselves more often than in felony court. These cases are often resolved via plea agreement. Court supervision is available in many of these cases. Defendants do have the right to a jury or bench trial. Not all cases have incarceration as a possible penalty, but those that do are all for terms of less than one year.

CRIMINAL COURT PROCESS (WITH PRETRIAL DETENTION SOUGHT)



BUILDING ON SUCCESS: CROSS-RIVER TASK FORCE

The Cross-River Crime Task Force continued making a positive impact in 2024.

The Task Force conducted three primary large-scale deployments in 2024, resulting in the apprehension of dangerous offenders, recovering stolen vehicles, taking unlawful weapons off the streets and seizing dangerous drugs such as fentanyl and methamphetamine.

The Cross-River Crime Task Force's effectiveness and innovation was recognized in 2024 when it received a prestigious Unit Award from the Southwestern Illinois Law Enforcement Commission and the Southern Illinois Police Chiefs Association. This award is presented to a law enforcement agency or division that achieves outstanding results while making a significant contribution to the mission and goals of law enforcement.

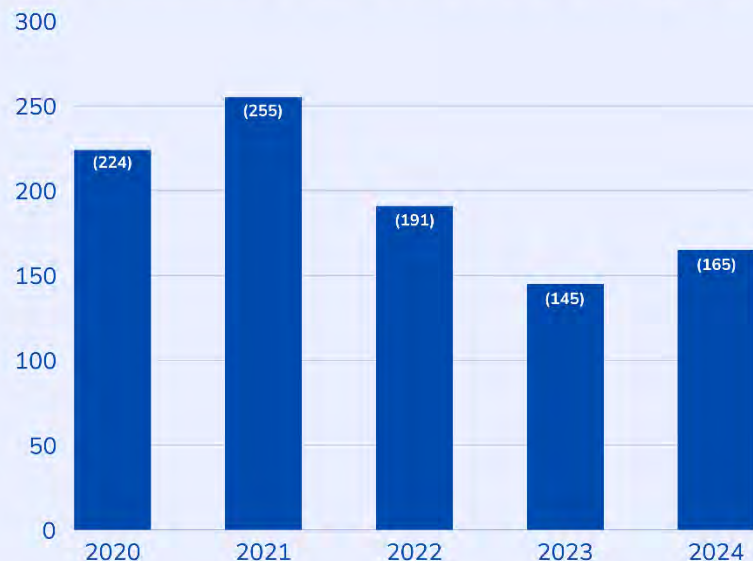
Chief Deputy Marcos Pulido of the Sheriff's Office was appointed Commander of the Task Force, and hit the ground running with two large-scale deployments, conducted in October and November. Commander Pulido has appointed two new Deputy Commanders: Granite City Police Capt. Adam Connor and Alton Police Capt. Kurtis McCray.

Many of the crimes that traverse the state line

involve vehicle thefts. Following a record high in 2021, the number of vehicle-theft cases presented to this office has sharply declined. In 2021, our office charged 255 individuals with Offenses Related To Motor Vehicles (a category that includes possessing, receiving or selling a stolen vehicle). That total dropped to 191 in 2022; it fell further to 145 in 2023. There was a slight uptick to 165 in 2024.

OFFENSES RELATED TO MOTOR VEHICLES

(RECEIVE/POSSESS/SELL STOLEN VEHICLES AND RELATED FELONIES)





STRENGTHENING COMMUNITY TIES

The State's Attorney's Office is committed not only to prosecuting crime but also to fostering a safer, stronger community through proactive engagement and outreach efforts. In 2024, we expanded our initiatives to educate, support, and connect with residents across Madison County, ensuring that our office remains accessible and responsive to the people we serve. One of the goals of this outreach is to build on the community's confidence in our Criminal Justice System. For this system to work well, the public needs assurance that when a crime is reported, it will be investigated and prosecuted.

A key focus of our outreach has been crime prevention and public education. Throughout the year, prosecutors and staff participated in various events with students, scouting groups, educators, elected officials and others. In conjunction with the Sheriff's Office, Coroner's Office, Emergency Management Office and U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration, we conducted two Prescription Drug Take-Back events.

Our office has also prioritized victim advocacy and support services. While the SAO has a dedicated, highly-skilled staff of Victim Advocates who serve crime victims during the prosecution of a case, we've also built on our relationships with outside advocacy agencies that provide additional services. Through partnerships with organizations such as Metro East Every Survivor Counts and Bikers Against Child Abuse, we have strengthened resources available for survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, and other serious crimes. These collaborations ensure that victims receive the assistance they need while also helping our prosecutors build stronger cases against offenders.



EDUCATING AND TRAINING

The SAO remains committed to mentorship and legal education. Our internship program offers aspiring attorneys hands-on experience in prosecution and public service. We have also worked with youth organizations to introduce students to careers in law, criminal justice, and public safety.

To further engage with the public, the State’s Attorney’s Office maintains an active news release, social media, and website presence, ensuring timely communication about important cases, legal updates, and community initiatives. Our office regularly issues press releases to inform the public about major prosecutions, policy developments, and crime-prevention efforts. These digital tools allow us to keep Madison County residents informed and engaged with the work we do every day.

Community outreach is a vital part of our mission. Whether by engaging with students, supporting victims, educating the public, or keeping residents informed, the State’s Attorney’s Office is dedicated to building trust, strengthening relationships, and making Madison County a safer place for all.



LARGEST TAX SETTLEMENT IN COUNTY HISTORY

The State’s Attorney plays a key role in representing Madison County in civil litigation, initiating legal actions to protect residents, defending against lawsuits, and advising county officials. In 2024, the Civil Division was pivotal in safeguarding the county's legal interests.

The Civil Division managed tax issues, notably finalizing a landmark agreement for the Wood River refinery. The settlement, which followed extensive negotiations, ensures financial predictability for the refinery and local taxing bodies, avoiding litigation costs. The refinery's assessed value will increase from \$447.9 million in 2023 to \$461.5 million in 2027.

Additionally, the Civil Division oversaw Madison County’s share of opioid settlement funds, receiving \$617,000 in 2024, bringing the county's total so far to



more than \$1.8 million. These funds support prevention, treatment, and recovery efforts for substance abuse. The division ensured compliance with state requirements, reinforcing the county's commitment to combating opioid addiction.

The Civil Division also worked with the County Clerk to ensure election integrity, deploying Assistant State’s Attorneys and Investigators to address irregularities and uphold the Election Code.

Other highlights include successfully defending the county in lawsuits and aiding municipalities in implementing ordinances to address

community concerns such as unauthorized encampments and nuisance properties. These initiatives support safer communities.

Moving forward, the State’s Attorney’s Office remains dedicated to defending county interests, advocating for public safety, and aligning legal policies with residents' needs, ensuring Madison County stays legally sound and well-prepared for future challenges.

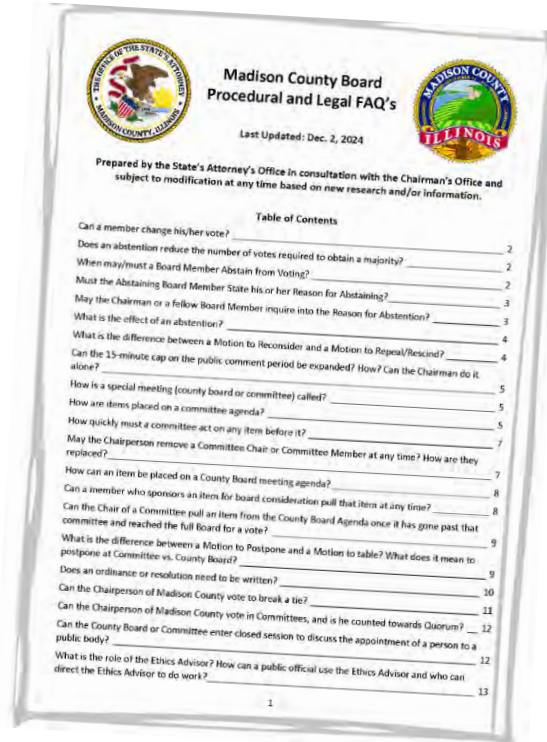
NEW COMPREHENSIVE LEGAL GUIDE FOR BOARD

Over my first few years in office, it became clear that much of our guidance to County Board members involved answering similar questions for different members, without an overarching guide they could review on the most frequent matters of concern.

So, with the new board incoming in 2024, the State’s Attorney’s Office saw an opportunity to provide additional procedural clarity to the County Board. The Civil Division reviewed commonly asked questions, finalized research, and prepared a comprehensive guide addressing key issues, drawing from authoritative sources such as the Counties Code, Madison County Code of Ordinances, and Robert’s Rules of Order. We coordinated with new Chairman Chris Slusser and his office in this effort.

The resulting “Procedural and Legal FAQ” was designed to enhance governance and decision-making by outlining established protocols while addressing areas prone to confusion or debate.

For instance, the guide clarifies oft-asked questions, like whether the Chairman can vote to break a tie at the County Board meeting (no), or in Committees (sometimes), or how items can be placed on a County Board meeting agenda. These are just a few of the many issues County Board members can now have clarified upon a quick review of this resource.



The finalized 14-page guide was given to new County Board members at their swearing-in on Dec. 2, 2024. As additional questions are addressed by the SAO Civil Division, they will be added over the years so that this can be a one-stop-shop guide for board members, clarifying the procedures, streamlining government, and reducing the need to expend time and effort on matters that have been long-resolved.

We hope this FAQ guide will continue to be an invaluable resource for current and future board members.

MODERNIZING THE STATE'S ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

Our office modernization efforts continued in 2024 with an expansion of our case-management software system.

We began implementation of a new software system, Prosecutor By Karpel, in 2023, when we moved our felony caseload to this system. In 2024, we significantly increased our utilization of the Karpel system by adding misdemeanor, traffic and DUI cases.

When you consider that, in total, nearly 25,000 felony, misdemeanor, traffic and DUI cases were filed in Madison County in 2024, it's apparent that a powerful software system is needed to manage the caseload. The Karpel system allows us to maintain evidence such as video footage and police reports in a digital format, while also managing the prosecution of cases.

We're grateful for the County Board's continued support of our efforts to upgrade the State's Attorney's Office. Upgrades such as this ultimately allow us to streamline workflows, cut costs, and increase the effectiveness of prosecutors and other resources.

We again thank our partners in the Law Enforcement agencies for their cooperation in moving to this new system. To help make this system work, the Law Enforcement agencies have significantly revised the way in which they upload their reports and evidence.

Other modernization efforts undertaken in 2024 include implementation of new building-security measures. Our goal, as always, is to safeguard our work and our personnel.



BUILDING AND RETAINING AN EXCEPTIONAL STAFF

Attracting and retaining a top-notch team of attorneys and professional staff is key to our mission.

In recent years, prosecutor offices across the country have faced challenges in attracting and retaining talented staff. As a public-sector office, it is often difficult to compete against the private sector.

We have studied salary levels at other prosecutor offices and related public-sector offices, as well as the

private sector. We're working to keep our salaries competitive. With the County Board's support, we are increasing our salaries, including our starting salaries, to remain competitive while also being budget-conscious.

In 2024 we filled five openings for Assistant State's Attorneys. We also filled seven openings for support staff (non-attorney) professionals.

Our recruitment efforts include partnerships with law schools, through internship programs,

careers fairs and job boards. Also in 2024, we took initial steps in launching a new digital recruitment effort that will very precisely target potential candidates. The campaign will highlight the rewarding nature of our work as prosecutors who safeguard our community.

The State's Attorney's Office is grateful for the support it receives from the County Board in our efforts to build and maintain our outstanding team.



Our internship program, for law school students and undergrads, has proven to be a beneficial recruitment pipeline.



OFFICE OVERVIEW

Madison County is the eighth-largest county by population in the State of Illinois, and the largest county south of Cook County and the Chicago collar counties. It contains approximately 30 law enforcement agencies that refer criminal cases to the Madison County State's Attorney's Office.

The Madison County State's Attorney's Office touches every facet of County Government as well as supporting the safety and well-being of every community in the County on a daily basis.

The State's Attorney is the legal adviser to County Government and Officials, the parliamentarian of the County Board, and the sole prosecuting authority for almost all state crimes committed in Madison

County and referred by local law enforcement agencies. Assistant State's Attorneys are appointed by the State's Attorney to assist in these duties.

At full staffing, the State's Attorney's Office consists of 32 full-time Assistant State's Attorneys, 20 Support Staff (which includes three Victim Advocates), two Investigators, one Office Manager, and one Communications Director.

The SAO's annual budget for FY2024 was \$5,089,317 with roughly \$4,254,704 provided by the County Board and the rest was provided by grants, and Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services. Our General Fund expenditures in fiscal year 2024 were \$377,280 under budget.

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ADMINISTRATION

SAO Administration is responsible for creating and maintaining office policies and procedures, planning and management of the budget, providing outreach to media on matters of public importance, and the hiring of office personnel.

The administrative team also provides supervision and oversight of the different divisions within the office.

Administrators:

Thomas Haine – *State's Attorney*
Chad Loughrey – *First Assistant State's Attorney*
Stephanie Seehausen – *Office Manager*
Carleatha Charleston – *Executive Secretary*
Brian Brueggemann – *Communications Director*

Certain other SAO personnel are directly managed by the SAO Administration:

Victim Advocates:

Tiffany Brooks (coordinator)
Maddison Ervin
Aubrey Ellinger

Investigators:

Lead Investigator Lee Brousseau
Investigator Cody Thomas

Digitization:

Benjamin Hunter

Receptionist/Clerk:

Omari McDonald

Mental Health Docket:

Laura Andrews



GENERAL CRIMINAL DIVISION

The General Criminal Division is responsible for the wide range of cases that do not fall within either the Violent Crimes Unit or Children's Justice Division. Its felony prosecutors handle the largest number of felony offenses in the office. These include death cases involving driving under the influence and drug-induced homicide, domestic violence and other offenses resulting in great bodily harm or

permanent disfigurement, elder abuse, white-collar crime, and all other felony-level narcotics, property, and traffic offenses.

Approximately 85 percent of the felony cases currently pending are prosecuted within the General Criminal Division.

Assistant State's Attorneys:

Morgan Hudson –
Chief Jim Buckley
Tracy Baum
Gina McNabney
Adrine Krikorian
Audrey Paulda
Cara Tegel
Korinne Rolens
Joe Reames
Warren Benning

Sean Williams - *Auto Theft Task Force*

Amy Gabriel (*post-conviction*)



VIOLENT CRIMES UNIT

The Violent Crimes Unit (VCU) focuses on high-level crimes of violence.

This division is staffed by experienced trial attorneys who are focused on some of the most violent and dangerous offenders in our jurisdiction.

The VCU specializes in the prosecution of murder, violent acts and weapons offenses. These cases often receive a great deal of media

coverage and result in trials.

VCU prosecutors often respond to the scene of murders and violent offenses and assist in the cases from initial investigation through charging and disposition. VCU prosecutors work regularly with victims and victims' families.

They are also highly trained in areas of forensics such as DNA and ballistics evidence.

Assistant State's Attorneys:

Lauren Maricle – Chief
Morgan Hudson
Luke Yager
Mike Stewart (part-time)
Ryan Kemper

Support:

Carrie Rayl (lead)
Heather McCammack
Rachel Stilwell
Olivia Lowe



WARRANT DIVISION

The Warrant Division is a new unit in the State’s Attorney’s Office.

The prosecutors assigned to this division evaluate investigations presented by the roughly 30 Law Enforcement agencies that serve Madison County. This division determines what,

if any, charges should be issued.

In addition, the Warrant Division prepares Detention Petitions and presents arguments in support of those petitions during Detention Hearings.

Assistant State’s Attorneys:

Ryan Kemper – Chief
Andrew Thierry

Support:

Joelle Randolph
Taylor Wells
Melissa McClusky
Stephanie Nichols

TRAFFIC AND MISDEMEANOR

The SAO’s Traffic and Misdemeanor personnel are part of a team within the Criminal Division, and handle a high-volume caseload of all traffic and misdemeanor offenses in Madison County.

There were 21,941 misdemeanor and traffic cases filed in 2024 in Madison County. These include, but are not limited to, first and second DUI offenses, domestic battery, retail theft, assault, battery, disorderly conduct, and many others.

These offenses are punishable by up to one



year in jail. This division also handles County ordinance violations.

Traffic and Misdemeanor has court in both Edwardsville and in Alton. Law enforcement agencies handle the filing of most misdemeanor offenses and traffic offenses, after which the SAO takes over the prosecution of these cases.

Assistant State’s Attorneys:

Zac Cato
John Pirtle
Jerren Fulcher
Kole Covington
Mike Wesley (part-time)

Support:

Bonnie Wilson (lead)
LaTina Madison
Melissa Yarborough
Lauren Haffer

CHILDREN'S JUSTICE DIVISION

The Children's Justice Division focuses on crimes against children, child protection and sexually-based offenses. They are trained and experienced in dealing with vulnerable victims as well as complex forensics. The Children's Justice Division works hand-in-hand with the Madison County Child Advocacy Center and their Multidisciplinary Team to ensure that investigations are handled swiftly and with children's best interests in mind. We review, charge, and prosecute hundreds of cases a year, liaise with the Department of Children and Family Services, police departments, and with victims.

The Children's Justice Division also encompasses the Juvenile Abuse and Neglect and Juvenile Delinquency division. Juvenile Abuse and Neglect primarily works with DCFS to ensure the safety of children in at-risk situations. They remove children from dangerous environments, offer services to parents to correct issues, and work to find permanent placement for children who have been removed from homes. Juvenile Delinquency works with juvenile offenders and covers the full



range of criminal offenses from misdemeanors to First-Degree Murder.

Assistant State's Attorneys:

- Ali Foley – Chief
- Rebecca Buettner
- Sarah Voudrie – Juvenile Delinquency
- Lisa Logterman – Juvenile Abuse/Neglect

Support:

- Taylor Schumacher
- Stephanie Nichols

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CIVIL DIVISION

The Civil Division assists the State's Attorney in his role as the chief legal adviser for Madison County.

The Civil Division provides advice and assistance to the County Board on a wide range of matters such as zoning, taxes and environmental issues. The Civil Division reviews Freedom of Information Act requests for legal issues. The Civil Division also assigns certain litigation matters relating to Madison County to outside civil attorneys, while still managing each case.

The Civil Division provides legal advice to the various departments within Madison County government. The Civil Division also provides legal services to certain governmental entities such as Madison County Transit District and Special Service Area No. 1.

Assistant State's Attorneys

David Livingstone – Chief
Paul Evans

Law Graduate

Paulina Fuhrmann



The Victim Advocates at the State's Attorney's Office inform victims of court dates and assist in connecting victims with additional social services. They also accompany victims to Court and provide information to victims about their rights and the Court process. The Victim Advocates are Tiffany Brooks (coordinator), Maddison Ervin and Aubrey Ellinger. In addition, Tiffany is a handler for Duo-Dog Fitz, Courthouse Facility Dog.

2024 HIGHLIGHTS:

- More than **1,200** direct contacts with crime victims to assist in restitution of financial loss
- More than **800** direct contacts with victims of violent crimes to advise them of their rights and provide a direct point of contact for duration of case



2024 HIGHLIGHTS:

- Investigators earned certification as Lead Homicide Investigators
- Completed **2,182** assignments
- Conducted **452** Criminal Histories
- Served 243 subpoenas
- Completed **459** witness-locates

The duties of the Investigations Division include locating witnesses, serving subpoenas, ensuring that witnesses appear at trial and interviewing witnesses. The Investigations Division also serves as a liaison with law enforcement agencies. Chief Investigator Lee Brousseau and Investigator Cody Thomas serve in the Investigations Division.

SECOND-CHANCE COURTS

The Madison County State’s Attorney’s Office participates in three formal criminal diversion courts. They are the Drug Court, Veterans Court and Mental Health Court.

The State’s Attorney’s Office has ASAs who are assigned to these courts. These courts are authorized by Illinois Statute and attempt to create a non-adversarial experience in the criminal justice system where treatment is the focus. Participants can be placed into these

programs on a diversion track, where charges would be dismissed, or on a conviction track, where they are convicted of the offense and participate in the specialty court as part of their probation. Often, a defendant is facing prison time and is given a “last chance” to avoid prison by participating in the probation track.

Defendants involved in all three courts are placed into appropriate treatment programs. They face sanctions such as community service or jail time for non-compliance with the court’s directives. The specialty courts also assist individuals in finding housing and employment.

1. **Drug Court** focuses on offenders whose criminal conduct is attributable to drug use and addiction. These defendants are charged with non-violent offenses,

such as drug possession or theft. They are placed into treatment through Chestnut Health Systems.

- a. Assigned ASA: Tracy Baum

2. **Veterans Court** provides a wide range of treatment for a veteran of a branch of the United States military who has been honorably discharged or discharged under general conditions. No veterans

who have been dishonorably discharged are eligible. Treatment is arranged through the VA utilizing benefits the veteran has earned by serving, at no additional cost to Madison County taxpayers.

- a. Assigned ASA: Chad Loughrey

3. **Mental Health Court** provides treatment to individuals whose criminal conduct is directly linked to mental health issues. These defendants have a wide range of criminal charges and are in need of specialized mental health treatment. Defendants are linked to treatment providers with Chestnut Health Systems and Centerstone.

- a. Assigned ASA: Korinne Rolens

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SPECIALIZED TASK FORCES

In order to provide specialized prosecution and focus on various types of cases, the SAO has several specialized tasks forces in which ASAs receive specialized training on reviewing and prosecuting these types of offenses:

Auto Theft Task Force: ASA Sean Williams is assigned to the Metro East Auto Theft Task Force. The position is funded through a state grant and is directly tied to the Metro East Auto Theft Task Force. MEATT Force is a specialized law enforcement unit consisting of officers from police agencies in Madison, St. Clair and Monroe counties. The unit focuses on prevention and prosecution of vehicle thefts and vehicular hijacking. MEATT Force, like similar task forces in other parts of Illinois, receives funding via the Illinois Vehicle Hijacking and Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention and Insurance Verification Council. The Council is funded by fees paid by auto insurance companies.

Elder Abuse: ASA Jim Buckley is assigned to the Elder Abuse Task Force. This task force works closely with law enforcement agencies to build cases involving physical and financial abuse of elderly people. Elderly people can easily become the targets of financial



exploitation or even physical abuse. These are complex cases that require thorough investigation. Having this dedicated task force helps to ensure that such crimes are aggressively prosecuted, and that the elderly are protected from further victimization.

Intimate Partner Violence: ASAs Gina McNabney and Cara Tegel are assigned to the IPV Task Force. The unit focuses on domestic violence between intimate partners. These are difficult cases because the victims in many cases recant their initial allegations – often out of fear. It is important to address the issues of violence between partners to prevent an escalation or possible harm to the individuals in the home.

OUR MISSION

SEEK JUSTICE,
PURSUE TRUTH,
FIGHT FOR VICTIMS OF CRIME,
PROTECT THE COMMUNITY FROM LAWBREAKERS,
STRENGTHEN THE RULE OF LAW,
SAFEGUARD CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS,
AND
IMPLEMENT INNOVATIVE STRATEGIES
TO REDUCE CRIME,
ALL WHILE ACTING WITH
INTEGRITY AND PROFESSIONALISM.

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