



Our Mission

"The Office of the Commonwealth's Attorney for Arlington County and the City of Falls Church pursues justice holistically on behalf of victims, defendants, and all members of our community. We prioritize public safety, transparency, and accountability. We strive to incorporate data-driven practices to inform our policies, while also seeking restoration by engaging with victims of crime and the community to repair harm."

--Parisa Dehghani-Tafti
Commonwealth's Attorney

Achievements



Significant Trials and Pleas



Victim Services



Transforming

Justice



Focus on Equity



Significant Trials and Pleas

Significant Trials

- 15 jury trials in FY 2022
- Marshall Stephens, Jr.: Guilty verdict of 1st degree murder in case where father murdered son
- Humberto Ajanel-Sanic: Guilty verdict, life sentence for child sex case/sodomy
- Salodus Hicks: Guilty verdict, life sentence for second of subsequent rape

Significant Pleas

- Michael Nash: Good Samaritan murder, 40-year sentence with 5 years and 1 month suspended
- Franklin Lambright: Purple Lounge murder, sentencing pending
- Michael Thompson: Serial rape, 30-year-old cold case

Investigative Grand Juries

• Andrea Cincotta: Murder for hire, 23-year-old cold case



Transforming Justice

- Working with the Justice Policy Institute to reimagine restitution for victims
- Implementing Heart of Safety with Restorative Arlington
- First-ever diversion grant from Bureau of Justice Administration with the Smart Prosecution Grant
- Partnering with the Pretrial Justice Institute to collaborate with the Arlington County Sheriff's Office and the Public Defender's Office on the pretrial system to ensure the maximum amount of pretrial liberty while prioritizing public safety.
- Growing the Behavioral Health Docket



Transforming Justice

- Partnering with the VERA Institute's Motion for Justice to reduce racial disparities
- Partnering with OAR as part of Motion for Justice program, helped obtain a \$75,000 grant for diversion
- Establishing a Conviction Review Unit, the first of its kind in a Commonwealth's Attorney's Office in Virginia
- Creating a Pilot Project to handle body worn camera (BWC) video more efficiently and cost effectively



Victim Services

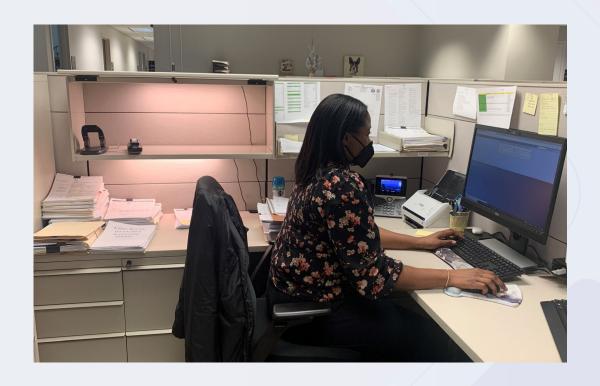
- 59% of victims served by our office received direct services, and 41% of victims received indirect services
- Participating in Restorative Arlington victim listening sessions
- Providing training to stakeholders on Arlington County's SART (Sexual Assault Response Team) protocols
- Participating in training to better serve victims, witnesses, and community members with disabilities



Restorative Arlington

Focus on Equity

- Staff initiated and led anti-racism work group: uncover racial inequality, encourage full-fledged honesty, and remedy disparities in the criminal justice system
- Collaborated with Georgetown University's School of Continuing Studies on a report with recommendations for increasing equity, diversity, and inclusion in our office's recruitment and hiring practices
- Participation in Leading with RACE course
- Participation in OAR Racial Justice and Liberation Cohort



FY 2023 Budget Highlights

 The \$37,500 annual Evidence.com software payment in this budget will enable prosecutors to review and redact nearly 15,000 hours of video evidence for misdemeanor, felony, and serious traffic crimes.

 The addition of 5.0 FTE in this budget is necessary to handle the significantly higher workload created by the County's body worn camera program.

FY 2023 Budget Summary

	FY 2022 Adopted	FY 2023 Proposed	Change	% Change
Expenses	\$5,246,727	\$5,838,300	+\$591,573	+11.3%
Revenue	\$1,928,052	\$2,080,373	+\$152,321	+7.9%
Staff	42.00 FTEs	47.00 FTEs	+5.0 FTEs	+11.9%

The staffing increase is due primarily to the increased workload for prosecutors and paralegals of the body worn camera program.

Key Budget Considerations

- An estimated 14,860 hours of body worn camera video evidence will be viewed and redacted by our prosecutors in FY 2023, equivalent to the working hours of 8 FTE attorneys.
- The transition of the Conviction Review Attorney to a permanent FTE is necessary to continue review of post-conviction DNA cases, ensuring due process and law enforcement accountability, and responding to FOIA requests

