The employees of the San Diego County District Attorney, in partnership with the Community we serve, are dedicated to the pursuit of truth, justice and protection of the innocent, and the prevention of crime through the vigorous and professional prosecution of those who violate the law.
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Public safety is our top priority in the San Diego County District Attorney’s Office and during 2007, our office’s successful track record of prosecution was combined with even more innovative crime prevention programs. These forward-thinking initiatives make our office a leader among DA offices in the state of California and in the nation.

The San Diego County District Attorney’s Office maintained a 94 percent felony conviction rate in 2007, one of the highest among all counties in California. I am very proud of the nearly 1,000 dedicated professionals in our office who seek justice in dozens of courtrooms around the county on a daily basis. We take our prosecutorial responsibility very seriously and handled each of the 45,770 cases our office issued during 2007 in an ethical and transparent manner.

At the same time, we believe our mission is to protect the community by working to prevent crime. During 2007, we embraced an impressive array of new ideas and crime prevention programs that you can read about in this year’s Annual Report:

The PRICE (Prevent Rape by Intoxication through Community Education) campaign reached out to young adults and teens, educating them about the dangers of placing themselves in sexually vulnerable situations after using drugs or alcohol. Local universities and the military worked with our office and other law enforcement agencies to reach young people by putting this educational message on posters, taxi top ads, and drink coasters in local bars.
Our Narcotics and Communications Divisions spearheaded *Crystal Darkness*, an innovative community-wide event that reenergized awareness of methamphetamine abuse and related crime. For the first time in San Diego County history, nine television stations agreed to broadcast a compelling documentary about meth on the same night, drawing more than 100,000 viewers. A meth hotline received hundreds of calls for help.

During 2007, our office expanded the DA’s Citizens Academy. The academy gives the public an inside look at the criminal justice system. Instead of just one, ten-week Citizens Academy, our office also held three smaller academies in the North County, East County, and South Bay.

We made progress during 2007 on reducing prison overcrowding through new re-entry programs. San Diego County is taking the lead on implementing SB618, a statewide initiative that gives non-violent offenders vocational and literacy training while they’re in prison. The program aims to reduce recidivism by continuing to assist individuals once they’re released. Our office is showing the rest of the state how to implement this legislature-mandated program.

Gang-related crime continues to plague San Diego County and we prosecuted more than 500 gang members during 2007. At the same time, our office stepped up the fight by seeking three gang injunctions. These civil actions are initiated when residents alert law enforcement about increasing violence in their neighborhoods. The injunctions have been proven to work – stopping gang members from congregating, wearing gang colors, and flashing gang signs.

Our office also awarded asset forfeiture money to local organizations fighting gang violence. In one case, we provided thousands of dollars to a local YMCA chapter that organizes an after-school program called “Join a Team, Not a Gang.”

Cooperation among law enforcement in the county was at an all-time high during the year, as evidenced by undercover narcotics operations targeting large drug rings. A three-year undercover investigation focused on an international drug trafficking operation originating in Mexico with a vast distribution network based in San Diego County. Another undercover operation resulted in the arrests of 27 individuals, some of whom had been using drug money to buy land and build homes in Acapulco, Mexico.

The Narcotics Division also took aim at local drug dealers who hid behind medical marijuana laws to operate illegal storefronts. Our prosecutors effectively shut down all of these so-called medical marijuana clinics.

Finally, in the fall of 2007, devastating wildfires swept across San Diego County once again, destroying homes and lives in several neighborhoods. The District Attorney’s Office came to the rescue in an official capacity as DA Investigators worked alongside other sworn law enforcement officers in burn areas.

Prosecutors from our Economic Crimes division diligently warned residents about fire-related scams. Our investigators also participated in undercover sting operations targeting unlicensed contractors who were looking to profit from the fires. Other DA employees volunteered their time and efforts in a groundswell of community assistance.

The year illustrated precisely why the San Diego County District Attorney’s Office is more than just a prosecutorial agency – we’re a family and respected member of the community whose mission was accomplished again in 2007.

**The San Diego County District Attorney’s Office maintained a high conviction rate while at the same time implemented an array of crime prevention programs.**

Bonnie M. Dumanis
District Attorney
What really goes on behind the scenes at the San Diego County District Attorney’s Office during the pursuit of justice? That question was answered for more than 100 San Diegans during the Second Annual District Attorney’s Citizens Academy held in the fall of 2007.

Citizens Academy is a ten-week course that demystifies the criminal justice system and provides an inside look at law enforcement in San Diego County. The Citizens Academy has received national attention for its unique community outreach and is open to the public at no cost.

This year, the DA’s Citizens Academy expanded its scope, reaching out to more individuals in the community. The course had 105 participants in 2007, a 40 percent increase from the previous year.

Meeting every Thursday night for three hours at the University of San Diego, a steady stream of top prosecutors from the DA’s office explained their areas of expertise – from Cold Case Homicide to Sex Crimes to Economic Fraud. Presented in partnership with the San Diego County Sheriff’s Department, highlights of this year’s academy included a fascinating description of the work of the County Medical Examiner, a field trip through the downtown jail (where participants were shown exactly what’s involved in processing a person under arrest), and a visit to the sheriff’s training facility to watch demonstrations on everything from K-9 officers to lethal force alternatives.

Led by the DA’s very capable and always-entertaining Public Affairs Officer Midge Costanza, participants were educated on the most serious issues confronted by prosecutors in today’s society. On one night, participants were led through a real-life homicide case and instructed on the deliberation process as if they were jurors hearing the case.

After the October 2007 fires forced the cancellation of one class, the Citizens Academy regrouped and dedicated its next class to understanding the complexity of arson investigations, how fire victims are preyed upon by consumer con men, and how the Sheriff’s Department enforces controversial mandatory evacuation orders.
During 2007, the San Diego County District Attorney’s Office provided more opportunities for its employees by launching its own university – DAU.

DA Bonnie Dumanis wanted to find a way to meet the needs of staff for continuing education, while at the same time giving them the skills they needed to be promoted within the office. Many employees can’t afford formalized continuing education or don’t have the time in their busy schedules. Especially for employees who have been with the office for many years, a need existed to help them succeed in their careers. The office’s Employee Relations Department designed a curriculum and schedule, and in the spring of 2007, DA University was born.

DAU’s motto is: “Education is not the filling of a bucket, but the lighting of a fire.” That exemplifies the core mission of DAU – to spark learning. And when DAU was launched in May, it went on to become a solid success.

Employees who enroll spend one hour a week in class at the Hall of Justice or in the branch offices. DAU offers two instructional tracks: Track I for general knowledge; Track II for specific supervisory skills. Students are learning relevant information they can use every day in the course of doing their jobs. They also earn 16 hours of Employee Recognition Leave once they complete either track.

Track I Courses (General Education):
During the first year of DAU’s existence, more than 190 students graduated from Track I introductory courses. The classes are open to all regardless of classification. Courses offered include: Communication, Behavior & Ethics, Team Building and Time Management.

Track II Courses (Supervisory):
These classes are directed toward supervisors and managers, or those who would like to learn more supervisory skills. The courses are taught by staff members from the Employee Relations Department. More than 90 students enrolled during 2007.

Supervisory course offerings include: County & DA Policy and Procedures, Performance Management (how to write effective and timely performance evaluations), Progressive Discipline, Workers’ Compensation, Communication for Supervisors, Business Skills, and Hiring the Best.

The District Attorney’s Office is proud of its commitment to its employees and will continue to look for ways to enrich their professional lives.
Residents told the Escondido Police Department and the District Attorney’s Office their children could not ride their bikes outside after school, and they did not feel safe walking to the corner store. Business owners said they were losing customers and spending enormous amounts of money on increased security measures because of the gang presence in their community.

In San Marcos, gang members had taken over several public parks, including Bradley Park and Woodland Park, with graffiti and violence, leaving children without a safe place to play or practice sports. Many residents had their property spray painted or damaged with gang graffiti and endured significant financial loss as gang activity has increased. School campuses in all three Safety Zones in San Marcos had experienced lockdowns when gang members have been seen chasing each other while in close proximity to the schools.

“It’s proven that crime goes down when we get these injunctions, and we will continue to use this effective legal strategy in the fight against gang violence in the county,” said Dumanis.
Methamphetamine abuse was targeted by an innovative campaign during 2007 called Crystal Darkness. The event used the power of television, media, government, treatment professionals, churches, and businesses in a cooperative way that’s never been done before in San Diego County.

San Diego County District Attorney Bonnie M. Dumanis, along with the San Diego Prevention Coalition and Drug Enforcement Administration, coordinated the community event that reenergized awareness of methamphetamine abuse and meth-related crime. The event was held on Wednesday, December 12, 2007 and centered around a compelling television documentary.

“More than 150,000 residents of San Diego County tuned in to watch Crystal Darkness,” said DA Dumanis. “The documentary may have been shocking to many people, but it also educated the community about how meth continues to affect everyone in some way.”

The program was simultaneously broadcast on nine television stations – a first for San Diego television. In addition, 13 viewing sites were set up across the county where the public watched the program as it aired.

San Diego prevention experts followed up the broadcast with meth prevention activities in public schools and small-group training at churches and community organizations. Crystal Darkness is a new approach to solving the meth problem – one that is not only proven, but is being replicated across the nation.

“Meth ruins lives and communities. Doctors say it’s the most addictive drug in use today, and I can tell you that it’s connected in some way to nearly half the violent crimes we prosecute at the District Attorney’s Office,” said DA Dumanis.

“I’m confident that Crystal Darkness made a real difference and I’m proud our office took part in organizing this important event.”
During 2007, the SB 618 Prisoner Reentry Program became a reality in San Diego County, enrolling more than 100 participants. The effort is a joint state and county program that gives people help to keep them from returning to a life of crime. The San Diego County District Attorney’s Office is leading the state in implementing the program.

“The one hundredth participant is an important moment and we are on our way to reducing the high rate of recidivism,” said DA Bonnie Dumanis. “This effort is just one of the effective ways we can address the problem of prison overcrowding in the state of California.”

California’s prison system houses an historic high of 173,000 inmates. About 18,000 of those inmates are sleeping in gyms, dayrooms and other areas of the prisons that were not intended for housing. The overcrowding crisis is a dangerous situation for both prisoners and correctional officers alike.

This prison crisis led to the development of a multi-agency plan to help non-violent felony offenders successfully re-enter society. The California legislature embraced the idea and passed SB 618. San Diego County is the first in the state to implement the program, led by the District Attorney’s Office.

The program provides comprehensive social services to the participants during their incarceration and release into the community.

“Research shows that if offenders become motivated to change while in prison and have the community support and appropriate social services upon their release from prison, then recidivism rates can be substantially reduced,” said District Attorney Public Affairs Officer J.J. Anderson. Anderson has been instrumental in coordinating local and state agencies as they put the reentry program in place.

Until now, prisoners often walked out of custody to find themselves on their own and unprepared to look for a job, find a place to live, and deal with issues like substance abuse. Participants now get help in several areas, including substance abuse treatment, educational training and vocational opportunities.

The first SB 618 participants were released in November 2007 and many more will be making their transition back into the community in 2008.

San Diego County is the first in the state to initiate this cooperative effort among the District Attorney’s Office, Reentry Roundtable, California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR), Parole Offices, San Diego County Probation, San Diego County Sheriff’s Department, Public Defender’s Office and San Diego Superior Court.

Overcrowding inside California’s prisons made headlines in 2007. It’s estimated that 70 percent of parolees in California re-offend and return to prison within three years of their release, contributing to the overcrowding problem. The San Diego County District Attorney’s Office is taking the lead in trying to break that cycle.
In October 2007, wildfires raced across San Diego County, threatening lives and homes over a tense, three-day period. Fueled by hot temperatures and Santa Ana winds, the four major fires burned almost 300,000 acres and destroyed or damaged 1,350 homes and 100 businesses. The largest, the Witch (Creek) Fire, burned areas north and northeast of San Diego. The second-largest, the Harris Fire, burned northwest from the U.S./Mexico border toward San Diego.

As the fires were gaining strength, the San Diego County District Attorney’s Office immediately mobilized. More than 100 District Attorney Investigators worked with their fellow sworn peace officers to evacuate residents, man security points in burned areas, patrol streets in devastated areas, and assist in fighting the fires.

The number of residents evacuated during the fires eventually exceeded the number evacuated from New Orleans during Hurricane Katrina. Two days into the fire, some 500,000 people were under mandatory orders to leave their homes. Many employees from the District Attorney’s Office volunteered to assist the evacuees who gathered at Qualcomm Stadium, schools and churches. Other DA employees helped keep the county’s critical 211 call center up and running by volunteering their time during daytime and overnight shifts.

With smoke still clearing, District Attorney Investigators with the DA’s Insurance Fraud Division fanned out into the county’s burned areas, working to protect the public from unlicensed contractors and other illegal activity. Investigators worked with the Contractors State Licensing Board (CSLB) contacting residents throughout San Diego with information about scams involving contractors and public adjustors. During this period of time,
investigators contacted hundreds of residences, providing materials and important information to educate and protect the public.

District Attorney Bonnie M. Dumanis worked alongside county officials, other law enforcement leaders, and Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger to provide updated information to the public. When a state of emergency was declared by the San Diego County Board of Supervisors, the DA’s Office made sure businesses were aware of increased penalties for price-gouging and the public was protected from unscrupulous individuals looking to profit from the fires.

Insurance Fraud Division investigators worked with the Department of Insurance, San Diego Sheriff’s Office, and the Contractors State Licensing Board to set up sting operations in two of the neighborhoods hit hardest by the fires: Rancho Bernardo and Ramona. As a result, eight defendants were prosecuted for operating as an unlicensed contractor during a declared emergency.

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The wildfires of 2007 brought out the best in people – and sometimes brought out the worst in people who were looking to take advantage. As San Diego rebuilds, the District Attorney’s Office is working closely with other public safety agencies to continue protecting county residents affected by the fires.
The day-to-day operations of California’s second-largest District Attorney’s Office are run by Assistant DA Jesse Rodriguez. During 2007, this former Superior Court judge completed his fifth year as the second-in-command at the DA’s Office. He is the first Hispanic to be named Assistant District Attorney. The approximately 990 employees he supervised in 2007 were located primarily in six offices throughout the 4,000 square-mile county.

Approximately 320 attorneys serve a county population of more than three million residents, making the Office of the San Diego County District Attorney the sixth-largest in the United States. The Bureau of Investigation’s 131 sworn investigators made it one of the largest police forces in San Diego County in 2007.
Central Operations

The District Attorney’s headquarters is located in the Hall of Justice in downtown San Diego. The top seven floors of that building house the District Attorney, Assistant District Attorney and the executive management team including Chief Deputy District Attorneys. The Bureau of Investigation is also headquartered here, as well as all administrative departments.

Diversity among the entire District Attorney staff mirrors that of the county population, a feat rarely seen in the state’s other 57 county district attorney offices.

The downtown office also houses the Division Chiefs and Assistant Division Chiefs of the following divisions: Gangs, Narcotics, Special Operations, Cold Case Homicide, Case Issuance and Extraditions, Communications, Central Pretrial and Case Disposition, Family Protection, Superior Court, Sex Crimes and Stalking, Appellate and Training, Economic Crimes, and Insurance Fraud.

While the DA’s Executive Management Team had few personnel changes in 2007, there were two appointments to the rank of Chief Deputy District Attorney. After a distinguished career at the DA’s Office, Chief Deputy John Massucco retired; Chief Deputy Sharon Majors-Lewis was appointed by California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger to serve as Secretary for Judicial Appointments. In their places, Deputy DAs Julie Korsmeyer and Jeff Dusek were promoted to the office’s third-highest rank of Chief Deputy DA. Chief Deputy Dusek is well-known in the community for his successful prosecution of David Westerfield for the murder of 7-year-old Danielle Van Dam.

Diversity among the entire District Attorney staff mirrors that of the county population, a feat rarely seen in the state’s other 57 county district attorney offices. In fact, the Urban League of San Diego County held its First Annual Diversity Awards and Summit in 2007, bestowing the President’s Award for Diversity to the San Diego County District Attorney’s Office.

A Diversity Pipeline project was also implemented during the year, promoting the idea of a career in law to minority youth in the community. This attention to diversity was also reflected in the new Deputy District Attorneys sworn in as the “Class of 2007.”

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| **2007 Staffing** |
| Deputy District Attorneys | 323 |
| District Attorney Investigators | 125 |
| Public Assistance Fraud Investigators & Supervisors/Mgrs | 43 |
| Paralegals and Supervisors | 117 |
| Victim Advocates and Supervisors | 17 |
| Support Staff (Clerical, Technical and Professional) | 340 |
| Unclassified | 25 |
| **Total** | **990** |
The District Attorney maintains three branch offices to better serve the needs of different areas of San Diego County.

**North County Branch**

The North County Branch of the District Attorney’s Office serves about one-third of San Diego County’s population – some one million residents. Ten law enforcement agencies, including six sheriff’s substations submit crime reports to the North County Branch for prosecution. The branch was led by Chief David Greenberg and Assistant Chief Garland Peed.

During 2007, this branch reviewed 18,336 criminal cases submitted by San Diego County law enforcement agencies. Ultimately, 16,404 defendants were prosecuted, including 3,071 felonies and 13,333 misdemeanors. Branch Deputy District Attorneys conducted 820 preliminary hearings and 148 jury trials, (114 misdemeanor and 34 felony).

In one of the branch’s most important cases, Deputy District Attorney Karl Eppel prosecuted a 1989 murder case in which a 20-year-old defendant raped and murdered a 68-year-old woman in her apartment. The defendant pleaded guilty during jury selection and was sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole.

**East County Branch**

Located in El Cajon, the District Attorney’s East County Branch Office serves 535,000 residents and covers more than 2,000 square miles from the city of Lemon Grove, east to the Imperial County line, north to the community of Santa Ysabel, and south to the U.S./ Mexico border. Led by Division Chief Dan Lamborn, the branch took 45 felony and 52 misdemeanor cases to trial during 2007, in addition to those tried by the branch’s Gang and Family Protection Divisions. More than 90 percent of cases were settled prior to trial, providing a significant cost savings to law enforcement and the public without any change in disposition guidelines.

Because of its location and proximity to rural stretches of the international border, the East County Branch often deals with cases involving illegal smugglers of human cargo who are fleeing law enforcement. In addition, the branch often handles DUI cases that result in fatalities on rural roads. Prosecutors in the East County Branch are also experienced in homicide, sexual assault, child molestation, and a large volume of property crime, drug offenses, and DUI cases.

Cases of note that came into the branch in 2007 include People v. Griffith in which the defendant allegedly shot and killed a part-time security guard who was also a sailor in the United States Navy.
Another case has charged Robert Carson with murder, after the defendant allegedly abducted and killed Brittany Hart, a young woman whose disappearance led to a countywide search. Her body was discovered in a trash receptacle in the East County.

The case of People v. Jean Rices and Anthony Miller is being prosecuted by Assistant Chief of the East County Branch, Glenn McAllister and Deputy District Attorney Polly Shamoon. In that case, store employees Heather Mattia and Firas Eiso were murdered during a robbery of the Granada Liquor Store in El Cajon.

The East County Branch was host to one of the District Attorney’s localized Citizens Academies during 2007. Members of the public from that part of San Diego County spent one day learning about the criminal justice system from the inside. Attendees heard from some of the leading prosecutors about how the DA handles different types of cases from beginning to end.

South Bay Branch

The South Bay Branch of the District Attorney’s Office is located in the city of Chula Vista. The branch handles all misdemeanors and felonies that occur in Chula Vista, National City, Imperial Beach, San Ysidro and Coronado. The branch also prosecutes cases from R. J. Donovan Correctional Facility and the county detention facilities in East Mesa. The office works in conjunction with the Department of Homeland Security in prosecuting cases that involve drug smuggling and stolen vehicles that occur at the Port of Entry at the U.S./Mexico border.

The South Bay Branch does general prosecution and also houses DDAs from the Gangs, Family Protection and Narcotics Divisions. These specialized units work closely with local law enforcement agencies to prosecute the most difficult types of crimes.

The office was formerly located in the South Bay courthouse. In July of 2007, the branch took the bold step of moving from the confines of a county facility to a private office building across the street from the courthouse. The new accommodations are spacious and outfitted with the latest technologies to allow us to more efficiently prosecute cases and better serve the public.

The branch routinely handles thousands of cases during the course of a year. Cases of note for 2007 included:

- The prosecution and a plea of guilty of a defendant for threatening a local mayor.
- The first murder case ever filed in the South Bay Courthouse was finally resolved this year. It involved a multiple murder prosecution from 2004 in which the defendant shot and killed two of his friends at a birthday party. The defendant was convicted by a South Bay jury and received a life sentence.
- The jury trial of a local transient who set up residence in the Chula Vista Library parking lot where he intimidated patrons and library staff. He was found guilty and sentenced to substantial jail time.
- A prison murder resulting in the defendant pleading guilty and being sentenced to an additional 27 years in custody.
The Bureau of Investigation is the law enforcement component of the District Attorney’s Office. The Bureau’s 131 District Attorney Investigators (DAIs), 43 Public Assistance Fraud Investigators (PAFIs), and 13 process servers are assigned to eight divisions in the DA’s Office. Under the direction of Chief Paula Robinson in 2007, the Bureau of Investigation continued to be aggressive in its efforts to support the prosecutorial mission.

During 2007, Bureau investigators handled 3,594 cases, approximately 13,500 investigative service requests, served 439 search warrants, and made 339 arrests. District Attorney Investigators also monitored more than 725 gang injunction orders, participated in 44 wire taps, conducted 680 surveillance operations, and conducted 121 witness protection operations.

The Bureau’s Public Assistance Fraud Division increased the number of cases it handled from the year before. Bureau investigators handled 17,018 cases during 2007, conducted 60,223 interviews, responded to 7,261 Child Protective Services records checks, conducted 2,178 compliance visits and made 48 arrests.

The Bureau’s Child Abduction Unit (CAU) conducted 197 investigations and was successful in the recovery of 153 abducted children from around the country. In addition, CAU was involved in 38 cases involving children being abducted from, or taken to other countries, including the Philippines, Sweden, Germany, Mexico, and France.
The Bureau's Special Operations Division has an established protocol for a Bureau investigator to be involved in the initial phases of any officer-involved shootings. In 2007, Bureau investigators were involved in the investigation of 17 such incidents.

The new position of Public Assistance Fraud (PAF) Investigator Manager, with a working title of Section Manager, was instituted during 2007 to provide consistent management oversight of PAF investigations and greater coordination with other agencies. These tasks were previously performed by DAI Supervisors, resulting in frequent turnover due to normal duty rotations. Catherine Tague and Victoria Padilla were selected as the first two Section Managers in PAF history, providing a new advancement opportunity for the Public Assistance Investigator career path and ensuring greater management continuity for all Public Assistance Fraud operations.

With the introduction of laptop computers, BlackBerry’s and digital voice recorders to investigators in 2007, the Bureau improved overall investigative capabilities.

The assignment of 108 laptop computers to investigators and process servers has allowed the Bureau to provide access to the virtual world of law enforcement. Investigators now have the ability to access databases while in the field conducting various investigations. Through various web portals, investigators are able to secure photographs, addresses and names of witnesses and suspects in real time. They are also utilizing the internet for GPS navigation and mapping. DAI remotely check case status, write investigative reports, monitor jail inmate phone calls and even complete their timecards online. This has proven to be more time efficient, resulting in increased productivity.

In the future, process servers will have the capability to access a real time list of all subpoenas to be served while in the field. This will increase prosecution efficiency by alleviating the time spent serving subpoenas on cases that are continued, that plead or are dismissed during the course of the day. This timely notification will allow them the freedom to concentrate on looking for that difficult witness who is needed for court the following day.

BlackBerry devices were issued to 19 Bureau investigators in 2007. Emergency procedures and contact information as well as email access is now available instantaneously.

In an effort to accurately document investigative conversations in the field, all District Attorney Investigators were also issued digital audio recorders. This device allows the electronic transfer of the recordings to the computer, the prosecutor or other investigators.
Special projects during 2007 included working with the San Diego Sheriff’s Office to redesign the subpoena system to improve workflow and time issues; formulating a Core Recruiting Team to develop a formalized recruiting program and place recruiting information on the DA’s public website; and developing an automated workload system for capturing and analyzing tasks linked to the Case Management System.

On a statewide level, the unit developed and implemented a Witness Protection Resource Program and linked it with the California District Attorney Investigators Association website, enabling District Attorney Offices from across the state to share confidential information for managing protection and relocation efforts.

The goal of recruitment was met during 2007 with the establishment of a website for those who wish to research and apply for investigator positions. Already, this successful web-based tool has been visited by hundreds of individuals from around the United States wishing to apply for the investigator position.

The role of District Attorney Investigator extends beyond the office’s prosecutorial mission. DAIs also reach out to the community with a message of crime prevention. On many occasions in 2007, Bureau investigators could be seen walking in parades, working with kids at sports camps, or teaching in classrooms. During the holidays, DAIs handed out turkeys, teddy bears, and shopped with kids. Many of these activities were conducted in cooperation with the

The Bureau continues to participate in several county task forces such as the Narcotics Task Force (NTF), Sexual Assault Felony Enforcement Task Force (SAFE), Regional Auto Theft Task Force (RATT), and the Violent Crimes Gang Task Force (VCGTF). During the year, the Bureau also added the Identity Theft Task force to their list of task force involvement.

During 2007, the Bureau of Investigation established a four-year plan that included setting four, overarching goals for the future: efficiency, proactivity, recruitment/succession training and outreach. As part of those goals, the Bureau underwent a complete reorganization. The largest component of that change was the addition of an Administrative Unit.

The Administrative Unit now oversees the POST (Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training) program, the firing range, fleet vehicle management, the California Witness Relocation and Assistance Program and special projects. The unit updated and reorganized training records and identified a new training plan, which improved efficiency.

Additionally, the Administrative Unit updated and re-formatted information on the District Attorney’s internal website resource page and achieved compliance with the POST Electronic Data Interchange System for certified course presentations. The unit also focused on efforts to integrate training with Deputy District Attorneys and support staff in the office.

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San Diego Padres and San Diego Chargers professional sports teams, as well as other local law enforcement agencies.

DAs also conduct outreach to other local law enforcement agencies. Several Bureau investigators participated in a variety of in-house training sessions for local agencies in an effort to establish a true team effort in providing the best services to San Diego County.

The Bureau of Investigation continues to be a statewide leader with a sterling reputation for innovation.

In October of 2007, 120 Bureau investigators responded to a call for mutual aid due to severe wildfires in the county. Investigators evacuated citizens, manned security points in burned areas, patrolled streets in devastated areas, and in some cases assisted in actually fighting the fires. The tragic fires served as a call to duty for our DAs and a reminder of their responsibilities as sworn peace officers.

During that same time, Bureau investigators assigned to the DA’s Insurance Fraud Division worked to protect the public from unlicensed contractors and other illegal activity in the wake of the fires. Investigators worked with the Department of Insurance, Department of Motor Vehicles, and Contractors State Licensing Board (CSLB) contacting residents throughout the San Diego area regarding scams involving contractors and public adjustors. During this period of time, investigators contacted hundreds of residences, providing materials and important information to educate and protect the public.

In November of 2007, Insurance Fraud Division investigators were assigned to work the Insurance Fraud Task Force. Investigators worked with the Department of Insurance, San Diego Sheriff’s Office, and the Contractors State Licensing Board to set up a sting operation in the Ramona area resulting in three arrests for operating without a contractor’s license in a disaster area. Insurance Fraud Division Investigators also set up two sting operations in the Rancho Bernardo area which resulted in five arrests of defendants operating without a contractor’s license in a disaster area.

Other undercover operations targeted crime of a different sort. RATT initiated Operation Southside Blitz, a car theft sting that lasted almost one year. Investigators rented a storage facility in Chula Vista under the guise of a stolen automobile dismantling operation. Word quickly spread throughout the criminal community in the South Bay and East County areas that this business was buying stolen vehicles.

During this operation, RATT undercover investigators bought more than 100 stolen vehicles worth some $1.8 million. Suspects were indicted by a San Diego County Grand Jury in 2007. In November, more than 80 suspects were apprehended in a countywide sweep.

The Bureau of Investigation continues to be a statewide leader with a sterling reputation for innovation. During 2007, the Bureau expanded its vital role in the San Diego County District Attorney’s Office while continuing to forge relationships and provide resources to our law enforcement counterparts in the county and across California.
Throughout 2007, the Appellate and Training Division continued to fulfill the goals of its mission statement: “To carry out the prosecutorial core function of the office in obtaining and protecting criminal convictions through the effective use of appellate advocacy both during trial and in post-conviction proceedings.”

In addition to providing outstanding support to the District Attorney’s Office through its work on motions, appeals and writs, appellate prosecutors serve as the legal advisor for the District Attorney’s Office. The strength of office-wide training programs continued to grow following the merger in 2006 of the Appellate Division and Training Unit.

Although the work load remained constant, with hundreds of motions filed and 1,359 telephone calls from prosecutors and law enforcement officers seeking advice, 2007 was noteworthy for its lack of significant administrative and personnel changes in the Appellate and Training Division. Division Chief Catherine Stephenson completed her first full year in that role, pulling together the appellate and training sides for greater efficiency in both areas.

Significant Appellate Cases

Deputy District Attorney Kathryn Gayle responded to several writ requests involving the fallout from the United States Supreme Court opinion in Cunningham v. California. Her arguments convinced the court that, due to subsequent actions by both the judiciary and the legislature, the various defendants were not entitled to have their upper-term sentences reduced.
In *People v. Munizza*, Deputy District Attorney James Atkins won his People’s appeal seeking to overturn the illegal granting of a certificate of rehabilitation to an out-of-state defendant who was convicted of possession of methamphetamine for sale.

Deputy District Attorney Richard Armstrong successfully litigated a People’s appeal in *People v. Glaser* resulting in reinstatement of an out-of-state “strike” prior and substantially increasing the defendant’s well-deserved punishment following his conviction for robbery.

Responding to a difficult writ petition to the Court of Appeal in *People v. Jernigan*, Deputy District Attorney Katherine Flaherty defeated a defense attempt to secretly test, and thereby destroy, portions of the prosecution’s blood spatter evidence in an El Cajon murder case.

The defense writ petition in the case of *People v. Rhodes* from El Cajon presented the novel question of whether a defendant was entitled to be sentenced by a judge other than the one who took the change of plea. Deputy District Attorney Steven Carr’s response convinced the Court of Appeal to deny the writ petition.

Deputy District Attorney James Atkins continues the battle to reinstate the murder charges in a cold case homicide which were improvidently dismissed on speedy trial grounds. His petition for review to the California Supreme Court was granted in *People v. Boysen* renewing hope that justice will be done. Our office also filed an impressive amicus brief in the California Supreme Court in *People v. Nelson*, a pending out-of-county case with similar issues.

The Appellate and Training Division is also responsible for publishing materials that are tremendous resources for this office and prosecutors’ offices across the state. These include the Sentencing Outline authored by Chuck Nickel, DDA, (ret) and Autobrief authored by DDA Craig Fisher.

The District Attorney’s Office continues to be a state and national model with regard to training. Day-long trainings in February and October addressed topics required for continuing legal education credits.

The Appellate and Training Division launched an ambitious training calendar in 2007. Seven new trainings on topics from computer forensics to lifer hearings were streamed live online throughout the office. Specialized training in discovery and sexual assault prosecution were well received, and new programs such as Tech Boost and Felony Sentencing are in development.

The final components of the training calendar are the integrated advocacy courses – New Deputy Training, Felony Trial Advocacy and Advanced Trial Advocacy. Assistant Training Director Jim Kelly and all the members of the Legal Training Advisory Committee devoted countless hours to the success of these programs.
The Case Issuance and Extradition Division is managed by Division Chief Terri Wyatt, Assistant Chief Susan Gust, Legal Support Manager Debbie Lee and Paralegal Supervisor Doris Hollins. The division is comprised of five units:

- Domestic and International Extraditions
- Felony Issuing & Priors Unit
- Probation Revocation Unit
- Lifer Unit
- DA Liaison Unit

Domestic and International Extraditions

The Extraditions Unit is responsible for the office-wide efforts to return fugitive defendants from other states and foreign countries to San Diego. It also works on cases involving fugitives located in San Diego who are being extradited to other states. In 2007, the unit extradited 119 defendants from other states to San Diego and handled 55 hearings for the extradition of fugitives from San Diego to other states.

Examples of high-profile extraditions in 2007 include:

- Alleged murderer Omar Emanuel Maldonado-Cuevas, who was located and arrested in Tijuana, Mexico. Maldonado-Cuevas is accused of shooting a 17-year-old girl in the back of the head at a party in 2000. He immediately fled the country and was believed to be in Mexico. The San Diego District Attorney’s Extradition Unit is working with the United States Office of Internal Affairs to proceed with the formal extradition of Maldonado-Cuevas to bring him back to San Diego to face murder charges.
• Rhonda Van Pelt is accused of killing an elderly man in his home by repeatedly stabbing him with an ice pick. She was returned to San Diego from Oklahoma in November of 2007.

• Charles Leroy Crowell is accused of lewd acts with a 14-year-old girl, after luring the victim out of state. The suspect initially met the young victim on the Internet. Crowell was returned to San Diego County from South Dakota in November and was eventually sentenced to more than five years in state prison.

• Octavus Vanshon Williams is accused of strangling a woman and leaving her body in the trunk of her own car. Williams was returned from Georgia in September.

Felony Issuing & Priors Unit

This unit has the responsibility of carefully assessing new cases brought to the District Attorney’s Office by law enforcement agencies and determining which division should handle the case. In addition, Case Issuance staff decides if a case should be handled vertically – by just one Deputy District Attorney for the life of the case. During 2007, the attorneys in this division reviewed 6,371 felony cases for issuing. The division also handled a variety of legal issues and provided legal advice on criminal law, procedure and evidence to the various law enforcement agencies that submit cases.

The Priors Unit also obtains certified court documents for the entire Hall of Justice of the DA’s office. These documents are used to prove in court that currently charged defendants suffered various prior felony convictions such as “strike” priors, prior prison commitments or prior violent felonies. The prior convictions serve to elevate a defendant’s custody exposure so that defendants with criminal records are given a more appropriate sentence than those defendants who have no previous criminal convictions.

Probation Revocation Unit

The division’s Probation Revocation Unit targets convicted felons who commit a new offense while they are on probation and holds them accountable at the earliest possible juncture. When the probationer is re-arrested on a new offense, the unit files a petition alleging the new offense as a violation of probation in lieu of filing a new complaint. When it is appropriate to proceed in this manner instead of filing a new case, the division saves significant prosecutorial resources and taxpayer funds while seeking a commitment to state prison. During 2007, the Probation Revocation Unit handled approximately 446 cases with an annual average 87 percent state prison commitment rate.

Lifer Hearing Unit

The division also contains the DA’s Lifer Hearing Unit which has two main goals: ensure that dangerous prisoners with life sentences are not released carelessly, and ensure that crime victims and their families are given a respectful opportunity to participate in the parole hearing process. During 2007, the Lifer Hearing Unit processed 391 cases for parole and suitability hearings, which represents approximately 100 more cases than were handled in 2006.

DA Liaison Unit

Three prosecutors are assigned as liaisons to local law enforcement agencies. These prosecutors are located offsite and work closely with law enforcement by assisting with investigations. The liaisons provide critical assistance in assuring evidence is collected lawfully so it can be introduced in court by the prosecutors. They also assist police with drafting legal documents such as search warrants, arrest warrants, and other court orders. The DA liaisons are available seven days a week, 24 hours a day to answer legal questions, and are frequently on hand for critical suspect and witness interviews in sensitive and serious cases.

Case Issuance and Extradition Division 2007 Staffing

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Time is the enemy in any homicide investigation. The suspect has the lead and in some cold cases that lead can be measured in years, even decades. Closing in on murder suspects and solving cold cases not only delivers long-awaited justice, but also brings a measure of closure to families whose lives have been shattered by tragedy.

The Cold Case Homicide Division has closed the file on more than a dozen unsolved murders since it was established in 2003. During 2007, the division maintained a 100 percent conviction rate.

The Cold Case Homicide Division exists to promote public safety by working cooperatively with local law enforcement to resolve unsolved homicides within San Diego County. The division continues to maintain close working relationships with law enforcement agencies throughout San Diego County, including police laboratory criminalists. These relationships are key to solving and successfully prosecuting cases where the trail has gone cold for years.

In 2007, the division filed its first case submitted by the Escondido Police Department’s newly-formed cold case team. The case, more than 30 years old, is one of the oldest handled so far by the division. The victim, a migrant worker, was found bludgeoned to death in the garage of a new suburban neighborhood under construction. There was blood on the floor and what appeared to be bloody, smudged fingerprints on the drywall near the body. With advances in computer fingerprint technology, a partial bloody fingerprint taken from the scene three decades earlier was finally matched to a suspect. The suspect has been charged and extradited to San Diego County to stand trial.
The division also consulted on cases with the Oceanside Police Department and Chula Vista Police Department, and filed cases investigated by the San Diego Police Department and the San Diego County Sheriff’s Department. Other ongoing investigations required prosecutors and investigators to travel to cities across the United States during the year.

There was a change of leadership in the division during 2007, when Cold Case Homicide Division Chief Jeff Dusek was promoted and Deputy District Attorney Jim Koerber became Division Chief at year’s end. Deputy District Attorneys Jill Schall and Brock Arstill worked diligently to prepare several homicide cases for trial during the year.

The division’s staff was also bolstered with the addition of a law clerk and an additional District Attorney Investigator, bringing the total number of DAIs working in the division to five. District Attorney Investigators do the important legwork on cold cases, and the division’s excellent paralegal, student volunteers, and legal interns greatly assist in the preparation and prosecution of cases.

Of the division’s 2007 cases, one deserves special mention. In 1996, Jose Haynes was shot and killed during a home invasion robbery. A second victim survived a gunshot wound to the head and chest. It was ultimately determined a group of persons was responsible for the attack. The getaway driver was convicted in 1999, but the case became “cold” on the other suspects. During 2007, the case was reopened by District Attorney Investigators and further evidence was developed that allowed an additional prosecution. As a result, the person who planned and assisted with the robbery was prosecuted and brought to justice for his role in this brutal attack.

During 2007, the San Diego District Attorney’s Office also helped lay the groundwork for a first-of-its-kind statewide DNA/Cold Case Summit sponsored by the California District Attorneys Association to be held in 2008. The conference will focus on the serious problem of unsolved murders in our state.

The goal of the summit will be twofold: provide training for law enforcement agencies on how to create a cold case unit within their jurisdictions, and persuade the state legislature to increase the financial resources necessary to target the problem. In preparation for the summit, San Diego District Attorney Crime Analyst Julie Wartell began compiling initial data on unsolved murders that have occurred in the last 20 years among District Attorney Offices statewide.

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### 2007 Felony Conviction Rate

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The Communications Division is responsible for all communications, both internally and externally for the Office of the District Attorney. It also oversees community outreach from the office.

Through its award-winning public website (sandiegoda.com), interaction with the news media and outreach to the community, the division’s mission is to keep the office transparent and accessible to the public.

The division consists of Communications Director Paul Levikow, and Public Affairs Officers Steve Walker, Midge Costanza, Jesse Navarro and J.J. Anderson. The division added Analyst/Writer Grace Liu to the ranks in 2007 and also utilized AmeriCorps VISTAs and student workers.
Media And Public Relations

All inquiries by journalists are handled by the Communications Division. These requests come in daily from across the county, the nation, and the world regarding high-profile prosecutions, office programs, and policy decisions. It’s the mission of the Communications Division to protect the integrity of the criminal justice process, while providing appropriate information to the public.

The case of People v. Cynthia Sommer received widespread media attention in 2007. The Communications Division worked with CBS News 48 Hours, NBC News Dateline, and Court TV to assist their national coverage of the trial of a Marine wife found guilty of murdering her husband through arsenic poisoning.

In another case, the beating of a local, professional surfer resulted in further national media attention. Publications that began following the case known as “The Bird Rock Bandits” include the New York Times, Los Angeles Times, and Rolling Stone magazine.

During 2007, the DA’s Sex Crimes and Stalking Division was featured on a documentary produced by the BBC. In an effort to expose weaknesses in Britain’s stalking laws, the mother of a stalking victim came to San Diego to interview Deputy District Attorney Rachel Solov about the office’s aggressive approach to stalking prosecutions.

Throughout the year, the division briefs District Attorney Bonnie M. Dumanis for numerous television and radio appearances, interviews with print and online reporters, speeches and other public appearances. The DA has identified crime prevention as a co-priority with prosecution and the Communications Division helps publicize those efforts.

The division’s media training element prepares prosecutors at all levels inside the office to answer media inquiries within a legal and ethical framework. Formalized media training sessions are held for new Deputy District Attorneys, as well as more experienced prosecutors.

The Communications Division is proactive in its dealings with the news media. Approximately 80 news releases and media advisories were distributed electronically to the media in 2007. During the year, the division augmented its distribution lists to include journalists with more cultural and ethnic diversity. The District Attorney hosted or took part in some 20 news conferences throughout the year at the Hall of Justice and other locations throughout the state in 2007.

In an effort to maintain good working relationships with the media, and keep a free flow of information between the DA’s office and local journalists, three news media luncheons were hosted by the District Attorney’s Office in 2007. The lunches provided an inside look at the DA’s involvement in officer-involved shootings, the Public Integrity Unit of the Special Operations Division and the Juvenile Division.

Community Relations

Three members of the Communications Division specialize in community outreach throughout San Diego County. One Public Affairs Officer, Jesse Navarro, specializes in reaching out to the Spanish-language media and Hispanic residents of San Diego County.

Public Affairs Officer Midge Costanza oversaw the DA’s Second Annual Citizens Academy, held at the University of San Diego in the fall of 2007. The 10-week program was a cooperative effort by the District Attorney’s Office, the San Diego County Sheriff’s Department, Superior Court and Public Defender’s Office. The weekly, three-hour classes gave local residents a chance to experience the inner-workings of the criminal justice system. For the first time, three smaller Citizens Academies were also held in North County, East County, and South Bay.
The 18th Annual Citizens of Courage Awards luncheon was held in April during National Crime Victims Rights Week, honoring crime victims and good samaritans who came to the aid of crime victims. A Special Media Award was presented to Chris Hansen, host of Dateline NBC’s To Catch A Predator series.

The Third Annual Consumer Protection Day was held in March in cooperation with the San Diego County Board of Supervisors, Aging and Independence Services, AARP and 40 government and non-profit organizations. The event was attended by more than 1,000 consumers who were taught how to avoid becoming victims of fraud and scams.

The District Attorney’s Office, in cooperation with the San Diego Prevention Coalition and Drug Enforcement Administration, organized a community-wide anti-drug campaign called Crystal Darkness. The event centered around a television documentary about the ongoing problem of methamphetamine addiction. The DA’s Communications Division took the lead role in publicizing the program, which resulted in more than 100,000 viewers tuning in to watch.

The division’s complement of Public Affairs Officers (PAOs) made their way to the far reaches of the county throughout 2007, representing the District Attorney at various community groups, chambers of commerce, city councils, civic organizations and educational institutions. The goal was to educate the community about resources available at the DA’s Office and highlight crime prevention.

The PAOs also oversaw the DA’s Women’s Advisory Council, Inter-Faith Advisory Board, meetings with Tribal Governments, San Diego Reentry Roundtable and meetings with local mayors and city attorneys. This is a comprehensive effort to make the DA’s Office accessible and transparent.

**Special Events**

The Communications Division was responsible for the planning and execution of four special events during 2007. The San Diego Rotary Club’s Annual Law Enforcement Salute to Local Heroes was held in January, in which the DA, San Diego County Sheriff and Police Chief recognized individuals who came to the aid of law enforcement and crime victims.
New Media

The District Attorney’s public website is the “front door” to the office for much of the community. The site explains the prosecutorial mission of the office and highlights crime prevention programs. More and more, the division is leveraging social media to do that.

The Communications Director and a Public Affairs Officer are responsible for responding to all emails from the public that are submitted through the website. The public and news media are further served by the website through a feature that keeps basic information on high profile cases updated on a daily basis.

In 2007, five podcasts, 14 videos and five photo essays were posted on the public website. Podcasts are downloadable audio files that feature the DA and prosecutors discussing topics that range from cold case homicides to disaster scams in the wake of the October wildfires in San Diego County. Special Assistant Gail Stewart spearheaded the DA’s venture into social media by establishing the podcasts and focusing on new media, including social networking sites like MySpace.com.

Content for the DA’s intranet site, known to employees as DA Net, and the public website are managed by the Communications Division along with the DA Web Team. The site was redesigned in 2007 and provides a wealth of information for employees.

The Communications Division oversees all of the DA’s publications, including the annual report; 15 brochures, some in Spanish; the e-newsletter, On the Record; and Law Enforcement Quarterly, a periodical that features training tips and articles geared toward law enforcement officers and prosecutors.

Prisoner Reentry Program

The District Attorney’s Office reached a milestone in 2007 by helping the county enroll the 100th inmate in SB 618, the county’s prisoner reentry program. Through Public Affairs Officer J.J. Anderson, the DA’s Office has been on the forefront of the effort to reduce recidivism by heading up the joint program with the state focusing on the transition of non-violent parolees from prison back into our community.

The Communications Division, with help from its AmeriCorps VISTA volunteers, is helping to coordinate literacy and wrap-around services to newly released county jail defendants in hopes of preventing them from re-offending.
The Economic Crimes Division prosecutes economic-related crimes, which harm both individuals and businesses in San Diego County. The division was led in 2007 by Division Chief Stephen Robinson and Assistant Chief Michael Groch. It is organized into six specialized teams:

- Computer and Technology Crime High-Tech Response Team (CATCH)
- Complex Theft
- Consumer Protection
- Environmental Protection
- Public Assistance Fraud
- Real Estate Fraud

During 2007, the Economic Crimes Division continued to see an increase in the volume and complexity of identity theft cases. There was also a marked increase in the number of ID thieves being sent to prison and an increase in the length of those prison sentences over prior years. Dismantling ID theft rings and punishing repeat offenders continued to be a priority in 2007.

The Division also saw a heavy flow of Real Estate Fraud complaints that increased as the market continued downward. The division assigned additional investigative manpower to meet the demand. There was also an increase in widespread fraud where suspects were targeting large numbers of victims to strip their equity from them and leave another victim with a defaulted mortgage.
The division’s consumer and environmental teams aggressively and successfully prosecuted criminals who are committing crimes that impact the quality of life of San Diego County residents. One example was the creation of the Tow Truck Task Force, which aggressively went after towing companies for illegally towing cars. Case examples of these teams’ work are described below.

ID Thief Gets Six Years In Prison
Defendant Eric Jon Cluchey was arrested at an upscale downtown hotel after he used a re-encoded stolen credit card during check-in. Police were called and found the defendant, three companions, a suitcase and a locked metal case. Inside the case, police found a credit card-making machine. In Cluchey’s wallet were various credit cards and other identification from a prior car theft and two commercial burglaries.

Consumers Protected By Stiff Civil Judgment
The Consumer team won another victory for citizens when they jointly filed a successful consumer protection lawsuit against Archstone-Smith, one of the largest owners of apartment buildings in the U.S. The lawsuit alleged that Archstone-Smith presented its tenants with water bills based in part on estimates rather than actual measurements in violation of state laws and the financial detriment of tenants statewide. Archstone-Smith agreed to settle the case and the court ordered the company to pay a total of $637,140 in penalties and costs. The court also ordered Archstone-Smith to pay restitution to tenants and former tenants of affected apartment complexes.

AutoZone Ordered To Pay $1 Million Penalty
Deputy District Attorneys Tricia Pummill and Karen Doty from the division’s environmental and consumer teams joined efforts to protect citizens and the environment. An investigation revealed that AutoZone stores violated laws requiring the safe storage and disposal of hazardous waste, including motor oil. In addition, AutoZone stores were found to be advertising one price, but charging customers more when items were scanned at checkout. In doing so, AutoZone violated unfair competition laws and engaged in untrue/misleading advertising. The Economic Crimes Division filed a civil action which resulted in a $1.5 million settlement with AutoZone, Inc. and an injunction which called for substantial changes in their handling of hazardous material and waste products in the future.

2007 Felony Conviction Rate
- Felony Cases Received: 525
- Felony Cases Issued: 467
- Felony Conviction Rate: 93%

Economic Crimes Division 2007 Staffing
- Attorneys: 20
- Investigators: 54
- Paralegals: 14
- Support Staff: 23
- Student Workers/Interns: 2
- Total: 113
The Family Protection Division promotes public safety by prosecuting crimes of murder, domestic violence, crimes against children, and elder abuse. The division strongly supports victims of crime and works closely with criminal justice agencies and community partners.

The division was led by Chief Kimberlee Lagotta in 2007, along with Assistant Chief Tracy Prior.

In 2007, there were 739 domestic violence felonies filed in San Diego County and 1,891 domestic violence misdemeanors filed. A total of 267 child abuse cases and 19 Internet crimes against children cases were prosecuted in the Family Protection Division.

The Family Protection Division had an overall felony conviction rate of 95 percent.
Domestic Violence

In 2007, the San Diego County District Attorney’s Office dedicated increased resources to the prosecution of misdemeanor domestic violence. Our philosophy is that today’s misdemeanor can be tomorrow’s homicide. The office has specially trained DDAs across the county handling only misdemeanor domestic violence, from the earliest stage (issuing) all the way through the trial. This vertical handling of the caseload ensures better courtroom efficiency, perpetrator accountability, and victim safety.

Also in 2007, our office began collaboration efforts with The Center for Community Solutions and other partners in order to better serve North County victims. The North County Family Violence Prevention Center provides wrap-around services to domestic violence victims including advocacy, restraining order advice, and safety planning. Our office is providing advocacy services in this effort, as well as collaboration and training for professionals dedicated to curbing violence in families.

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Elder Abuse

In a true community partnering effort, our office (along with Adult Protective Services, San Diego Police Department, and San Diego State University) worked within the Archstone Project to provide one-on-one personal services to elderly victims, such as advocacy, home visits, court-accompaniment and assistance with health and other home-care projects. DDA Paul Greenwood and Sylvia Guzman (Archstone coordinator) have proven that rapport and relationships with our elder victims endure well beyond the prosecution of any particular case.

Also in 2007, Elder Abuse Director Paul Greenwood testified in front of the United States Senate Subcommittee on Aging, encouraging the passage of the Patient Safety and Abuse Prevention Act of 2007. He did the same before the California State Assembly, encouraging legislators to hold elder abusers more accountable.

2007 Felony Conviction Rate

Cases Received 4,214
Cases Issued 1,131
Conviction Rate 95%

Family Protection Division 2007 Staffing

Attorneys 34
Investigators 14
Paralegals 9
Support Staff 14
Total 71
Child Abduction Unit

The Child Abduction Unit was busy in 2007 with 997 contacts that led to 197 cases being opened and 152 children recovered. The Child Abduction Unit participated in 22 more out-of-country recoveries than in the previous year. For the first time, the unit also successfully returned an abducted child from Mexico to the United States.

Photos of abducted children who have not been located, continued to appear on the DAs public website in 2007.

Internet Crimes Against Children

The Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force (ICAC) is comprised of law enforcement officers and prosecutors from the local, state, and national levels who work together to reduce the online sexual exploitation of children. The unit has three Deputy District Attorneys specially-trained in prosecuting the exploitation of children on the internet.

Efforts include full-time online investigation of Internet predators, aggressive prosecution of offenders, as well as community outreach to schools and parents. There are more than 40 ICAC Task Forces nationwide. San Diego has been repeatedly recognized and awarded for its cutting-edge approach to law enforcement and a true multidisciplinary approach to catching and prosecuting online predators.
Cases of note in the Family Protection Division during 2007 include:

**People v. Wayne Bleyle**
This Children’s Convalescent Hospital employee repeatedly molested disabled children in his care. Among some of the defendant’s victims were children on breathing tubes, children in wheelchairs, and children who were nonverbal because of various physical disabilities. This defendant was also caught trading child pornography on the Internet, and molested his own step-son years prior. Our office worked extensively with Immigration and Customs Enforcement, the San Diego Police Department, and many other agencies to bring this predator to justice. The defendant was sentenced to 45 years in state prison.

**People v. Thomas Palacio**
Domestic Violence almost turned deadly for this defendant’s ex-girlfriend. He strangled her and stabbed her repeatedly with an ice pick. This particular victim was terrified of her perpetrator, but had to face a family that did not want her to testify. Despite the family pressure, the victim eventually testified in court. A North County jury convicted the defendant of attempted premeditated murder.

**People v. Vasquez**
Four years ago, this defendant abducted an 8-month-old child from her mother in San Diego. The DA’s Child Abduction Unit prosecuted him, and the child was recovered. Less than a year later, the defendant again abducted the child and fled to Mexico. The mother contacted the Child Abduction Unit once again, and our unit started a prosecution, led by DDA Teresa Santana. Until recently, child recoveries have traditionally been impossible from Mexico, given legal red-tape and politics. During the summer of 2007, District Attorney Investigator Jose Cuervo learned that the child was in Mexico, living in hiding. Our unit worked with the DA’s Office International Liaison experts, Edgar Taqueda and Juan Jose Briones, along with the Mexican authorities to bring the little girl home.

Investigators from our office traveled to Mexico City where they obtained the court order needed to return the girl to her mother just before her fifth birthday. They had not seen each other for three years. As a result of this case, The San Diego DA’s Office may be entering a period of positive cooperation with Mexico in the important mission of recovering abducted children.

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Gang violence has been on the rise in the past few years in San Diego County and the District Attorney’s Gangs Division has the task of prosecuting the most serious of these gang offenders. The Gangs Division is a vertical prosecution unit which combines Deputy District Attorneys with District Attorney Investigators to handle the unique and dangerous issues that arise in gang prosecution. Led by Division Chief Dana Greisen and Assistant Chief Valerie Summers, the division’s personnel are some of the finest in the nation, with the gang prosecution team securing a 95 percent felony conviction rate in these complex cases during 2007.

It’s estimated there are some 100 gangs operating in San Diego County comprised of about 10,000 gang members. Although experts say those numbers are just estimates that constantly change and may be substantially under-reported.

The Gangs Division targets violent gang crime such as murder, attempted murder, assault with weapons, drive-by shootings, carjacking, rape, and robbery. The division also works with local and federal agencies to proactively target active gang members and prosecute them for lesser violations with the goal of preventing violent crime. Finally, gang members are targeted through civil injunctions and abatements in order to disrupt the gang culture and lifestyle and raise the quality of life for members of the community.

Prosecutors in this division also use court-approved wiretaps and undercover operations to stop violence before it occurs.
Further, they work closely with local law enforcement and community organizations to help in gang intervention to try and stop gang violence before it starts.

While there are hundreds of success stories in this division, the ongoing seriousness of gang violence in San Diego is reflected by the kinds of cases and defendants prosecuted in 2007. Major cases and projects included:

**People v. Flowers and Brown**

Deputy District Attorneys Mark Amador and Joe McLaughlin successfully prosecuted two gang members who shot and killed a 17-year-old girl. The victim was seated in a car at the Bay Vista Apartments when the defendants attempted to kill a rival gang member at the apartment complex. Numerous shots were fired, one of which killed the victim. This senseless murder had complex issues including difficult witnesses, many of whom were intimidated and/or uncooperative. After a five-week trial, both defendants were convicted of first-degree murder and sentenced to life in prison.

**Prosecution of the “Los Palillos” Organization**

In one of the most extraordinary examples of the team work and dedication of the members of the Gangs Division, Deputy District Attorney Mark Amador and a team of District Attorney Investigators, led by Commander Guy Johnson, organized the rescue of a 36-year-old victim who was kidnapped and held for ransom in Chula Vista. The Gangs Division, teamed with local and federal law enforcement, used wiretaps and other cutting-edge techniques to locate and rescue the victim who had been tortured and held under a stairwell.

The “Los Palillos” organization was a kidnapping and murder crew targeting individuals for the purpose of ransom. The work of the Gangs team led directly to saving the victim’s life, who would have in all likelihood been murdered. As a result of this operation, seven members of this organization are being prosecuted. This operation exemplifies the importance of multi-jurisdictional gang enforcement.

**The “Mission Bay Locos” Project**

During 2007, the Gangs Division worked on a pilot project to vertically target an entire gang, instead of just random gang members. The idea is to completely disrupt and remove a gang from a particular area. The gang chosen for this project was the “Mission Bay Locos,” a smaller gang located in the Pacific Beach and Mission Beach areas. Deputy District Attorney Frank Jackson led this project, tracking and prosecuting every criminal case from every jurisdiction of identified members of this gang.

DDA Jackson helped organize other law enforcement agencies including Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Probation, Parole, and the San Diego Police Department to put pressure on this gang. Families of gang members were also contacted to educate them on intervening in the gang lifestyle. After nine months of this project, crime statistics reflected what the removal of gang activity can do for an area: robberies decreased 52 percent, graffiti decreased 57 percent, criminal threats decreased 67 percent, and assaults with a deadly weapon were down 24 percent.

**2007 Felony Conviction Rate**

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The Information Technology Division (ITD) provides the District Attorney’s Office with the technology tools it needs to support legal staff, support staff, and the business operations. Under the leadership of the Chief Information Officer Pam Summers and then Acting CIO Abdallah Elassaad, the 36 employees of the division are responsible for the design, development, implementation, and support of all information technology hardware, software and business applications for the office.

A number of new systems were implemented by the Applications and Web Development Units in 2007. A Position Control System was created to manage employee/position status, vacancies, and budget allocations. A web-enabled system was developed to facilitate the background investigation process for prospective employees, allowing applicants to fill out and submit their background forms online.
The first phase of a new travel desk system, also web-enabled, was implemented to change the mainly paper-based process for office travelers, even when off-site. In addition, the applications staff provided refresher training to more than 300 support and paralegal staff for the DA's adult case management system. Finally, a joint initiative with the Superior Court, San Diego Sheriff’s Department, and County Probation Department began to retire the county’s mainframe criminal justice system (JURIS) and replace it with a multi-agency, integrated systems architecture approach.

**Some 130 BlackBerry units were deployed to DA employees in 2007. In addition, IT staff deployed 330 new desktop computers and 650 new flat screen computer panels.**

During 2007, the Web Development Unit assisted in live streaming of the DA’s Citizens Academy and redesigned the External SOMC (Sexual Offender Management Council) website.

The division maintains a Help Desk, which provides support to DA employees by phone or email. During 2007, the IT Division resolved 13,416 calls for assistance through its Help Desk Program.

The division’s Web Team (Ralph Beckley, Rob Bird and Lory Perfect) managed content and design on the DA’s public website (sandiegoda.com), which receives thousands of views each week from around the world. In addition, the Web Team also manages the DA’s intranet, known as DA Net. The site’s home page underwent a redesign in 2007 and several useful pages were added, including a secure BlackBerry Mobile Resource Page.

To be better prepared, several systems have been enhanced or upgraded and a new in-house BlackBerry Enterprise Server was implemented by the Network Unit. The support unit programmed and deployed some 130 BlackBerry units to DA employees. In addition, IT staff deployed 330 new desktop computers and 650 new flat screen computer panels.

The Support and Network Units took over a major project by relocating over 80 employees, including computers and other peripherals, in the South Bay Branch office to a new location. That branch’s network infrastructure was also upgraded and a wireless network was implemented. In addition, the Support Unit deployed 400 laptops, including broadband air cards, in the branch offices and Hall of Justice. The laptop computers allow employees remote access, improving efficiency.

During the wildfires which devastated parts of San Diego County in October 2007, the Information Technology Division supported the county’s 211 Information Center and residents of San Diego by providing various technical support and deploying 15 laptops with wireless capability.
Insurance fraud costs consumers an estimated $80 billion per year nationwide or about $950 per family. It’s the second-largest economic crime in America, exceeded only by tax evasion. The San Diego County District Attorney’s Insurance Fraud Division is comprised of a team of specialists who handle complex insurance fraud prosecutions from inception to sentencing, with the assistance of several task forces.

During 2007, the Insurance Fraud Division was led by Division Chief David Lattuca, and Assistant Chief Michael Running.

The Division increased the number of convictions over 2006, obtaining convictions against 328 defendants for insurance fraud and/or related charges. It also collected $3.3 million in restitution for victims. Grand jury indictments were obtained against 79 defendants. Annual grant funding awarded to the Insurance Fraud Division for 2007 was approximately $9 million. This is the highest amount of funding ever received and an increase of more than $500,000 from the previous year.

This division consists of six grant-funded units:
- Workers’ Compensation Fraud
- Auto Insurance Fraud
- Urban/Organized Auto Insurance Fraud
- Disability Healthcare Insurance Fraud
- Life Insurance Fraud
- The Regional Auto Theft Task Force (RATT)
Premium Fraud Task Force

Premium fraud involves businesses misrepresenting their true payroll to an insurance company in order to purchase workers’ compensation insurance at less than the proper premium. These employers often also evade taxes by paying workers in cash. This cash-based payroll is known as the “underground economy.” In California, the underground economy is estimated at $60 billion, with an annual tax loss of $3 billion.

These unfair practices enable unscrupulous employers to underbid honest competitors. This results in honest employers losing jobs and being driven out of business.

San Diego’s Premium Fraud Task Force helps maintain a level playing field by prosecuting businesses that commit premium fraud. This task force is comprised of the following agencies: District Attorney’s Office; Labor Commissioner; Employment Development Department Criminal Investigations and Tax Enforcement; Franchise Tax Board; Department of Insurance; Bureau of Automotive Repair; and the Contractors State Licensing Board. The task force works closely with the insurance industry, including State Compensation Insurance Fund (SCIF), which is the largest workers’ compensation carrier in California.

Provider Fraud Task Force

The Insurance Fraud Division also has a Medical and Legal Insurance Fraud Task Force which investigates and prosecutes medical and legal providers committing insurance fraud. The unique nature of this task force, the first of its kind in the nation, is that combined federal, state, and county agencies work together in one cohesive unit.

Task force members include: District Attorney staff; Department of Insurance; Franchise Tax Board; FBI; the California Department of Justice; the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services; the Medical Board; the California State Bar; California Department of Health Services; California Department of Industrial Relations; U.S. Office of Personnel Management; U.S. Postal Service; U.S. Department of Defense; and the Dental Board.

In 2007, investors in a clinic, a physician, his assistant and “cappers” were prosecuted for steering patients to the clinic purportedly for medical treatments. Each person was paid $100 to visit the clinic. Most received blood, urine and EKG tests. The patients became concerned when they noticed expensive medical tests on their Medicare billing statements. Over a one-year period, Medicare was billed more than $2 million, paying the clinic more than $900,000 for procedures that were never performed. The case resulted in prison terms against some of the defendants.

2007 Felony Conviction Rate

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Life And Annuity Consumer Protection Program

The Life and Annuity Protection Program investigates and prosecutes unscrupulous life insurance agents and others who seek to steal the savings of victims through power of attorney abuse, and fraudulent claims upon a legitimate policy. San Diego County was one of only four counties in the state of California to receive funding for this program during 2007.

Insurance Fraud Division staff work with the California Labor Commissioner’s Office to investigate and prosecute employers without workers’ compensation insurance.

Life insurance and annuity scams often target senior citizens. The effect is profound and life-altering since seniors do not have the time or opportunity for financial recovery. Our program is committed to working diligently to protect senior citizens and their finances from those who would do them harm.

Uninsured Employer Program

Insurance Fraud Division staff work with the California Labor Commissioner’s Office to investigate and prosecute employers without workers’ compensation insurance. Workers’ compensation provides injured workers the security of knowing they will receive compensation and medical treatment as a result of a work-related injury.

The division is also part of a statewide Economic and Employment Enforcement Coalition. Task force members conduct inspections of seven target industries selected due to an on-going pattern of non-compliance with workers’ compensation and labor laws. The work of this task force leads to more businesses obtaining workers’ compensation insurance and increased prosecution of those employers who fail to obtain insurance.

Regional Auto Theft Task Force (RATT)

RATT investigates and prosecutes professional auto thieves. RATT is a model of cooperation as peace officers from the following departments work in conjunction with one another: District Attorney’s Office; California Highway Patrol; San Diego County Sheriff’s Department; San Diego County Probation Department; California Department of Insurance; the National Insurance Crime Bureau and the Chula Vista, La Mesa, El Cajon, Escondido, Carlsbad, and Oceanside Police Departments.

In 2007, RATT conducted one of the largest sting operations in state history, targeting car thieves in San Diego County. As a result of the successful operation, 74 people were charged and 150 stolen vehicles were recovered, along with illegal drugs and firearms.
Operation Wildfire 2007

Within hours of the October wildfires, staff from the Insurance Fraud division immediately began working with the Department of Insurance and Contractors State Licensing Board to counsel residents in the affected areas and warn them about fraudulent schemes involving unlicensed contractors, unlicensed public adjusters and phony charities. In addition, our investigators arrested eight unlicensed contractors preying on residents affected by the fires.
The Juvenile Division prosecutes misdemeanors and felonies committed in San Diego County by offenders under the age of 18. Juvenile Deputy District Attorneys review, issue and prosecute the same types of cases that are prosecuted in adult court, except the crimes are committed by juveniles. These cases may involve weapons, injuries, a series of crimes, significant property damage, drugs. During 2007, the division was led by Chief Robert Eichler and Assistant Chief Michele Linley.

The Juvenile Division office is broken down into teams. Deputy District Attorneys on the issuing team review reports submitted by police agencies then decide what crimes should be charged against the minors. The calendar team DDAs are assigned to one courtroom and handle all cases that are assigned to that courtroom. The motion team handles any motions filed by the defense attorneys, and the trial team handles the trials. Trials in the juvenile justice system are called adjudications and are heard in front of a Juvenile Court Judge.

To assure crimes with the highest potential to significantly affect the public and individuals are handled in an efficient manner, certain cases are handled vertically. This means one Deputy District Attorney handles the case from the time it comes into the division until the case is closed. These types of cases include:
Arson

Arson cases are supervised and handled by a senior deputy with help from other deputies assigned to the arson team. Juvenile arson cases can range from minors who are curious about fire, to those having significant mental issues and are showing tendencies that are indicators of recidivism and future deviant criminal behavior.

Each arson case is evaluated based upon the facts and information about the minor themselves. Vertical handling allows for individualized intervention and treatment at the earliest possible stage. In addition, the arson team leader is involved in a newly-created countywide Arson Prevention Task Force. This enables the District Attorney’s Office to have a close relationship with other professionals who are working in this highly-specialized area.

This collaboration gives the DA’s office resources that are very useful in the handling of juvenile fire-setters. In addition, the arson team leader sets up training for judges, probation, minor’s attorneys and psychotherapists regarding issues specific to juvenile fire-setters. The training helps assure appropriate and consistent disposition of juvenile arson cases.

Dual Dependency/Delinquency

A juvenile can become involved in juvenile court one of two ways. The minor can become a “dependent” ward due to unfit parents, abandonment or safety issues. The second way is when a minor commits a crime. When the minor is accused of a crime, he comes into the juvenile system as a ward through Welfare and Institutions Code Section 602. In San Diego, a minor cannot be in both systems at the same time. Due to this rule, the presiding judge of the juvenile court has hearings once a week on these situations and decides which system is best able to deal with the minor and the minor’s needs.

Mental Competency Cases

Minors in the juvenile system may have mental issues the same as those in the adult system. In an increasing number of cases during 2007, the DA’s office and courts dealt with minors who may not be competent to understand the proceedings in which they are involved. The question becomes: is the minor competent? If not, can they be restored to competence? And if not, how does the juvenile system protect the minor and the community? This is an emerging area of law and DDAs are continuing to work with the courts and the defense to find answers to these questions.

2007 Juvenile Cases Reviewed

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Teen Prostitution, Teen Relationship Violence (TRV) And Sexual Assault

These three types of cases are handled by the Juvenile Division Sexual Assault Team. The team leader is a senior DDA with extensive experience in the area of sexual assault. There are many cross-over issues involved in prostitution cases as juveniles involved in prostitution were often prior victims of sexual abuse. The team leader also works closely with probation and the Juvenile Sexual Offender Management Team to make sure any issues that arise are addressed.

In addition, the team leader attends meetings with local groups addressing local teen prostitution problems. The team handles prostitution cases with an eye toward breaking the self-destructive cycle this offense creates. Our prosecutors help victims and families of victims get counseling, while working at the same time to secure counseling, treatment or confinement for perpetrators.
Truancy

The San Diego County District Attorney’s Office has long recognized the importance of keeping young people in school. Therefore, the Juvenile Division has a DDA assigned to handle truancy cases. The office has been at the forefront of assisting San Diego County Schools with processing truancy cases. The truancy deputy organizes at least one truancy summit each year in conjunction with the County Office of Education in order to educate school administrators and truancy officers on the latest policies, procedures and legal developments. Due to the success of the program and changes in demographics, a truancy calendar has now been added in the south bay courthouse once a week.

Vehicular Manslaughter And Street Racing

Vehicular manslaughter cases involve car accidents that result in death. These are handled vertically by deputies in the Juvenile Division. The deputy stays in contact with the victim’s family throughout the process, giving continuity to the prosecution. Speed contest cases are also handled vertically to ensure that the court is aware of the conduct involved and the possible danger to the community.

Graffiti

The Juvenile Division completed its fourth year of issuing and prosecuting graffiti cases by a vertical Deputy District Attorney during 2007. A senior deputy is now assigned as the team leader of this vertical unit to handle these cases. These cases get specialized treatment and restitution to victims and members of the community is a priority. The District Attorney’s Office recognizes that graffiti and “tagging” are often connected to current or future gang activity and requires close monitoring that vertical case assignment allows.

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The Narcotics Division established new benchmarks in 2007, prosecuting drug-related offenses on a larger scale than in years past. Led by Division Chief Damon Mosler and Assistant Chief Robert Hickey, this award-winning division prosecuted more narcotics cases, conducted more wiretap operations, and seized more drugs and drug money than ever before.

Further, the division’s felony conviction rate remained high at 94 percent. Virtually all of the defendants were convicted through pleading guilty or by jury trials conducted during 2007.

Notable investigations included:

Operation Funk 49
A three-year undercover investigation targeting an international drug trafficking operation originating in Guadalajara, Mexico with a vast distribution network based in San Diego County. The operation began in 2004, after a tip to law enforcement from a street-level drug user. Investigators patiently followed the drug trail to key distributors in San Diego and eventually dismantled a complicated nationwide drug web. The District Attorney’s Narcotics Division helped originate and support this three-year nationwide wiretap investigation. One of the largest investigations of its kind, the operation yielded 238 arrests. In addition, 3,960 kilograms of cocaine, 836 pounds of methamphetamine and $27 million dollars and 75 firearms were recovered. Deputy District Attorney Chris Lindberg handled the 25 cases prosecuted in San Diego County.
Operation Dually Noted/Road Trip
Deputy District Attorneys Jill DiCarlo and Rori Robinson assisted another nationwide investigation that resulted in 30 arrests and the seizure of 988 pounds of cocaine, 3,500 pounds of marijuana and more than $1 million in cash.

Operation Trapped Under Ice
A six-month undercover operation targeting an international drug trafficking operation originating in Tijuana and reaching across San Diego County. More than a dozen warrants were issued, resulting in the arrests of 27 individuals as well as the confiscation of 15 pounds of heroin, three pounds of cocaine, and 30 pounds of methamphetamine. In addition, law enforcement officials confiscated $510,000 in cash, 19 vehicles and several weapons. The leaders of the trafficking operation had been using the drug proceeds to buy land and build homes in Acapulco, Mexico.

The division led and prosecuted several other local projects (Operations Cuetas, Pelota Negra and Broadway) targeting street-level drug dealers. These community improvement efforts resulted in dozens of arrests. Taking these drug dealers off the streets made those neighborhoods safer places to live in 2007.

The Narcotics Division focused on ending the illegal sales of methamphetamine and crack pipes by local merchants. More than 8,700 pipes were seized and four people arrested during 2007. The actions have cleaned up numerous San Diego County neighborhoods, ridding them of the illegal pipes.

The District Attorney’s Narcotics Division is also recognized as a statewide leader in the prosecution of illegal marijuana storefronts run by drug dealers. During 2007, the division eliminated illegal medical marijuana dispensaries operating in the county.

The division also worked diligently in the area of crime prevention and was instrumental in bringing an innovative drug education campaign from another state to San Diego County. Crystal Darkness was a community-wide event held in December that centered on a compelling television documentary about methamphetamine addiction. The program aired on nine television stations simultaneously and led hundreds of people to seek help that night from a meth hotline.

The division continues to direct San Diego County’s JUDGE Program (Jurisdictions United for Drug and Gang Enforcement). The program consists of 16 law enforcement officers who target high-risk felons. In addition, the Narcotics Division runs the treatment side of drug cases in Drug Court and Proposition 36 Court, Federal and State Asset Forfeiture matters, and assists law enforcement with proactive projects in specific high-crime areas.

Narcotics Division Chief Damon Mosler was invited to participate in a White House news conference in December of 2007, where President Bush commended law enforcement for its success in fighting methamphetamine production and addiction.

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In 2007, the Pretrial and Disposition Division was led by Division Chief Gregory Walden and Assistant Division Chief Laura Tanney. The division has two teams with distinct but related functions. These teams are the case disposition team and the preliminary hearing team.

The case disposition team works to appropriately assess felony cases in an attempt to reach fair and equitable resolutions of the cases at the earliest possible opportunity. The team encourages the immediate sentencing of defendants, where appropriate, significantly reducing costs to the County of San Diego.
In 2007, the number of defendants sentenced immediately following the disposition and plea of their case was approximately 1,300. The fact that those defendants were sentenced immediately, instead of having separate and full sentencing hearings, resulted in a savings of millions of dollars to the county and taxpayers.

The preliminary hearing team handles a large number of serious cases. They arraign defendants charged in felony complaints, then prepare and conduct preliminary examinations in front of a judge to prove the charges based upon a probable cause standard. In doing so, the preliminary hearing deputies essentially are liaisons between the DA's office, law enforcement and the victims and witnesses of crime.

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The preliminary hearing deputies also handle suppression motions, bail reviews, plea negotiations, change of plea proceedings, and miscellaneous court calendars. Occasionally, they conduct misdemeanor trials, which result if felony charges are reduced at the time of issuing or at the preliminary hearing.

Training and development of Deputy District Attorneys is an important aspect of the Pretrial and Case Disposition Division. Monthly training sessions are presented on various aspects of criminal prosecution. Riding along with law enforcement officers is encouraged as well.

The unique combination of senior trial attorneys and junior deputies in the division helps junior deputies develop the skills and knowledge necessary to become formidable felony trial attorneys.
The Restitution Enforcement/Victim Services Division provides services that meet the material, emotional and information needs of crime victims and witnesses. During 2007, these services reached more than 15,000 victims of crime in San Diego County.

Led by Division Chief Kim-Thoa Hoang and Victim Assistance Program Director Cindy Charlebois, the work done by staff in this division allows for faster and more complete recovery from the effects of crime. Services provided by the division include crisis intervention, referrals, counseling, claim submission, and court support.

As experts on restitution issues, attorneys, paralegals, and the senior probation officer in the division either handled or provided direct assistance to District Attorney staff and victims in 2,662 cases affecting more than $45 million in restitution during 2007.
The Victim Assistance Program offers comprehensive services to victims of all types of crimes pursuant to California and federal law. Mandatory and optional services are provided to crime victims even when a suspect is not apprehended or prosecuted. The program seeks to reduce the trauma and insensitivity that victims may experience following the aftermath of a crime.

In 2007, Victim Advocates assisted 14,752 crime victims with 2,901 crisis interventions. One notable restitution hearing handled in 2007 by Deputy District Attorney Joanne Evoy resulted in an order of restitution of non-economic losses in the amount of $1.8 million in a child molestation case.

The District Attorney has also created the San Diego County Victims Emergency Relief Fund for immediate needs of crime victims to help with food, medical, dental, housing, and personal items. In 2007, this fund played a pivotal role in assisting 22 crime victims with urgent needs totaling more than $15,000. Additionally, the program held its annual holiday drive, providing holiday enjoyment for crime victim families who may otherwise not be afforded the opportunity. Through staff coordination, dozens of crime victims and their families were provided with gifts, cash, food, toys and clothing.

Community outreach and education is an important component of the division’s mission. The program has solidified positive working relationships with the San Diego Chapter of Parents of Murdered Children, Survivors of Violent Loss and the Victim Assistance Coordinating Council (VACC). Victim advocates teach at the San Diego Police Academy and provide trainings and presentations to a host of community-based organizations.

In 2007, the Restitution Claims Unit processed 1,173 claims from victims of violent crimes and 4,426 bills from service providers. The unit also facilitated the payment of $2.63 million to victims from the State Victim Compensation Fund.

The Restitution Recovery Unit handled 1,127 cases, assisted 659 victims, obtained restitution fines totaling $876,050, and helped secure restitution orders totaling $641,402 payable to the State and $3.43 million payable to victims.

Restitution Enforcement/Victim Services Division 2007 Staffing

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The Sex Crimes and Stalking Division is composed of a highly-trained and specialized team of Deputy District Attorneys, investigators, paralegals and secretaries dedicated to the aggressive and just prosecution of perpetrators of sexual assault and stalking crimes.

The Division treats the victims of those serious crimes with compassion, dignity, and respect. Guided by Division Chief Summer Stephan and Assistant Chief David Hendren, the division led the state during 2007 in proactive prosecution and utilization of cutting-edge technology including GPS (Global Positioning System) to vigorously prosecute and enforce the registration requirement of sex offenders.

In order to better monitor persons required to register as sexual offenders and prosecute them when they fail to register as required by law, Deputy District Attorney Phyllis Shess was given the important new position of Director of Sex Offender Management. In that capacity she also serves on the countywide San Diego Sexual Assault Felony Enforcement (SAFE) Task Force and the San Diego Sex Offender Management Council (SOMC).

The division is committed to protecting the community from sexually-violent predators by the strict application of the law to commit those qualified predators, and by notifying and informing the public about any anticipated releases of sexually-violent predators. The division is on the cutting-edge of implementing Proposition 83, also known as Jessica’s Law, and protects the community by committing sexually-violent predators for indeterminate terms. Prosecutors in the division have already taken advantage of new Internet luring laws authorized under Jessica’s Law.
During 2007, Division Chief Summer Stephan spearheaded an innovative campaign called Preventing Rape by Intoxication through Community Education (PRICE), which used the collective resources of various educational institutions, victim-advocacy groups, the military, and law enforcement to educate young adults and teens about the dangers of placing themselves in sexually vulnerable situations after ingesting drugs or alcohol.

In addition, the division has joined other community partners during the year to combat human trafficking focused on sexual exploitation. The division also strengthened its partnership with the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation to make San Diego County the first recipient of 80 GPS anklets to track high-risk sex offender parolees 24 hours a day, seven days a week. In 2007, the number of paroled sex offenders being tracked via GPS tripled to 325. Division attorneys also worked with County Probation to more effectively monitor probationer sex offenders, 21 of whom were on GPS in 2007.

The Sex Crimes and Stalking Division maintained a felony conviction rate of 96 percent through its commitment to keeping the community safe from sex offenders.

The division was also honored during 2007 to actively participate in the Governor's Task Force for High-Risk Sex Offenders and Sexually-Violent Predators, which produced recommendations that have statewide impact on maximizing the safety of our communities.

People v. Jose Quintana
Dubbed “The Soft Shoe Rapist” by law enforcement, the defendant was identified when his DNA sample was uploaded to CODIS (Combined DNA Index System) in February 2007. The crimes, previously linked through suspect DNA at the scene, involved three rapes spanning five years. In 1995, the first victim was raped at gunpoint in a laundromat. The second victim was raped in 1997 at a park in front of her two children. The defendant threatened the victim’s infant child by holding a piece of glass to the child’s throat in order to gain her compliance. The third rape occurred in 2000 when the defendant entered the victim’s apartment at night while she slept and threatened her with a screwdriver. On September 7, 2007, after a plea of guilty to counts from all three cases, Quintana was sentenced to 35 years-to-life in prison.

Deputy District Attorney Rachel Solov was featured on a BBC documentary broadcast in England that credited the DA’s aggressive prosecution of stalking cases.

### 2007 Felony Conviction Rate

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### 2007 Staffing

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The Special Operations Division investigates complex cases involving misuse of public funds, political corruption, hate crimes and misconduct of government officials including police officers. The division reviews all officer-involved shootings and in-custody deaths.

The Office of the District Attorney has conducted reviews of all officer-involved shootings (OIS) in the line of duty by San Diego County peace officers since the mid-1970’s. The purpose of the District Attorney’s review is to provide an independent review of all shootings and other use of deadly force, fatal and non-fatal, to assure the public that peace officers in San Diego County are performing their duties in a legally-justified manner.

This review does not examine such issues as compliance with the policies and procedures of any law enforcement agency, ways to improve training, or any issues related to civil liability. Upon completion of the District Attorney’s review, a letter summarizing the facts and statements of the deputy or officer and other witnesses is written and delivered to the respective police chief or San Diego County Sheriff.
During 2007, the division had more than 100 open investigations. The division continues to expand its use of the criminal grand jury for investigation of public corruption and violations of election laws. The public corruption unit has two full-time, dedicated Deputy District Attorneys who are making significant progress in taking on this difficult but vital area of the law. Division Chief Richard Monroy and Assistant Chief David Williams have made the public integrity area of law an integral part of the Special Operations Division.

On-duty police officer misconduct and corruption cases are also investigated and prosecuted by the Special Operations Division.

On-duty police officer misconduct and corruption cases were also investigated and prosecuted by the Special Operations Division. In 2007, two criminal cases were filed and prosecuted by Deputy District Attorney Robert Kearney.

In the case of People v. William Taylor, El Cajon Police Officer William Taylor was charged with soliciting sexual favors from women in his official custody. After a five week jury trial, Taylor was convicted of multiple counts against multiple victims and sentenced to five years in state prison.

In another case, California Highway Patrol Officer Brian Kennedy was charged with assaulting a man under arrest for driving under the influence of alcohol and lying about what occurred in his police report. Kennedy was convicted of assault under the color of authority and filing a false police report and was sentenced to three years of probation, community service and forfeited his position as a peace officer.

The division's Professional Standards Unit handles all in-house investigations and background checks for potential employees. During 2007, the unit performed 300 such background checks meeting standardized policy and procedure.

In addition, the division has Tribal and International Liaisons, who are called upon to assist with cases in other District Attorney divisions or branches.

### 2007 Felony Conviction Rate

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The Superior Court Division, led by Division Chief Andrea Freshwater and Assistant Chief Victor Nunez, prosecutes some of the most challenging cases in the District Attorney’s Office, including kidnapping, assaults, robberies, attempted murders, and murders.

During 2007, the Superior Court Division handled more than 4,000 felony defendants, and had a felony conviction rate of 90 percent.
One of the largest divisions in the office, it is responsible for taking felony cases to trial that are not handled by one of the other specialty divisions. By the time these cases reach Superior Court Division, it usually means they will be going to trial.

Within the division is the Major Violators Unit, which prosecutes criminals with an extensive felony background, serial bank robbers and other defendants charged with numerous serious felonies who are facing extraordinarily long prison sentences.

In addition, the division handles post conviction mental health cases for those found to be a danger to the community as a result of mental illness and thereafter placed in state hospitals.

The division also staffs various calendar departments in Superior Court involving sentencing hearings, motion hearings, restitution hearings and second arraignments following preliminary hearings.

High-profile cases prosecuted by the Superior Court Division in 2007 include:

**People v. Eric Leeman**

Early one morning, 19-year-old college student Whitney Young was crossing the street with four of her friends when she was struck by a car driven by Eric Leeman. Leeman, a man with a history of drinking and driving, was traveling at high speed when he hit the victim, catapulting her 30 feet through the air. The defendant fled the scene leaving the young woman lying in the street. Four days later, she died from her injuries. Although the defendant was not arrested for several days, Deputy District Attorney Allison Worden was able to establish the defendant was extremely intoxicated at the time he struck Whitney. He is serving 11 years in state prison.

**People v. Ralph Garbarini**

In December 2006, Michael Fineman, his wife and another couple were enjoying an evening out at a local dessert restaurant. As the two couples sat at a table, Ralph Garbarini stood nearby, staring at them. Mr. Fineman asked the defendant to please not stare at them and a waiter asked him to leave the establishment. Ten minutes later, the defendant returned with a gun, then shot and killed Mr. Fineman. After the case was profiled on national television, the defendant was located in the Los Angeles area. Upon his return to San Diego, the defendant was convicted of first-degree murder.

### Superior Court Division 2007 Staffing

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The Trial Support Services Unit (TSS) was part of the Information Technology Division during most of 2007. The first mission of Trial Support Services is to provide Deputy District Attorneys with effective and timely mixed-media courtroom support. Second, the unit offers a wider brushstroke of social media support for the office through the DA’s Communications Division. The unit is managed by TSS Supervisor Roxanne Grooms. TSS hired three key personnel to fill vacancies brought on by retirement and attrition during 2007.

Through a variety of ways, the unit helps prosecutors present the facts and evidence during trial. The process begins with case consulting. TSS staff sits down with a Deputy District Attorney and determines what is needed, arriving at a powerful presentation solution. From this discussion, exhibits are created which may include photos, charts, graphs, maps, and timelines as well as video, audio, 3-D modeling and the unit’s newest offering – computer animation.

TSS also provides discovery (copies of relative information as it relates to the case) to DDAs and defense attorneys. This includes duplicating various media such as CDs, DVDs, tapes and photography. In addition, TSS employees compare and verify fingerprints. The unit networks with CAL ID through a quick and highly-secure online connection, allowing for controlled access to booking information and fingerprint files. This access allows the unit to quickly assist DDAs in identifying individuals.
Finally, the unit has a two-route courier service that allows packages, files, and exhibits to be moved along a southern and northern route to the District Attorney branch offices. This expedient service has been highly beneficial when items are needed for timely court dates or other urgent requests.

Trial Support Services also offers technical support for the Communications Division. Projects during 2007 included event live-streaming, intranet design, logo development, podcasting, promotional and training video production and various print media design. Providing this type of service without relying on outside vendors has resulted in an efficient and cost-effective way to complete various DA initiatives.

Trial Support Services’ most notable accomplishments in 2007 were far-reaching. Working with the Communications Division, the unit helped manage a national broadcast media monitoring and clipping service that is new to the office. The service allows us to track and download television news stories pertinent to District Attorney cases and initiatives. These media downloads included case-related clips that provide investigative leads, video that could be used in the courtroom as evidence, and media coverage of the office.

TSS facilitated the first live streaming of the DA’s Citizens Academy, a ten-week course that demystifies the criminal justice system. The academy is free to the public, but putting it on the Internet pushed the information out to a much wider audience. Users logged on from remote locations and hundreds of hits came from people in San Diego, across California, and even out of state.

Trial Support Services added 3-D computer animation to the tools the DDAs can use in the courtroom. This powerful addition has helped prosecutors better communicate complicated facts of a case to the jury. Juries have grown to expect this type of presentation, in the wake of popular crime scene investigation television shows like CSI. The DA’s Trial Support Services Unit is at the forefront of DA offices across the country in leveraging this cutting-edge design technology.

Planning began in 2007 to move Trial Support Services into a new home in the Hall of Justice. Construction began on the fourth floor of the building and preparations were made for the move. In addition, TSS staff in the DA’s South Bay Branch also moved to a new location, along with the rest of that branch’s employees. Both new facilities were designed to maximize space and allow for growth.

Finally, Trial Support Services was honored by the Deputy District Attorneys Association. The unit received an award for Professional Excellence in the Pursuit of Justice for preparation of courtroom exhibits.

At the end of 2007, the Trial Support Services Unit began reporting directly to the DA’s Chief Administrative Officer.
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Fiscal Year 2007 - 2008 Budget

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Felony Prosecutions by Crime Type

- Robbery: 5%
- Assault: 11%
- DUI: 3%
- Burglary: 13%
- Sex Offenses (Inc. Rape): 3%
- Vehicle Theft: 8%
- Weapons Offenses: 3%
- Other Felonies: 6%
- Drug-Related Offenses: 34%
- Theft: 13%
- Homicide: 1%
On September 29, 2007, during the Annual Awards Banquet, the Association honored its fellow members, and other law enforcement officials, by bestowing the following awards:

- Edwin L. Miller Jr. Lifetime Achievement Award: Mark V. Pettine
- Outstanding Achievement Award: Elizabeth L. McClutchey, Blaine Bowman, Robert O. Amador, and David T. Grapilon
- District Attorney Investigator of the Year: Robert L. Marquez
- Government Official/Law Enforcement Officer of the Year: Patrick W. Gardner, San Diego Sheriff’s Dept.
- Special Recognition: District AttorneyTrial Support Services Unit for Professional Excellence in the Pursuit of Justice
Communications Director Paul Levikow, Public Affairs Officers Steve Walker and Midge Costanza
Bronze Bernays Award – Speeches
Public Relations Society of America

Public Affairs Officer Steve Walker
Bronze Bernays Award – External Video Program
Public Relations Society of America

District Attorney Communications Division
Bronze Bernays Award - Best Annual Report
Public Relations Society of America

District Attorney Communications Division
Best-In-Show – District Attorney Public Website
San Diego Press Club

Deputy District Attorney Patrick Espinoza and Deputy District Attorney Dwayne Moring
Sexual Assault Response Team Award
"Response With a Heart" for dedicated prosecution and compassionate treatment of victims of sexual assault.

San Diego County District Attorney’s Office
President’s Award for Diversity
Urban League of San Diego County

Deputy District Attorney Dwayne Moring
Outstanding Service by a Public Attorney Award
San Diego County Bar Association

Deputy District Attorney Rachel Cano
Community Service Award
San Diego County Bar Association

Deputy District Attorney Damon Mosler
Narcotics Prosecutor of the Year
California Narcotics Officers Association Region IV

Deputy District Attorney Damon Mosler
Director’s Award for Distinguished Service
Office of National Drug Control Policy

District Attorney Investigator Alex Garcia
Officer of the Year
San Diego Police Officers Association

District Attorney Investigator Daniel Simas
Officer of the Year
Crime Stoppers

District Attorney Investigators Daniel Schmitt and Steve Long
Officer of the Year
San Diego Crime Commission

Process Server Abraham Macias
Explorer of the Year
National City Police Department

Chief Deputy District Attorney Mark Pettine
Edwin L. Miller, Jr. Lifetime Achievement Award
Deputy District Attorneys Association

Deputy District Attorneys Elizabeth Mcclutchey, Blaine Bowman, Robert Amador, and David Grapilon
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Deputy District Attorneys Association

Deputy District Attorney Laura Gunn
Prosecutor of the Year
Deputy District Attorneys Association

Deputy District Attorney Summer Stephen
Charles Nickel Award
Deputy District Attorneys Association

Trial Support Services Unit
Special Recognition: Professional Excellence in the Pursuit of Justice
Deputy District Attorneys Association

Awards 2007
**Ethics**
We hold ourselves to the highest standard of integrity and personal and professional conduct.

**Respect**
We treat each other and all members of the public with dignity and respect.

**Accountability**
We accept a shared responsibility for ensuring sound fiscal management, operational efficiency and continuous improvement.

**Support for Victims**
We show compassion and understanding to the victims of crime and their families.

**Diversity**
We are committed to diversity, and recognize the significant and valuable contributions to our Mission from our employees and the community we serve.

**Teamwork**
We are committed to teamwork to achieve our mission, and acknowledge that, as employees of the District Attorney we are also members of the San Diego County Team, and we embrace its motto, “the noblest motive is the public good.”

**Community Partnership**
We advocate and support building strong and viable partnerships with law enforcement, all members of the criminal justice systems and the community we serve to achieve the highest level of public safety for our citizens.

**Communication**
We are open and forthright in our communications with each other and all those with whom we come in contact.
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