

OFFICE OF THE PROSECUTING ATTORNEY

I. Mission Statement

It is our mission to promote the fair, impartial and expeditious pursuit of justice in every case, to ensure safer communities, and to promote integrity in our profession. It is our mission to temper justice with compassion, and to do our work in an open, transparent, and accountable way.

II. Departmental Goals

1. Diligently represent the County of Kaua'i and the State of Hawai'i in the prosecution of all offenses arising under the laws of the State and the ordinances and regulations of the County of Kaua'i in a swift manner, and to ensure justice is served in each case.
2. Advocate for crime victims' rights and ensure that victims have an active voice in the criminal process by maintaining a fully functional Victim/Witness Program (VWP).
3. Maintain close relationships with local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies to ensure successful prosecution of criminal offenses and increasing presence and participation at the State Legislature to ensure a coherent legislative agenda regarding public safety.
4. Develop Community Oriented Prosecution by strengthening outreach, accessibility, and participation.
5. Maintain a high level of ethical integrity and professionalism.
6. Practice effective fiscal management and strive to achieve optimum levels of operational efficiency.

III. Program Description

A. Case Management and Workflow

1. Goals for FY '16
 - a. Continue to utilize the New Dawn Case Management System. Generate more filings and templates using CMS. Interface with new KPD RMS to streamline work flow.
 - b. Work towards paperless workflow (receive reports from KPD electronically instead of hardcopy, provide discovery to defense bar electronically instead of hardcopy).
 - c. Mobile solutions (continue to train attorneys to utilize CMS on tablet devices for attorneys so that productivity continues regardless of location).
 - d. Work towards electronic transmission of Body Worn Camera videos from KPD instead of getting hard copies of everything.

2. Objectives
 - a. Continue to improve utilization of New Dawn JustWare system to be able to generate statistical reports.
 - b. Provide innovative mobile solutions that can interface with the data systems utilized by OPA and KPD to allow for easy access to court documents and reports.
 - c. Continue to develop charging language on statutes not currently in the manual and upload to JustWare in a timely manner.

B. Victim/Witness Program (VWP)

1. Goals for FY '16
 - a. Create a more confidential and discreet working environment to serve victims/witnesses.
 - b. Improve the Victim/Witness Program by adding a new VW Counselor and administrative support position.
2. Accomplishments
 - a. Provided increased levels of direct services to victims.
 - b. Received a wider range of automatic case assignments.
 - c. Utilized grant funds to participate in trainings to facilitate professional growth amongst staff.
 - d. Enhanced relationships and partnerships with related County and State agencies as well as non-profit service providers.

C. Cold Case Unit

Funds for the Cold Case Unit expired on April 30, 2016. The unit currently does not receive any funding, but is committed to continuing monthly meetings and working on solving cases.

D. Legislation

1. Goals for FY '16
 - a. Continue leveraging our partnerships with local legislators to strengthen existing crime laws.
 - b. Lobby for increased protection for victims of domestic violence.
 - c. Support Constitutional Amendment establishing Crime Victim Rights. Hawaii is one of 17 states without a Constitutional Amendment guaranteeing specific rights of crime victims and their immediate surviving family members. The Bill (Marsy's Law) nearly passed last year but died in Conference Committee at the end of the Session.
 - d. Work closely with Hawai'i Prosecuting Attorney's Association (HPAA) and Law Enforcement Coalition (LEC) partners to support a coherent legislative agenda.
2. Objectives
 - a. Utilize and maintain the Hawai'i Legislative Tracker system to track and manage the activity of bills, status on testimony, and opportunity to partner with other agencies towards a common goal.
 - b. Engage the community in OPA's legislative activity and provide updates at community meetings on the impacts of proposed legislation on public safety.

E. Property Crime Prosecution

1. Goals for FY '16

- a. Continue leveraging community partnerships to identify and apprehend property crime ring masterminds and ringleaders.
- b. Continue to prioritize screening and charging of property cases.
- c. Work with KPD to track and analyze property crime trends.

2. Objectives

- a. Partner with community organizations and law enforcement to recognize and respond to trends.

F. Community-Oriented Prosecution:

1. Goals for FY '16

- a. Continue and strengthen community outreach and listening efforts by participating in community/neighborhood group meetings. Respond to inquiries for services and information.

2. Objectives

- a. Attend community and/or Mayor's Community meetings.

G. Support Staff

1. Goals for FY '16

- a. Timely and proficiently provide support and assistance for office.

2. Objectives

- a. Cross-train support staff
- b. Provide training opportunities and continual support in learning all software systems utilized by OPA.

IV. Program Measures – Accomplishments/Evaluation

Goal/Objective	Outcome
<p><i>Case Management and Workflow:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to utilize the New Dawn Case Management System. Generate more filings and templates using CMS. Interface with new KPD RMS to streamline work flow. • Work towards paperless workflow (receive reports from KPD electronically instead of hardcopy, provide discovery to defense bar electronically instead of hardcopy). • Mobile solutions (continue to train attorneys to utilize CMS on tablet devices for attorneys so that productivity continues regardless of location). • Work towards electronic transmission of Body Worn Camera videos from KPD instead of getting hard copies of everything. 	<p>-Completed; Interface with RMS on-going</p> <p>-On-going</p> <p>-Completed</p> <p>-On-going</p>
<p><i>Victim/Witness Program:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create a more confidential and discreet working environment to serve victims/witnesses. • Improve the Victim/Witness Program by adding a new VW Counselor and administrative support position. 	<p>-On-going</p> <p>-On-going</p>

<p><i>Legislative Arena:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue leveraging our partnerships with local legislators to strengthen existing crime laws. • Lobby for increased protection for victims of domestic violence. • Support Constitutional Amendment establishing Crime Victim Rights. Hawaii is one of 17 states without a Constitutional Amendment guaranteeing specific rights of crime victims and their immediate surviving family members. The Bill (Marsy's Law) nearly passed last year but died in Conference Committee at the end of the Session. • Work closely with Hawai'i Prosecuting Attorney's Association (HPAA) and Law Enforcement Coalition (LEC) partners to support a coherent legislative agenda. 	<p>-On-going</p> <p>-Completed and signed into law</p> <p>-On-going</p> <p>-On-going</p>
<p><i>Property Crime Prosecution:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue leveraging community partnerships to identify and apprehend property crime ring masterminds and ringleaders. • Continue to prioritize screening and charging of property cases. • Work with KPD to track and analyze property crime trends 	<p>-In Progress</p>
<p><i>Community-Oriented Prosecution:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue and strengthen community outreach and listening efforts by participating in community/neighborhood group meetings. Respond to inquiries for services and information. 	<p>-Attended Mayor's Community Meetings, Līhu'e Business Association, etc.</p>
<p><i>Support Staff</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Timely and proficiently provide support and assistance for office. 	<p>-On-going</p>

V. **Budget**

FY 2016 Actual Budget \$3,789,507.00

VI. **Statistics**

A. Caseload

- a. Family Adult – 351
- b. Felony – 570
- c. OVUII – 207
- d. Misdemeanor – 541
- e. Juvenile – 302
- f. Petty Misdemeanor – 867
- g. Violation – 272
- h. Traffic Felony – 6
- i. Forfeiture – 6

B. Victim/Witness Program

Type of Service	Victims	Witness
<i>Education & Information</i>	529	206
<i>Advocacy</i>	460	160
<i>Counseling</i>	122	3
<i>CVCC</i>	178	0
<i>Referrals</i>	58	0
<i>Outreach</i>	0	0
<i>Case Preparation</i>	209	118
<i>Court Accompaniment</i>	95	139
<i>Transportation</i>	21	15
<i>Accommodations</i>	2	0
<i>Shelter</i>	0	0
<i>TOTAL SERVED</i>	558	207

VII. **Holo Holo 2020 Projects & Status**

The Office of the Prosecuting Attorney is not currently responsible for any Holo Holo 2020 Initiatives