

Sauk County, Wisconsin  
**Sauk County District Attorney Annual Report**

**2018 Mission Statement:** The Mission of the District Attorney’s Office is to prosecute violations of State law and County ordinances on behalf of the citizens of the County and in the name of the State of Wisconsin.

**2018 Goals Review**

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OBJECTIVE	WAS THIS OBJECTIVE REACHED IN 2018?
	Yes or No (If no, please provide comment)
Complete the prosecution of juvenile delinquency cases which will provide treatment and/or punishment for juveniles	We continue to receive new cases causing all programs to be on going.
Prosecute all cases as scheduled by the Courts	We continue to receive new cases causing all programs to be on going.
Recover Restitution and return it to the community	We continue to receive new cases causing all programs to be on going.
Provide services to Sauk county crime victims in compliance with Chapter 950 of the Wisconsin Statutes and the Crime Victims Constitutional Amendment	We continue to receive new cases causing all programs to be on going.

**Changes / Accomplishments:**

Victim Witness: The Court System (fast track scheduling) will continue to impact victim services because it means less time to contact victims for the purpose of assuring their constitutional rights and involvement in their case. The Victim Rights Legislation provides additional obligations on Victim Witness units and District Attorney's Offices regarding notification of proceedings and participation in the Court Process. We are currently staffed at 1.8 positions in the Victim Witness Unit.

Electronic Files/E-Filing: Every new case after January 1, 2014, is an electronic file in the District Attorney’s office. As time permits, we continue to purge and/or convert pre-1/1/14 paper files to electronic format. We continue to work on developing written policies and procedures for how to handle cases in electronic format – for both County office staff as well as the District Attorney and Assistants. The procedures and policies remain a work in progress and will be modified as day to day functioning presents more efficient procedures. E-filing of criminal court cases began in June 2017 and E-filing of Juvenile court cases began in December 2018. This process has proved to be a seamless transition for the District Attorney’s office given the majority of our cases were already in an electronic format.

Pre-Charging Diversion Program: As part of an effort to reduce the number of criminal charges filed against low-risk offenders, the Sauk County DA’s Office is collaborating with the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC), and referring certain cases to the Pre-Charging Diversion Program. The program offers diversion from formal criminal charges in favor of case management which provides the participant with direction and support in an Individual Service Plan (ISP) with the promise of charges remaining uncharged upon successful completion.

Sauk County Adult Treatment Court: The Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC), in collaboration with the Sauk County DA’s Office, Sauk County Courts, State Public Defender, Wisconsin Department of Corrections, Sauk County DHS, Sauk County Health Department and Law Enforcement, created and staffs the Sauk County Adult Drug Court. The program provides participants with intensive supervision, intensive treatment, case management and accountability directly to a Court to help them break the cycle of substance abuse and the criminal conduct associated with substance use disorder.

**Statistical Summary:** All Programs: The Court system requires that a criminal complaint be filed before a person appears in Court. This allows the District Attorney's Office on average two to four hours to prepare criminal complaints each day for bail hearings. The Court system also requires any person charged with a domestic abuse related offense to appear at the next scheduled bail hearing after the offense occurs. With implementation of the “paperless” procedures, the bail attorney is under stricter time constraints to review bail reports, make charging decisions, consider bail recommendations, and prepare for an afternoon of Court appearances. Duties continue to be shifted to other attorneys, if available, to accommodate that requirement.

## OUTPUT MEASURES

DESCRIPTION	2013 ACTUAL	2014 ACTUAL	2015 ACTUAL	2016 ACTUAL	2017 ACTUAL	2018 ACTUAL
Total Cases Received	2951	2792	2624	2808	3186	2983
Felony Complaints Filed	446	442	458	488	586	619
Misdemeanor Complaints Filed	774	743	667	642	614	624
CT Complaints Filed (Criminal)	616	527	349	396	397	427
Juvenile Delinquent Filed	43	37	50	41	53	43
Civil Traffic/Forfeiture	695	720	707	757	1009	958
Victim Initial Contact Letters	943	1008	1149	1125	1148	1014

## OUTCOME AND EFFICIENCY MEASURES

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