

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 also our mission to temper justice with compassion, and to do our work in an open, transparent, and accountable way.

II. Departmental Goals

A. 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.

B. 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).

C. Maintain close relationships with local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies to ensure successful prosecution of criminal offenses and increasing our presence and participation at the State Legislature to ensure a coherent legislative agenda regarding public safety.

D. Develop community oriented prosecution by strengthening outreach, accessibility, and participation.

E. Maintain a high level of ethical integrity and professionalism.

F. 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 '19

a) *Continue utilization of the Journal Technologies JustWare Case Management System (CMS) to:*

- (1) *Generate more filings and templates and*
- (2) *Improve electronic interface with KPD RMS*

b) *Continue work improvements of paperless workflow (receive reports from KPD electronically instead of hardcopy, provide discovery to defense bar electronically instead of via hardcopy).*

c) *Mobile solutions (continue attorney training on maximizing utilization of CMS on tablet devices so that productivity continues regardless of physical location).*

B. Victim/Witness Program (VWP)

1. Goals for FY '19

a) *Create a more private working environment to serve victims/witnesses.*

b) *Improve the Victim/Witness Program by adding a new administrative support position.*

2. Accomplishments

a) *Hired a new VW Counselor II.*

b) *Increased the number of victims/witnesses served.*

c) *Provided more comprehensive services to victims.*

d) *Improved relationships and partnerships with related County and State agencies as well as non-profit service providers.*

e) *Utilized grant funds for staff to attend trainings in order to facilitate professional growth.* Legislation

3. Goals for FY '19

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 a 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.*

4. 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 toward a common goal.*
- b) *Engage the community on OPA's legislative activity and provide updates at community meetings on the impacts of proposed legislation on public safety.*

C. Property Crime Prosecution

1. Goals for FY '19

- 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.*
- b) *Continue civil nuisance abatement of "drug houses" which have both a direct and indirect impact on property crime overall.*

3. Accomplishments

- a) *Successful leveraging of plea agreements to convict property offenders and obtain restitution for victims of property crimes.*
- b) *Successful Career Criminal trial prosecution of a repeat property offender.*

D. Community- Oriented Prosecution

1. Goals for FY '19

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

2. Objectives

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

E. Support Staff

1. Goals for FY '19

- a) *Continue to timely and proficiently provide support and assistance for the office and all staff.*

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

F. Budget

1. FY '19 Budget \$4,345,660 (Council Review)

G. Statistics

1. Caseload
 - a) *Felony- 354*
 - b) *Misdemeanor- 429*
 - c) *Juvenile- 354*
 - d) *Petty Misdemeanor- 1253*
 - e) *Violation-284*
 - f) *Traffic Felony- 9*

H. Victim/Witness Program

Type of Service	Victims	Witness
<i>Education & Information</i>	778	547
<i>Advocacy</i>	637	243
<i>Counseling</i>	108	7
<i>CVCC</i>	200	0
<i>Referrals</i>	105	0
<i>Outreach</i>	0	0
<i>Case Preparation</i>	326	204
<i>Court Accompaniment</i>	107	155
<i>Transportation</i>	13	20
<i>Accommodations</i>	0	2
<i>Shelter</i>	0	0
TOTAL SERVED	868	550

I. Holo Holo 2020 Projects and Status

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