SAO OFFICE LOCATIONS

SAO HEADQUARTERS:
120 E BALTIMORE ST, BALTIMORE, MD 21202

HARGROVE:
700 E. PATAPSCO AVE, BALTIMORE, MD 21225

MITCHELL COURTHOUSE:
100 NORTH CALVERT ST, BALTIMORE, MD 21202

COURTHOUSE EAST:
111 N CALVERT ST, BALTIMORE, MD 21202

JUVENILE JUSTICE CENTER:
300 N GAY ST, BALTIMORE, MD 21202

WABASH:
5800 WABASH AVE, BALTIMORE, MD 21215

NORTH AVE:
1400 E. NORTH AVE, BALTIMORE, MD 21213

SAO - State’s Attorney Office
ASA - Assistant State’s Attorney
Dear Friends,

It is truly an honor to serve as your State’s Attorney and I am pleased to present our 2017 Annual Report. My administration has been steadfastly committed to accountability, professionalism and transparency since taking office in 2015. These values are the keys to unlocking a future where community confidence in the criminal justice system is restored; violent repeat offenders are held accountable; and our communities feel safe again.

While 2017 was a difficult year for Baltimore’s citizens and our collective crime fight, our talented and dedicated Assistant State’s Attorneys continued to zealously prosecute cases and fight on behalf of all victims and witnesses of crime.

OUR HIGHLIGHTS FROM 2017 INCLUDE:

TACKLING CRIME IN THE COURTROOM
• We prosecuted over 41,000 cases including nearly 3,800 felony cases in Circuit Court.
• Our prosecutorial units continued to deliver justice. The Felony Trial and Special Victims Units closed the year with 92% and 94% conviction rates respectively.
• We successfully convicted every Public Enemy #1 who has been brought to trial since 2015; collectively, their sentences include six life sentences and 700+ years in prison.

SERVING OUR VICTIMS AND WITNESSES
• Our Victim/Witness Unit doubled in size in 2017 with the support of a record $2.4 million in grant funding.
• We relocated 125 victims and witnesses of crime.
• Our 3rd Annual Winter Solstice Banquet raised over $12,000 for the Crime Victims’ Emergency Fund, which provides immediate financial assistance to victims of crimes.

RESTORING THE COMMUNITY’S FAITH IN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM
• We launched Community Court Watch—a web-based tool that allows citizens to track case information for crimes occurring in their neighborhoods.
• The Conviction Integrity Unit (CIU)—the only CIU in the state with a program dedicated to investigating wrongful conviction cases—exonerated Lamar Johnson, who served nearly 14 years in prison for a murder he did not commit. CIU will expand in 2018 with the addition of an investigator dedicated to investigating claims of wrongful conviction.
• We continue to review the thousands of cases impacted by the indictments and convictions of eight members of the Baltimore Police Department Gun Trace Task Force.

INVESTING IN OUR YOUTH
• Our 2017 Junior State’s Attorneys Program welcomed 45 participants—its biggest cohort to date—and was able to pay these young, bright stars for the first time.
• Great Expectations, which introduces 4th grade students to careers in the criminal justice system, expanded its footprint to three schools.
• We launched #BmorePopUp, a summer event series which provides alternative activities for over 2,500 Baltimore youth every Friday evening between 6 and 9 PM—a time frame when juvenile crime tends to spike.

There is much more information contained within this report. I encourage you to share these updates with your friends, family, and neighbors. I look forward to working with you as we continue to address our city’s public safety challenges. With your support and participation, we can make Baltimore a safer home for all.

Marilyn Mosby
DELIVERING JUSTICE

PUBLIC ENEMY #1

WE HAVE SUCCESSFULLY CONVICTED EVERY PUBLIC ENEMY #1 WHO HAS BEEN BROUGHT TO TRIAL SINCE 2015; COLLECTIVELY, THEIR SENTENCES INCLUDE SIX LIFE SENTENCES PLUS 700+ YEARS IN PRISON.

Marion Daughton:
Attempted to murder two women in 2016. Sentenced to 100 years.

Darryl Anderson:
Opened fire on seven women and one man in 2013, killing two women. Sentenced to life plus 240 years.

Gregg Thomas:
Shot Sergeant Keith McNeill, an officer with the Baltimore Police Department, in 2014 as he sat in his car on Belair Road. Sergeant McNeill survived the shooting. Sentenced to life plus 35 years.

Carl Cooper:
Shot elderly siblings in February 2016. Cooper’s intended target escaped but the siblings were struck by errant bullets. Sentenced to life, suspend all but 50 years, plus an additional 10 years.

Alan Ford:
Barricaded two people inside a home in late 2015 before lighting it on fire, resulting in the death of a 61-year-old woman. Sentenced to life, suspend all but 25 years.

Capone Chase:
Murdered an expectant father in front of his pregnant girlfriend in 2013. Chase, a member of the Black Guerilla Family, had only been out of jail for three days before committing the murder. Sentenced to life plus 50 years.

Eddie Tarver:
Involved in the fatal shooting of one-year-old Carter Scott as he sat in his car seat in the back of his father’s car in 2013. Sentenced to two life sentences plus 20 years.

Charles Henson:
Brutally murdered Davon Johnson in front of his mother in 2015 as she pleaded for her son’s life. Sentenced to 45 years.

Christopher Goode:
Violently attacked the mother of his child with a box-cutter in 2013, ultimately stabbing her approximately 10 times. Sentenced to 33 years.

Dontae Breeden:
Murdered 18-year-old Rykeise Shaw in late 2015. Sentenced to life plus 23 years.

Jamal Williams:
Shot into a crowd, injuring two people during a party near Morgan State University in 2013. Sentenced to 20 years.
DELIVERING JUSTICE

2016 & 2017 CONVICTION RATES

**KEY**

- 2016
- 2017
- UNIT ESTABLISHED IN 2017

**IN 2017, THE HOMICIDE UNIT SECURED 78 CONVICTIONS FOR A CONVICTION RATE OF 77%**

The unit is led by a division chief, an investigatory captain, and a trial captain, and staffed by 13 asas and six support staff members. Since 2015, the average caseload of our homicide prosecutors has increased nearly 20 percent. Today, homicide prosecutors in Baltimore City, on average, file 54 cases each—more than double the caseload of 20 cases per prosecutor recommended by the Bureau of Justice Assistance.

**THE FELONY TRIAL UNIT INVESTIGATES AND PROSECUTES A RANGE OF VIOLENT FELONIES INCLUDING ATTEMPTED MURDER, FELONY ASSAULT, ARMED ROBBERY, CARJACKING, ARSON AND BURGLARY. THE UNIT IS LED BY A DIVISION CHIEF AND TWO TEAM CAPTAINS, AND STAFFED BY 12 ASAS AND FIVE SUPPORT STAFF MEMBERS. IN 2017, THE UNIT SECURED 1,083 CONVICTIONS FOR A CONVICTION RATE OF 92%**


**IN ITS FIRST YEAR, THE NARCOTICS UNIT LED THE AGENCY WITH A CONVICTION RATE, SECURING 366 CONVICTIONS. THE UNIT—LED BY A DIVISION CHIEF AND A TEAM CAPTAIN, AND STAFFED BY 10 ASAS AND FOUR SUPPORT STAFF MEMBERS—USES A GEOGRAPHIC PROSECUTION MODEL TO IDENTIFY, INVESTIGATE AND PROSECUTE THE INDIVIDUALS SELLING DRUGS IN BALTIMORE. 98%**

**IN 2017, THE SPECIAL VICTIMS UNIT (SVU) SECURED 232 CONVICTIONS FOR A CONVICTION RATE OF 94%**

Led by a division chief and three team captains, SVU’s 13 asas are divided among the felony trial, misdemeanor jury trial and district court units. New in 2017, SVU has a full-time, grant-funded asa housed within BPD’s family crimes unit to collaborate in real-time on domestic violence and sex assault investigations.
The SAO and the Baltimore Police Department (BPD) established the joint Gun Violence Enforcement Division (GVED) in late 2016 in an effort to use intelligence to apprehend, charge and convict gun offenders who have been identified as individuals driving crime in Baltimore. GVED is staffed by five detectives and a Sergeant from the BPD and 11 ASAs, a Team Captain and a Division Chief from the SAO. The detectives and prosecutors are housed together at the SAO’s headquarters in Downtown Baltimore. Although previous SAO administrations have had similar gun-focused units, those units did not have embedded detectives or access to the type of intelligence gathering made possible by the current administration’s Crime Strategies Unit.

In its first year, GVED secured 93 convictions for a conviction rate of 82 percent. Notable convictions include Rodney Baxter, who pled guilty to shooting a motorist after a hit and run accident. Baxter was sentenced to 30 years, suspend all but 20 years. Antwaun Harris was convicted of first degree assault, use of a handgun in the commission of a crime of violence, and conspiracy to commit first degree assault for shooting another man after a verbal altercation. Harris’ victim survived gunshot wounds to the neck, chest and back; and he was sentenced to 25 years, suspend all but ten, for the assault charge and five years without parole for the firearm charge. Andrew Brown was convicted of armed robbery and other charges for a botched robbery that began at the Horseshoe Casino. Brown’s co-conspirators, two women, lured two victims from the Casino to a nearby residence. Brown later arrived at the residence, brandished a gun, and attempted to rob the victims. The victims fought back and were ultimately able to flee. Brown was sentenced to 30 years in prison, suspend all but 20 years.

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HOMICIDE UNIT

The increase in homicides in Baltimore in 2017 had an immediate impact on the prosecutors tasked with investigating and prosecuting these heinous crimes—the SAO’s Homicide Unit. Since 2015, the average caseload of our homicide prosecutors has increased nearly 20 percent. Today, homicide prosecutors in Baltimore are assigned, on average, 54 cases each—more than double the caseload of 20 cases per prosecutor recommended by the Bureau of Justice Assistance. Despite their heavy caseload, the ASAs in the Homicide Unit secured 78 convictions in 2017 for a conviction rate of 77 percent.

In 2017, the Homicide Unit secured the convictions of several of Baltimore’s most violent offenders. Nathaniel Green was convicted by a jury of first degree murder and two counts of attempted first- and second-degree murder for a triple shooting in 2016. Green shot and killed 60-year-old Sheila Jordan during a neighborhood dispute, and shot and wounded two others. Green was sentenced to three consecutive life sentences plus 60 years.

Elias Alvarado was convicted by a jury of murdering two women within a week’s time in 2016. Alvarado strangled Annquinette Dates in Northwest Baltimore on September 2, 2016. Just six days later, on September 8th, he strangled Ranarda Williams. DNA evidence and security camera footage connected Alvarado to both murders. He was sentenced to two consecutive life sentences.

Angel Fury was sentenced to life in prison, suspend all but 50 years, for the first-degree murder and robbery of Edward Yesaitis. Fury befriended Yesaitis at Penn Station, then lured him back to a motel in Southeast Baltimore. Fury, with her co-defendant Christopher Wilkins, then bludgeoned Yesaitis to death before fleeing to North Carolina.

Avery Little was convicted of second degree murder and multiple handgun charges for the violent murder of Derrill Crawley in 2014. Crawley was laying on the ground unconscious when Little retrieved a gun, and shot him multiple times. Little was sentenced to a total of 50 years—30 years for the murder and 20 years for the handgun charges to be served consecutively.
DELIVERING JUSTICE

FELONY TRIAL

The Felony Trial Unit is tasked with investigating and prosecuting a range of violent felonies including attempted murder, felony assault, armed robbery, carjacking, arson and burglary. The Unit is led by a Division Chief and two Team Captains and staffed by 12 ASAs and four support staff members. In 2017, the Unit secured 1,083 convictions for a conviction rate of 92 percent.

The Felony Trial Unit successfully removed several dangerous individuals from our community in 2017 including Public Enemy #1 Carl Cooper, who shot two elderly siblings while they were waiting for a bus at the Walbrook Junction Shopping Center. The siblings were not Cooper’s intended target, but were hit by errant bullets during the firefight. Cooper was sentenced to life, suspend all but 50 years, plus an additional 10 years to run consecutive to the life sentence. The Unit also secured the conviction of violent repeat offender Kemo Owens, ensuring he remains behind bars for the rest of his life. Owens stabbed a fellow inmate with a homemade knife while incarcerated at the Baltimore City Detention Center. Despite the victim refusing to testify, the jury returned a guilty verdict for first degree assault and other charges. Owens was sentenced to an additional 35 years of incarceration on top of the 25 years he was serving at the time for a robbery.

NARCOTICS UNIT

The SAO is fighting on the front lines of the City’s opioid crisis. In late 2016, State’s Attorney Mosby created the Narcotics Unit to investigate and prosecute the criminals bringing Heroin, Fentanyl, and other drugs into our City. The Unit uses a geographic prosecution model with ASAs working in teams to cover specific parts of the City.

The Narcotics Unit collaborates almost daily with our partners in local, state and federal law enforcement to slow the opioid epidemic. Prosecutors from our Narcotics, Crime Strategies and Major Investigations Units work with the Baltimore Police Department and the Drug Enforcement Administration on the Overdose Task Force which works to identify, investigate and prosecute the drug cartels distributing Fentanyl in Baltimore. The Unit also participates in the federally funded High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) project, which works on a regional level to identify, investigate and prosecute drug crime.

As a result of this successful collaboration, the Narcotics Unit secured 364 convictions in 2017 with a conviction rate of 98 percent. The Unit’s convictions include D’andre Anderson, who was arrested after police observed him dealing drugs from a home in Southeast Baltimore. After searching the home, police found Anderson’s stash of more than 550 Heroin gel caps. Anderson was convicted of multiple drug charges and sentenced to 20 years. The Narcotics Unit and the police also collaborated to disband and convict a drug trafficking organization (DTO) selling Heroin under the trade name “Red Bull”. Police used undercover detectives to observe and record the DTO distributing drugs. Michael Erwin, who supplied and oversaw the DTO, and Jay Jenkins, who served as Erwin’s lieutenant, were arrested and convicted on multiple drug charges. Both men were sentenced to 12 years.
In 2015, State’s Attorney Mosby created the Crime Strategies Unit (CSU) to use data and 21st century technology to fight crime. CSU is led by an experienced prosecutor and staffed by a team of two ASAs, one data analyst and three community liaisons. The Unit is also supported by two data analysts on loan from the Maryland National Guard and an intern from Johns Hopkins University. The team works with the Baltimore Police Department (BPD), other law enforcement agencies, and members of the community to identify the groups and individuals responsible for driving crime in Baltimore. CSU is an active partner in BPD’s War Room— an intelligence and operations hub inside BPD’s headquarters where partners from local, state and federal law enforcement agencies collaborate in real-time on active investigations. BPD and CSU are both partners in the Johns Hopkins Gun Collaborative, which meets bi-weekly to review gun arrests, investigations and prosecutions. Finally, staff from CSU meet regularly with partners from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, the Drug Enforcement Administration, and the U.S. Marshals Service.

Since its inception, CSU has developed a number of innovative tools to fight crime. The Arrest Alert System alerts prosecutors when a person of interest is arrested, enabling them to make appropriate bail and charging recommendations to detain violent offenders. In 2017, the system issued nearly 400 alerts to prosecutors. CSU also developed an innovative mapping system to make connections between criminal networks, incidents of crime, and evidence. The map currently includes over 5,000 data points such as homicides, non-fatal shootings, fentanyl arrests, camera locations and ballistics data.
CONNECTING WITH OUR COMMUNITY

NEW INITIATIVE: COMMUNITY COURT WATCH

In 2017, the SAO launched a new, online tool to engage the community in our fight against crime. Community Court Watch is a citywide database that enables the public to track the trajectory of arrests that have occurred in their neighborhoods. The Community Court Watch map is accessible on any smart device and features interactive data points that users can tap for court dates, outcomes, and other data related to arrests that have resulted in SAO cases. This information enables community members to attend court, submit timely impact statements and attend transfer hearings held at the Juvenile Justice Center. The map focuses on the City’s most violent crimes including homicides, non-fatal shootings, armed robberies, carjackings and animal cruelty. At any given time, the Community Court Watch map is tracking 750 to 1,000 cases. By the end of 2017, the map had been viewed over 3,200 times.

Access the Community Court Watch map online at: https://goo.gl/VyYnYT. The map will also be embedded on our website.

COMMUNITY LIAISONS

The SAO has a team of 10 dedicated community liaisons tasked with being the voice of the SAO in the community. The liaisons keep communities informed about key cases and trial dates, facilitate victim and community impact statements, connect victims to resources, and educate communities on the criminal justice system. The Community Liaison Program was reinstated by State’s Attorney Mosby in 2015 with support from the Baltimore City Council.
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NOT ALL VICTIMS ARE KILLED BY VIOLENCE: 523 MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN SUCCUMBED TO OPIOID RELATED OVERDOSES IN BALTIMORE FROM JANUARY THROUGH SEPTEMBER 2017. FENTANYL WAS INVOLVED IN OVER 80% OF THOSE DEATHS.
SPOTLIGHT ON 2018: RENOVATION OF THE VICTIM/WITNESS WAITING ROOM

In 2017, the SAO began renovating the Victim/Witness Waiting Room in the Mitchell Courthouse to make it a more welcoming space for victims and witnesses to receive services and await their appearances in court. The renovations were funded through a grant from the Governor’s Office of Crime Control and Prevention. The design plans were created by the nonprofit organization Design Angels and executed by the Department of General Services. Updates include a dedicated play area for children, updated power-integrated furniture, and a computer so visitors can access resources while they await trial. The new Victim/Witness Waiting Room will be unveiled in Spring 2018.
In October 2015, the Baltimore Police Department (BPD) equipped 150 police officers with body-worn cameras as part of a two-month pilot program. The following spring, Police Commissioner Kevin Davis announced the full deployment of body-worn cameras in the City. By the end of 2017, nearly the entire force was outfitted.

State’s Attorney Mosby created the Evidence Review Unit (ERU) to process the footage created by BPD’s body-worn cameras. ERU locates, reviews, redacts (when necessary), and uploads body-worn camera footage for all offenses in which a defendant is required to appear in court. ERU plays a vital role in helping ASAs prepare for court by tagging videos at critical moments such as when a defendant is first viewed on screen, when evidence is recovered or when an officer arrives on the scene. ERU is also critical to ensuring the SAO complies with our legal responsibilities during the discovery process by uploading and enabling the sharing of body-worn camera footage with the defense counsel.
In 2017, eight officers in the Baltimore Police Department’s Gun Trace Task Force were indicted in a racketeering conspiracy. Seven officers were indicted in March (pictured above) and an eighth was indicted in August. The officers abused their power, robbing people during unlawful traffic stops and illegal searches; ultimately stealing hundreds of thousands of dollars from 2014 through late 2016. Six officers pled guilty and face maximum sentences of 20 to 40 years. Two officers went to trial and were convicted by a federal jury of racketeering, racketeering conspiracy and robbery with the use of force. Those officers face a maximum of 60 years.

The indictments and convictions had an immediate impact on numerous investigations and pending SAO cases involving the officers. There are potentially thousands of cases that may ultimately be affected.

Whether planting evidence, re-enacting the seizure of evidence, or prematurely turning off their department-issued body-worn cameras, these actions misrepresent the truth when not disclosed by officers in statements of probable cause and ultimately undermine public trust.

- State’s Attorney Mosby
FREEING THE INNOCENT

Lamar Johnson and Malcolm Bryant: Two men freed after serving years in prison for murders they did not commit.

LAMAR’S CASE UNDERSCORES THE BENEFITS OF TRUE COLLABORATION BETWEEN INNOCENCE ORGANIZATIONS AND REAL, ROBUST CONVICTION REVIEW UNITS THAT LOOK BEYOND PROCEDURAL PROBLEMS AND DIG FOR THE TRUTH. THIS CASE SHOULD SERVE AS A MODEL FOR OTHER UNITS AROUND THE COUNTRY.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE MID-ATLANTIC INNOCENCE PROJECT
SHAWN ARMBRUST
In 2015, State’s Attorney Mosby expanded the Conviction Integrity Unit (CIU), charging the division with investigating and prosecuting claims of wrongful conviction. In 2016, CIU successfully exonerated Malcolm Bryant for the murder of 16-year-old Toni Bullock. Bryant had spent 17 years behind bars after he was convicted in 1999 of second degree murder. And, in 2017, CIU exonerated Lamar Johnson who spent nearly 14 years behind bars.

In 2017, CIU enlisted the assistance of the Quattrone Center for the Fair Administration of Justice at the University of Pennsylvania Law School to perform an event review of Malcolm Bryant’s case. The Quattrone Center is a national research and policy hub created to catalyze long-term structural improvements to the US criminal justice system. With the Quattrone Center facilitating, CIU convened a steering committee of stakeholder agencies to provide data to be examined for those factors and causes which contributed to Bryant’s wrongful conviction in 1999. In analyzing the data, the Quattrone Center will draft training proposals for each stakeholder agency designed to prevent repeating errors that led to Bryant’s wrongful conviction. The event review will be complete in 2018.

In 2018, CIU will expand to include a new, grant-funded investigator dedicated to investigate claims of wrongful conviction. The federal grant was received in partnership with the Mid-Atlantic Innocence Project and the University of Baltimore’s Innocence Project Clinic.

In addition to investigating claims of wrongful conviction, CIU also reviews all Maryland Public Information Act (MPIA) requests from incarcerated individuals. Each year, CIU receives approximately 300 requests from incarcerated Marylanders including 100-150 new requests. CIU also handles a variety of collateral matters including petitions for expungement, modification motions, habeas petitions and other post-sentencing matters. In 2017, CIU complied with the SAO’s legal obligations by reviewing 21,171 petitions for expungement for statutory eligibility, resulting in over 16,500 expunged cases.

In 2018, CIU will welcome Professor Ron Sullivan, Director of the Harvard Criminal Justice Institute, to observe CIU’s Conviction Integrity Program’s case flow and processes. Prof. Sullivan designed and implemented the successful Conviction Review Unit (CRU) in the Brooklyn District Attorney’s Office. Brooklyn’s CRU quickly became regarded as the model conviction review program in the nation and is the model for Baltimore’s Conviction Integrity Program. Prof. Sullivan will observe our team in action and make recommendations as to how we can improve our processes to identify instances of wrongful conviction.
TRAINING THE BEST &
THE BRIGHTEST

STAFF TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

89 TOTAL TRAININGS
70 LED BY SAO STAFF &
19 LED BY EXTERNAL PRESENTERS.

ADMINISTRATIVE LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

The SAO’s Training Division is responsible for training the SAO’s 400+ employees including sworn ASAs, paralegals, law clerks and other support staff. Led by veteran prosecutor Sharon Holback, the Training Division leads several "boot camps" each year for new law clerks, paralegals and ASAs. Each two-week boot camp provides a comprehensive overview of how to be a prosecutor in Baltimore City. The Division also provides several advanced trainings for existing ASAs throughout the year led by both in-house experts and external partners.

Each year, the SAO’s various divisions nominate one deserving support staff member to participate in the Administrative Leadership Program; in 2017, 11 individuals were nominated and selected. Participants spent 14 weeks touring different parts of the office and learning from various Division Chiefs and Team Captains. At the end of the program, the participants were split into teams and tasked with developing a project to improve the office. “Leadership is learned and participating in this program gave me the skills I need to guide others,” said Charging Unit paralegal Rosalind Garner. “People depended on me for guidance and direction in the final project. I learned that a good leader listens, delegates and incorporates the group’s ideas into one over-arching idea.”
ENGAGING THE BEST & THE BRIGHTEST

Our Staff are Committed to the SAO: 50 staff with 10+ years of service 25 staff with 20+ years of service
Thank you to all of Team SAO for your dedication and hard work!

WINTER SOLSTICE

SAO SUMMER PICNIC

BRING YOUR CHILD TO WORK DAY

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF APPRECIATION DAY

SAO FAMILY:
211 ASAs 195 ADMIN. STAFF
LEGISLATION & POLICY AFFAIRS

2017 LEGISLATIVE VICTORIES

- REMOVING PHYSICAL RESISTANCE AS A REQUIREMENT TO PROVE A SEX CRIME (SB217): Established that evidence of physical resistance is not required to prove that a sex crime occurred.

- RETAINING RAPE KIT EVIDENCE/NOTIFYING VICTIMS OF RAPE KIT DISPOSAL (SB349): Required all jurisdictions to retain rape kits for at least 20 years, enabling victims who initially wish to remain anonymous to decide to involve law enforcement at a later date.

- PROHIBITING DOMESTIC ABUSERS FROM POSSESSING A REGULATED FIREARM (SB224): Closed a dangerous loophole in the law that enabled individuals to possess a firearm despite receiving a ‘probation before judgment’ for a domestically-related second degree assault.

- CLARIFYING ANIMAL CRUELTY STATUTES (SB790): Further defined the state’s animal cruelty statutes, enabling prosecutors to more effectively prosecute and convict animal abusers.

- ELIMINATING AUTOMATIC ADULT JURISDICTION (SB215): The SAO worked with a consortium of prosecutors statewide to successfully oppose this dangerous bill. This bill, if successful, would have eliminated automatic adult jurisdiction for juveniles in cases of robbery, assault and gun crimes.

2018 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

- REPEAT SEXUAL PREDATOR PREVENTION ACT: The SAO, with the support of bill sponsors Senator Jim Brochin and Delegate Vanessa Atterbeary, will continue the fight for this critical legislation that will enable the state to introduce evidence of a defendant’s other relevant sex crimes.

- STATE RIGHT OF APPEAL IN GUN CASES: If passed, this bill will enable the state to appeal court decisions suppressing evidence in firearms cases. This right is already established in cases involving a crime of violence or drug trafficking.

- POLICE POWERS FOR INVESTIGATORS: This legislation would give the State’s Attorney the authority to appoint investigators with the power to make arrests, carry a firearm, and serve warrants.

- FUNDING FOR VICTIM/WITNESS RELOCATION: Demand for the relocation of victims and witnesses of crime far exceeds our budget constraints. The SAO will lobby for additional funds in 2018 to ensure that we are able to protect all victims and witnesses in need.
In 2018, for the fifth consecutive year, State’s Attorney Mosby is lobbying for critical legislation that will allow prosecutors to introduce evidence of a defendant’s other relevant sex crimes and bring Maryland’s sexual assault laws closer to federal rules. State’s Attorney Mosby first supported this legislation in 2014 prior to taking office. In 2015, as State’s Attorney, she made the bill the SAO’s priority piece of legislation. In 2016, the bill made record progress passing both the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee and the Senate Chamber unanimously before dying in the House Judiciary Committee. In 2017, despite support from advocates and practitioners statewide and inclusion in Governor Hogan’s legislative package, the bill failed to receive a vote in either chamber.

In 2018, the State’s Attorney is joined by more than 35 elected officials, organizations, public agencies, and survivors statewide. Thank you to the following groups for their support:

ATTORNEY GENERAL BRIAN FROSH • BALTIMORE CHILD ABUSE CENTER • BALTIMORE POLICE DEPARTMENT • BALTIMORE COUNTY EXECUTIVE KEVIN KAMENETZ • BALTIMORE COUNTY STATE’S ATTORNEY’S OFFICE • CALVERT COUNTY STATE’S ATTORNEY’S OFFICE • DIMENSIONS HEALTH (PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY DOMESTIC VIOLENCE/SEXUAL ASSAULT CENTER) • FORCE: UPSETTING RAPE CULTURE • GOVERNOR LARRY HOGAN • HUMAN TRAFFICKING PREVENTION PROJECT, THE UNIVERSITY OF BALTIMORE SCHOOL OF LAW • HOWARD COUNTY STATE’S ATTORNEY’S OFFICE • LEGISLATIVE BLACK CAUCUS OF MARYLAND • MARYLAND CHIEFS OF POLICE ASSOCIATION • MARYLAND COALITION AGAINST SEXUAL ASSAULT • MARYLAND HUMAN TRAFFICKING TASK FORCE • MARYLAND LEGISLATIVE AGENDA FOR WOMEN • WOMEN LEGISLATORS OF MARYLAND • MARYLAND SHERIFFS’ ASSOCIATION • MARYLAND STATE’S ATTORNEYS’ ASSOCIATION • MONTGOMERY COUNTY COMMISSION FOR WOMEN • MONTGOMERY COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT • MONTGOMERY COUNTY STATE’S ATTORNEY’S OFFICE • PHINYNX MINISTRIES • PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY STATE’S ATTORNEY’S OFFICE • SEXUAL ASSAULT FORENSIC EXAMINATION (SAFE) PROGRAM TEAM AT MERCY HOSPITAL • SARU: THE SEXUAL ASSAULT RESOURCE UNIT, JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY • SURVJUSTICE • THE COALITION TO PROTECT MARYLAND’S CHILDREN • TURNAROUND, INC. • WICOMICO COUNTY STATE’S ATTORNEY’S OFFICE • WISE OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY • WOMEN’S DEMOCRATIC CLUB OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY • WOMEN’S LAW CENTER OF MARYLAND • ZETA PHI BETA SORORITY INC—CHI BETA CHAPTER • AND ALL OF THE SURVIVORS WHO CONTINUE TO BRAVELY SHARE THEIR STORIES IN SUPPORT OF THIS IMPORTANT BILL.
WHY WE INVEST IN OUR YOUTH

As prosecutors, we must be reactive by prosecuting those who commit crimes in Baltimore City, but we must also play a role in the prevention of crime by getting to our youth before they get entangled in the criminal justice system.

State’s Attorney Mosby

Juvenile offenders in Baltimore City are becoming increasingly brazen and violent in their crimes. In 2017, 26 juveniles in Baltimore City were arrested for murder or attempted murder. That’s double the 13 juvenile arrests for the same crimes in 2016.

State law mandates that youth of a certain age charged with certain violent crimes such as murder, attempted murder and rape face charges in the adult system. The defense, however, reserves the right to request a transfer back to juvenile court. The vast majority of these transfers are granted by the courts. In FY16, 71% of all transfer requests were granted, up drastically from 54% in FY15 and 39% in FY14. In 2017, 83% of all transfer requests were granted. A majority of these youth are nearly adults, and a third are repeat offenders with three or more delinquencies, who are charged with heinous crimes of violence.

While we, as prosecutors, are limited by the constraints of the law as to what we can do to hold violent youth accountable, we can attempt to reach our youth before they turn violent. That’s why, under State’s Attorney Mosby’s leadership, we have made significant investments in our youth to engage them in the positive aspects of the criminal justice system. State’s Attorney Mosby has sworn in 100 Junior State’s Attorneys through the Junior State’s Attorney Program, reached hundreds of fourth graders through Great Expectations, and gave more than 2,500 youth and their families a safe and fun place to socialize on Friday nights through B’more Pop-Ups.
Created by State’s Attorney Mosby in 2015, the Junior State’s Attorney (JSA) program is a six-week, summer enrichment program for current and rising ninth-grade Baltimore City students. JSA builds trust and faith in the criminal justice system while empowering our city’s youth to be involved in the criminal justice profession, not the system. Students are selected based on a written essay, application and interview. Students are sworn in as official Junior State’s Attorneys, and spend the summer meeting with judges, prosecutors, police officers, sheriff deputies, forensic experts, elected officials, civil rights activists, and more. The summer concludes with a student-led community service project and a mock trial competition at the University of Baltimore School of Law. For the first time, in 2017, the Junior State’s Attorneys were paid through the YouthWorks Program. Also in 2017, the SAO established the Junior State’s Attorney Alumni Association to keep past Junior State’s Attorneys engaged with the SAO.

JSA was a great learning experience. If I could do it again, I would.
Kelsie Kirton, Class of 2015

The JSA Program helped me see the world for what it really is, not a fantasy that it can sometimes show.
Jasmine McClain, Class of 2016

JSA has changed my life for the better and has made me a better person.
Monaye Smalls, Class of 2017 and JSA Alumni Association President
Great Expectations (GE) is a ten-month program that introduces fourth grade Baltimore City Public School students to careers in the criminal justice system, while improving their critical thinking and reading skills. Throughout the school year, criminal justice professionals from the SAO, Baltimore Police Department, the Office of the Public Defender and more teach students about their respective careers. GE launched in 2015 at Franklin Square Elementary School, and continued at William Pinderhughes Elementary School in 2016. In 2017, with grant funding from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Great Expectations expanded to three schools: Gilmor and Matthew A. Henson Elementary Schools in West Baltimore and City Springs Elementary School in East Baltimore.

Thank you to DTLR, Cori Ramos and Associates, and all of the donors who made our first Great Expectations Holiday Party a success. More than 800 toys were donated and distributed to our 200 Great Expectations students. ‘This is the true definition of holiday cheer and giving.’

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B’MORE POP-UPS

In summer of 2017, State’s Attorney Mosby launched a series of Pop-Ups to provide free programming to youth and their families during the critical evening hours of 6-9 PM on Fridays when juvenile crime is most likely to occur. More than 2,500 youth and their families attended the Pop-Ups. The SAO launched Winter Pop-Ups in 2018 to provide youth and their families with fun, safe activities during the school year. Check our website for dates!

THANK YOU TO THE 31 PARTNERS WHO MADE OUR POP-UPS A SUCCESS!

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