MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Office of the State’s Attorney for Baltimore City is to safeguard communities in Baltimore City through the effective prosecution of crime.

Justice is the only barometer of success for our office, which is why our prosecutors are sworn to aggressively pursue “justice over convictions” in every case. Justice is doing what is fair and appropriate in each case, taking into account the nature of the crime, its impact upon the victim, and the circumstances of the defendant. Sometimes justice requires a conviction and lengthy prison sentence, but other times justice requires dropping all charges, or diverting a defendant out of the criminal justice system to drug rehabilitation, education or job training.

When the evidence exists—justice also requires us to exonerate those that have been falsely accused or wrongly convicted.

VISION STATEMENT

The Office of the State’s Attorney for Baltimore City, which is uncompromisingly committed to accountability, professionalism, and transparency— is working towards a future where community trust in the criminal justice system is restored; violent offenders are held accountable, and communities feel safe. We seek to cultivate an environment where success is measured not solely by the number of convictions obtained but how we engage communities and apply justice independent of one’s sex, race, religion, sexual orientation or occupation.
Dear Baltimore,

I am eternally grateful to serve as your State’s Attorney and it is with much excitement that I share with you our first Full Term Report. Since the start of my administration in 2015, we have not wavered in our commitment to accountability, professionalism and transparency. It is my hope that you have begun to see the results of our hard work to rebuild the trust in Baltimore’s criminal justice system.

The past four years have not been without their fair share of challenges as it relates to Baltimore’s crime fight and restoring faith in our local criminal justice system. This report highlights the phenomenal work of the Office of the State’s Attorney for Baltimore City (SAO) and you, the Community!

Our successes for the first term of my administration include:

Triumphant in the Face of Unprecedented Obstacles

• Since 2015, the SAO has prosecuted approximately 150,000 cases in Circuit and District Court.
• In 2018, our Felony Trial Division and Special Victims Unit closed the term with a 97% and 94% conviction rates respectively.
• The SAO has successfully convicted almost every Public Enemy #1 designated by BPD.

Forcing Change, Transparency and Accountability

• We have identified over 2,100 cases impacted by the federal convictions of former Baltimore Police Department Gun Trace Task Force (GTTF) officers.
• In 2015, the newly created Policy and Legislative Affairs Division lobbied for various legislation that better balance the criminal justice system, including the passage of the Repeat Sexual Predator Prevention Act of 2018.
• We have diverted several first time drug distributors to AIM to B'More, where 98% of the graduates are now employed.

Changing the Way We Engage Our Community

• With the support of the City Council, we have reinstituted the Community Liaison Program.
• We launched the Community Court Watch – a web-based tool that allows citizens to track case information for crimes occurring in their neighborhoods.
• Over the past four years, we have traveled to over 1,500 community engagement events in an attempt to break down barriers of distrust among law enforcement and communities.

Investing In Our Youth

• Partnered with the Mayor’s Office of Employment Development for our Junior State’s Attorneys program, where we have employed over 160 young people while exposing them to the positive aspects of the criminal justice system.
• Our Great Expectations program exposed approximately 500 4th and 5th grade students to positive careers in the criminal justice system.
• Our #BmorePopUp events, a summer event series which has provided recreational activities for over 5,000 Baltimore youth every Friday evening between 6 p.m. and 9 p.m.—a time frame when juvenile crime tends to spike.

There are many more highlights, updates, and successes contained within this report and I encourage you to share with your neighbors, friends, and fellow community members.

Again, I am humbled and reinvigorated to serve you as your State’s Attorney for another term. Together, we will build a better Baltimore!

-Marilyn J. Mosby
TRIUMPHANT IN THE FACE OF UNPRECEDENTED OBSTACLES

FELONY
The Felony Trial Unit investigates and prosecutes a range of violent felonies including attempted murder, felony assault, armed robbery, carjacking, arson and burglary. This unit is led by a division chief and two team captains, and staffed by 13 ASAs and four support staff members.

HOMICIDE
The Homicide Unit is led by a division chief, an investigative captain and a trial captain, and staffed by 15 ASAs and six support staff members. Since 2015, the average caseload of our homicide prosecutors has increased nearly 20%. Today, homicide prosecutors in Baltimore carry an average of 54 cases each – more than double the caseload of 20 cases per prosecutor recommended by the Bureau of Justice Assistance.

NARCOTICS
Re-established in 2016, the Narcotics Unit is led by a division chief and a deputy division chief, and staffed by 11 ASAs and four support staff members – uses a geographic prosecution model to identify, investigate and prosecute the individuals selling drugs in Baltimore.

GUN VIOLENCE ENFORCEMENT DIVISION
Created in late 2016, the Gun Violence Enforcement Division (GVED) is a collaborative, data-driven unit staffed by 11 prosecutors, a division chief, and a deputy division chief from the SAO and a sergeant and five detectives from the BPD. The detectives and prosecutors work together to identify, apprehend, charge and convict the top gun offenders in the City.

SPECIAL VICTIMS UNIT
Led by a division chief and three team captains, SVU’s 18 ASAs are divided among the felony trial, misdemeanor jury trial and district court units. In 2017, SVU added a full-time grant funded ASA housed within BPD’s Family Crimes Unit to collaborate in real-time domestic violence and sexual assault investigations.
FIRST TERM CONVICTION RATES  
(2015-2018)  

*Gun Violence Enforcement Division and Narcotics were established under the Mosby Administration in November 2016
PUBLIC ENEMY #1

With the exception of two offenders, we have successfully convicted every Public Enemy #1 designated by the Baltimore Police Department, that has gone to trial; collectively, their sentences include eight life sentences and 651+ years in prison. Public Enemy #1 is a most-wanted program established to capture the most dangerous suspects in Baltimore City and elicit more public cooperation.

MARION DAUGHTON
SENTENCE: 100 YEARS
Attempted to murder two unarmed women during a shootout in 2016.

DARRYL ANDERSON
SENTENCE: LIFE PLUS 240 YEARS
Opened fire on seven women and one man in 2013, killing two women.

GREGG THOMAS
SENTENCE: LIFE PLUS 35 YEARS
Shot Sergeant Keith McNeil, an officer with the BPD, in 2014 as he sat in his car on Belair Road. Sergeant McNeil survived the shooting.

CARL COOPER
SENTENCE: LIFE, SUSPEND ALL BUT 50 YEARS, PLUS AN ADDITIONAL 10 YEARS
Shot elderly siblings in February 2016. Cooper’s intended target escaped but the siblings were struck by errant bullets.

ALAN FORD
SENTENCE: LIFE, SUSPEND ALL BUT 25 YEARS
Barricaded two people inside a home in late 2015 before lighting it on fire, resulting in the death of a 61-year-old woman.

CAPONE CHASE
SENTENCE: LIFE PLUS 50 YEARS
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.
EDDIE TARVER  
SENTENCE: TWO LIFE SENTENCES PLUS 20 YEARS  
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.

CHARLES HENSON  
SENTENCE: 45 YEARS  
Brutally murdered Davon Johnson in front of his mother in 2015 as she pleaded for her son’s life.

CHRISTOPHER GOODE  
SENTENCE: 33 YEARS  
Violently attacked the mother of his child with a box-cutter in 2013, ultimately stabbing her approximately 10 times.

DONTAE BREEDEN  
SENTENCE: LIFE PLUS 23 YEARS  
Murdered 18-year-old Rykeise Shaw outside of a corner store while he was looking at items for purchase in late 2015.

JAMAL WILLIAMS  
SENTENCE: 20 YEARS  
Shot into a crowd, injuring two people during a party near Morgan State University in 2013.

DERRICK JACKSON  
SENTENCE: LIFE, SUSPEND ALL BUT 50 YEARS, PLUS AN ADDITIONAL 10 YEARS  
Murdered Tayvon Cokley in broad daylight in December 2016.
In 2015, State’s Attorney Mosby reconfigured and expanded the Conviction Integrity Unit (CIU), charging the division with investigating claims of actual innocence and wrongful convictions. Today, CIU is the only Conviction Integrity Unit in the state and is led by a division chief, and staffed by four Assistant State’s Attorneys (ASA) and two law clerks. In 2018, CIU expanded to include a new, grant-funded investigator dedicated to investigating the claims of actual innocence and 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 actual innocence and wrongful conviction, CIU ensures the integrity of convictions by handling a variety of collateral matters including petitions for expungement, modification motions, habeas petitions and other post-sentencing matters. CIU also reviews all Maryland Public Information Act (MPIA) requests from incarcerated individuals, which includes approximately 300 requests a year.
Freeing the Innocent: Conviction Integrity Unit

Clarence Shipley

In December 2018, CIU collaborated with the University of Baltimore Innocence Project Clinic and exonerated Clarence Shipley after serving 27 years in prison for a murder he did not commit. Mr. Shipley was wrongfully convicted for the murder of Kevin Smith in 1991.

Lamar Johnson

In September 2017, CIU exonerated Lamar Johnson who spent nearly 14 years behind bars for the first-degree murder of Carlos Sawyer who was shot in 2005. The subsequent re-investigation of the case began in 2016, and resulted in several independent witnesses confirming that Johnson was not the shooter.

Jerome Johnson

In July 2018, CIU and its partners united to exonerate Jerome Johnson, the third person in three and a half years. Mr. Johnson was released from prison after serving nearly 30 years in prison for the 1988 murder of Aaron Taylor who was shot to death at the Night Owl Bar.

Malcolm Bryant

In May 2016, CIU successfully exonerated Malcolm Bryant for the murder of 16-year-old Toni Bullock. Bryant spent 17 years behind bars after he was wrongfully convicted in 1999 of second-degree murder.

SAO Learns from the Wrongful Conviction of Malcolm Bryant

The SAO partnered with the University of Pennsylvania Law School’s Quattrone Center for the Fair Administration of Justice, the University of Baltimore Innocence Project Clinic and other partners to release a root cause analysis report, also known as the Baltimore Event Review Team (BERT) report. The report examines the case of Malcolm J. Bryant who was wrongfully convicted of murder in 1999 and provides recommendations on how the criminal justice system can decrease the occurrence of wrongful convictions. The report also specifically focuses on various components of the investigative, trial, and post-conviction phases of Bryant’s case. Recommendations included best practices for investigating and charging single witness identification cases, sharing discovery and evidence between the SAO and BPD, and developing an objective team within the SAO to review claims of innocence.
HONORING THOSE LOST

SINCE 2015, OVER 1,314 MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN HAVE BEEN MURDERED IN BALTIMORE CITY. AND AN ADDITIONAL 2,648 WERE SHOT RESULTING IN NON-FATAL INJURIES. AS WE FIGHT FOR JUSTICE AND WORK TOWARDS PEACE, WE REMEMBER AND HONOR ALL THE LIVES LOST.
The Victim & Witness Services Division in the SAO serves the victims and witnesses of all crimes that occur in Baltimore City, regardless of the status or outcome of the case. The division is staffed by a team of dedicated victim advocates and social workers who serve as liaisons between victims, witnesses and prosecutors.

Victim advocates provide a variety of services to victims and witnesses of crime including: conducting interviews and assisting with trial preparation; accompanying victims and witnesses to court; assisting with claims for compensation and/or restitution; coordinating victim and community impact statements for sentencing hearings; and referring victims and witnesses to services such as relocation, housing, and counseling.

Since 2015, the SAO has secured a record $4.1 million in Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) grant funds from the Governor’s Office of Crime Control and Prevention to significantly expand and improve services offered to victims and witnesses of crime. The grant funds have allowed the SAO to double the size of the Victim & Witness Services Division, adding 20 new victim advocate positions that are assigned to every division within the various SAO units, allowing the office to service 11,198 victims and witnesses – 20 times more than the 546 victims and witnesses served in 2015.

The Victim & Witness Services Division also includes the Family Bereavement Center (FBC) – the only bereavement center in the state with a full-time staff to serve survivors of homicide. Over the past two years, the FBC has doubled in size from two therapists and an advocate in 2014 to six full-time staff. Today, survivors of homicide are served by three dedicated therapists, two bereavement advocates and one bilingual bereavement advocate. Since opening its doors in 1990, the Center has served over 12,000 survivors of homicide victims in Baltimore City and offered 5,512 counseling sessions since 2015. In addition to providing individual counseling, the FBC also hosts a bi-weekly support group and a workshop series focused on creative coping skills such as meditation and creative writing.
Crime does not discriminate. Anyone can be a victim of crime. As advocates, our mission in the Victim/Witness Unit is to reduce and/or alleviate the additional stress experienced by crime victims and their families. Every day, we strive to help victims and witnesses regain the power that was taken away from them during their victimization. Working together, we can change the plight of crime victims in Baltimore City one victim at a time.

Robin Haskins
Service and Relocation Coordinator to the Victim & Witness Services Unit
In March 2018, the SAO unveiled a new trauma-informed Victim & Witness Services Waiting Room in the Mitchell Courthouse that was renovated to create a more welcoming space for victims and witnesses of crime to receive services and await their appearances in court. The design plans were created by the nonprofit organization Design Angels of America and was executed by the Department of General Services. The renovation includes a dedicated play area for children, power-integrated furniture, and a computer allowing visitors to access resources while they await trial.

The new trauma-informed, therapeutic space focuses on the victim and witness’ sense of worth, security, and empowerment. “The moments leading up to a criminal proceeding for a victim or witness are usually charged—especially if they don't have extensive experience with the criminal justice system,” explains Arcelia Greene, Deputy Director of Victim and Witness Services. We want [victims and witnesses] to feel comfortable, allow them to focus on the proceedings ahead, or just relax and take their mind off of things until it is time for them to appear in court.”
**VICTIMS’ EMERGENCY FUND**

The Victims’ Emergency Fund (VEF), managed by the Victim & Witness Services Unit of the SAO, helps victims with the immediate needs that arise as a result of an encounter with crime. Over the past four years, the VEF has provided over $85,000 in funds to over 330 victims of crime.

**VICTIMS’ EMERGENCY FUND RUN/WALK**

In 2016, the SAO reinstituted the popular Victims’ Emergency Fund Run/Walk to support the victims and witnesses of crime in Baltimore. This event is part of the SAO’s effort to prioritize the needs of victims and witnesses of crime that occur in Baltimore. Over 200 individuals have braved the elements to race over 3.2 miles through Baltimore to raise over $20,000 to benefit victims and witnesses of crime.
WINTER SOLSTICE

In 2015, the SAO hosted its first Annual Winter Solstice benefiting the Victim's Emergency Fund. Since then, over 1,000 attendees have gathered annually to not only eat, drink and celebrate dedicated prosecutors and support staff within the SAO, but to also commend community members that work to improve the Baltimore criminal justice system. During the first term of the Mosby administration, Winter Solsticce raised over $65,000 for the Victims’ Emergency Fund.

2015 COMMUNITY AWARDS
Purpose in Spirit Award: Reverend Alvin Gwynn, Sr.
Shield Award: Sheriff John Anderson
Unsung Hero Award: Gloria Hertzfelt
Legislator Leadership Award: Delegate Keith Haynes

2015 INTERNAL AWARDS
Mark P. Cohen Award: Angela Diehl
Patsy Price: Shannon Green

2016 COMMUNITY AWARDS
Purpose in Spirit Award: Pastor Norman Eaton
Shield Award: Major Sheree Briscoe
Unsung Hero Gloria Hertzfelt Award: Daphne Alston

2016 INTERNAL AWARDS
Mark P. Cohen Award: Bethany Durand
Patsy Price: Timi Roberts

2017 COMMUNITY AWARDS
Purpose in Spirit Award: Barbara Jackson
Shield Award: Chief Akil Hamm
Gloria Hertzfelt Award: Erricka Bridgeford

2017 INTERNAL AWARDS
Mark Cohen Award: Traci Robinson
Patsy Price: Yvonne Hubbard

2018 COMMUNITY AWARDS
Purpose in Spirit Award: Reginald Scriber
Shield Award: Sergeant Ralph Black
Gloria Hertzfelt Award: Commissioned Pastor Cleoda R. Walker

2018 INTERNAL AWARDS
Mark Cohen Award: Rita Wisthoff-Ito
Patsy Price Award: Michele DeHaven

2019 COMMUNITY AWARDS
Purpose in Spirit Award: State Legislator Leadership Award: Senator Joan Carter Conway
 Shield Award: Local Legislator Leadership Award: Councilman Kristerfer Burnett
 Gloria Hertzfelt Award: Erricka Bridgeford

2019 INTERNAL AWARDS
Mark P. Cohen Award: Alexander Yankelove Award: Barbara Richmond
Patsy Price: Julie Drake Award: Mia Beth Marosy

PRIORITIZING VICTIMS & WITNESSES: TOGETHER WE’RE STRONGER
ONE STANDARD OF JUSTICE

State’s Attorney Mosby has pledged to apply one standard of justice for all. With this pledge, it is critical the office remains transparent to the extent the law allows and to ensure the office is working towards rebuilding community trust. The SAO is currently the only jurisdiction in Maryland following the recommendation of the Association of Prosecuting Attorney’s (APA) 21st Century Prosecution Standards, which encourages prosecutors to communicate directly with the public when declining to charge an officer. Under the policy that was implemented by State’s Attorney Mosby, the SAO posts case summaries to its website that explain the Office’s and/or an independent investigator’s decision not to press charges against the accused officer(s), as well as provide supporting evidence and documentation for the declination to charge.

In cases where the Office or an independent investigator chooses to bring charges, the legal process would move forward as it would in any other criminal case. Prosecutors are ethically barred from commenting publicly on active criminal cases.
THE GUN TRACE TASK FORCE

In 2017, eight officers in BPD’s Gun Trace Task Force (GTTF) were indicted in a racketeering conspiracy. The officers abused their power; conducting illegal searches, robbing people during unlawful traffic stops and ultimately, stealing hundreds of thousands of dollars in the process. Six officers pleaded guilty and face maximum sentences between twenty to forty years. Two officers went to trial and were convicted by a federal jury of racketeering, racketeering conspiracy and robbery with the use of force. The indictments and convictions had an immediate impact on numerous investigations and pending SAO cases involving the officers. The SAO has and continues to work diligently to review cases impacted by the federal convictions of these officers. Since 2017, the SAO has not only identified over 2,100 cases that involve these former officers but has reviewed over 1,100 cases and filed 152 motions to vacate the convictions that relied upon the credibility of those officers.

THE EVIDENCE REVIEW UNIT

In October 2015, the BPD equipped 150 police officers with body-worn cameras as part of a two-month pilot program. The following spring, the BPD announced the full deployment of body-worn cameras in the City, and by the end of 2017, nearly the entire force has been outfitted. As a result of the full implementation of body-worn cameras, State’s Attorney Mosby created the Evidence Review Unit (ERU) to process the expansive footage created by body-worn cameras. The 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. The ERU plays a vital role in helping the 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 obligations during the discovery process by uploading and enabling the sharing of body-worn camera footage with defense counsel.

"I extend my deepest regrets to not only all of the families disrupted by these officers’ alleged misconduct, but I would like to extend my deepest regrets to those hard-working, dedicated officers who risk their lives every day on the Baltimore Police Department but are marred by the actions of a few.

State’s Attorney Mosby"
POLICY & LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS

FOUR YEARS OF LEGISLATIVE WINS

Four years ago, State’s Attorney Mosby created the Policy & Legislative Affairs Division within the SAO because she understood that in order to have an effect on the laws in which we implement, prosecutors must do more than just advocate in the courtroom. Prosecutors must also advocate for fair and just laws, which requires us to have a voice in Annapolis. For four years, State’s Attorney Mosby and her staff have worked to change state laws with the goal of restoring trust in the criminal justice system, holding violent offenders accountable, and better serving victims of crime.

**Maryland Second Chance Act**
SB526/HB244 enabled individuals to petition a court to shield certain non-violent misdemeanor convictions from public access, enabling them to obtain jobs without their criminal record blocking their path.

**Creation of Justice Reinvestment Coordinating Council**
The SAO teamed with public safety agencies statewide to support SB602/HB388. The Justice Reinvestment Coordinating Council is developing a statewide policy framework to reduce the state’s incarcerated population and reduce spending on corrections.

**Enhanced Penalties for Repeat Drunk Drivers Who Injure or Kill**
SB160/HB157, sponsored by Delegate Valentino-Smith and Senator Cassilly, increased the maximum penalties for repeat offenders who kill or seriously injure someone while driving under the influence or impaired by alcohol or drugs.

**Increased Maximum Penalty for Second-Degree Murder**
The Final Justice Reinvestment Act Bill (SB1005) included a provision to increase the maximum penalty for second degree murder from 30 to 40 years.

**Removing Physical Resistance as a Requirement to Prove a Sex Crime**
Due to SB217/HB429, the State no longer must prove that a victim fought back against his or her rapist.

**Retaining Rape Kit Evidence**
SB349/HB255 required law enforcement to retain rape kits for at least 20 years.

In 2017, we also helped defeat SB 983, which would have prevented the new Court of Appeals bail reform rule from taking effect. SAO is committed to reducing reliance on money bail.
Witness Relocation Funding
HB432, sponsored by Delegate Brooke Lierman, mandated four years of State funding for emergency housing when witnesses are threatened. The funding totals $360,000 per year from FY 2020-2023.

Body Attachments for Adult Witnesses in Juvenile Cases
HB1023, sponsored by Delegate Luke Clippinger, allowed the juvenile court to compel adult witnesses.

Penalty for Violating Pretrial Stay Away Orders
The SAO joined House of Ruth and other stakeholders, including SB170/HB388 sponsors Senator Susan Lee and Delegate Aruna Miller, in advocating for penalties if a defendant violates a pre-trial stay away order in cases involving sexual assault, domestic violence, and all other violent crimes.
Accountability for Those Who Threaten Witnesses
The SAO supported increased penalties for victim, witness or juror intimidation in SB1137, sponsored by Senators Joan Carter Conway and Bobby Zirkin (SB122).

Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion©
The SAO supported HB432, sponsored by Delegate Brooke Lierman, which provided for four years of mandated state funding to sustain the Baltimore City Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion© (LEAD) program.

Firearms Transfer
The SAO joined Everytown for Gun Safety and Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America in support of SB1036/HB1646, sponsored by Senator Will Smith and Delegate Vanessa Atterbeary, which requires surrender of firearms by convicted domestic abusers.

“Ban the Box” on College Applications
The SAO supported a successful veto override and passage of 2017 legislation expanding access to higher education for individuals with prior criminal convictions.

THE CITIZENS’ LEGISLATIVE TOOLKIT

The Policy & Legislative Affairs Unit of SAO created a comprehensive Legislative Toolkit to help community members stay visible and engaged during the legislative session. Topics include an overview of the Maryland General Assembly, how bills become law, how to be an advocate, and include worksheets intended to help guide communication with legislators. Please download the Legislative Toolkit from our website and share it with your neighbors, friends and family.

WE WILL SEE YOU IN ANNAPOLIS!
The Repeat Sexual Predator Prevention Act of 2018 (SB270/HB301)

For five years, SAO lobbied for the Repeat Sexual Predator Prevention Act (RSPPA) to bring Maryland’s rules of evidence in line with the federal system and the majority of other states. The passage of this critical bipartisan legislation in 2018 means that prosecutors can now introduce evidence of a defendant’s other relevant sex crimes in sexual assault cases.

Thirty separate organizations and agencies supported HB301/SB270, sponsored by Senator Jim Brochin and Delegate Vanessa Atterbeary. Nearly 5,000 individuals signed a petition urging legislators to pass this critical legislation. The new law also had the support of the Governor, Women Legislators of Maryland, Legislative Latino Caucus, Legislative Black Caucus, and Maryland Legislative Agenda for Women.
DIVERSION AND ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION

EARLY RESOLUTION COURT

The Early Resolution Court in District Court is a gateway for several diversionary programs for offenders charged with non-violent misdemeanors. Any defendant charged with a victimless misdemeanor and is released on personal recognizance pending trial may be eligible for Early Resolution Court. The Court’s programs include 90-Day Pre-Trial Diversion, Community Service, Prostitution Diversion and the Docket for Homeless Persons.

90-Day Pre-Trial Diversion
The 90-Day Pre-Trial Diversion program is similar to a mini-probation period. The defendant is under the supervision of a pretrial agent and is required to take drug tests, complete drug treatment if assigned, and complete 24 hours of community service.

The Docket for Homeless Persons
The Docket for Homeless Persons is called twice per month. Individuals who plead into the program receive wrap-around services provided by a number of non-profit organizations, social agencies, and treatment programs such as Catholic Charities, Healthcare for the Homeless, Guadenzia and the YES Program. Together, the partner agencies, the defendant, and their public defender develop an individualized plan for the defendant that addresses the underlying issues contributing to their homelessness.

Prostitution Diversion
In 2017, the SAO partnered with TurnAround, Inc. and the Division of Pretrial Services within the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services to rebrand and relaunch the Specialized Prostitution Diversion Program as TurnAround Deferred Prosecution. The program provides an alternative to incarceration that includes support services for individuals charged with prostitution.

Veterans’ Treatment Court
Veterans’ Treatment Court launched in 2015 under the leadership of Judge Halee Weinstein. Veterans’ Treatment Court provides an alternative to incarceration to Veterans charged with non-violent misdemeanors. Its mission is to serve the community and increase public safety by providing Veterans with resources for substance use disorders and mental health issues.

Drug Treatment Court (DTC)
DTC provides an alternative to incarceration that includes mandated drug testing and treatment for drug-addicted individuals charged with a crime.

Mental Health Court (MHC)
MHC provides a treatment-based alternative to incarceration for individuals with a diagnosed mental illness charged with a crime. MHC is diversion from jail for eligible defendants which develops an individualized, community-based clinical plan that addresses his or her specific behavioral and mental health needs.

Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD©)
In 2017, LEAD© was implemented in Baltimore City and is a voluntary pre-booking diversion program that allows officers to redirect low-level offenders engaged in drugs or prostitution activity to community-based behavioral health services, instead of jail and prosecution. By redirecting eligible individuals to these services, LEAD© is committed to improving public safety and public order and reducing recidivism.
AIM TO B’MORE

Created in 2015 by and operated under the administration of State’s Attorney Marilyn J. Mosby, AIM to B’More (AIM), is an alternative to incarceration that improves the quality of life for low-level felony drug offenders. Merging accountability with real opportunities for self and situational development and sustainability, amenable and successful participants graduate without a criminal record and with a career. While it is recognized that certain criminal offenses may require confined and secure settings, problem solving initiatives and approaches, similar to AIM, provide choices to initial or continued formal processing in the criminal justice system. Equally, diversion programs reduce crime, improve practices and coordination across agencies, enhance client and victim services, reduce repetitive care and increase public trust in the pursuit of justice.

Fundamentally, AIM was modeled after former San Francisco District Attorney, Kamala Harris’s evidence-based Back on Track: A Problem Solving Reentry initiative. Existing in partnership with 24 public and private agencies, including the Division of Parole and Probation in the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services, AIM to B’More fills a critical void within the criminal justice system for offenders who sell drugs for income. First, participants submit to an amenability assessment of serious or chronic behavioral, social and psychological disorders and barriers; undergo treatment deemed necessary; and are encouraged to work with the program’s licensed certified clinical social worker to develop a tentative action plan based on his or her evolving needs. Participants are offered a two-year supervised probation, including 100 hours of community service, career coaching, and are required to maintain consistent full time employment for one year. Upon successful completion of AIM, including full compliance with the terms of a 2-year supervised probation, the state will initiate and facilitate the defendant’s timely petition for expungement.

Overall, AIM services a population that is 98% Black and predominantly (86%) male. Contextually, 60% of participants have their high school diploma or are under 24 years old and 80% are working full-time. Remarkably, AIM’s success rate is 68% and its recidivism rate (32%) is well below the national average (68%). To date, 98% of AIM graduates have full time employment.
The SAO is working towards a future for Baltimore City where community confidence in the criminal justice system is restored, violent repeat offenders are held accountable and communities feel safe. In order to reach these goals, the SAO is taking a holistic approach to fighting crime that starts with changing the drug and gang infused, “Stop Snitching” culture in Baltimore’s neighborhoods.

In 2015, State’s Attorney Mosby created the Community Engagement Division and tasked the division with educating, engaging and empowering Baltimore’s communities. Today, the division is led by a director and includes nine community liaisons each assigned to a police district. Each year the Community Engagement Division plans several events designed to connect the community with the SAO including Court in the Community and National Night Out. The division’s primary responsibility, however, is to work in the community on a daily basis educating communities on the criminal justice system, engaging youth and young adults, and empowering victims and witnesses of crime to work with law enforcement. The liaisons keep communities informed about key cases and trial dates, facilitate victim and community impact statements and connect victims to resources.
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 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 3,500 times.

COURT IN THE COMMUNITY

Court in the Community is another vehicle provided to community members to become informed of pertinent issues relating to criminal justice. It also provides an opportunity for community members to get involved. Court in the Community is supported by our partners, other city agencies, as well as grass roots organizations and subject matter experts.

Court in the Community is an event created by State’s Attorney Mosby and held quarterly by the Community Engagement Division with the purpose of educating the public about the criminal justice process.

Initially housed in the courthouse, then transitioned to locations throughout the City, Court in the Community has covered criminal justice topics including recidivism, domestic violence, sexual assault, LGBTQ rights, and juvenile justice. The event typically includes an overview of the court process as it relates to the topic at hand, interactive panel discussion with subject matter experts, and a question and answer session with State’s Attorney Mosby.
Over the past four years, the SAO traveled to over 1,500 community engagement events in an attempt to break down barriers of distrust among law enforcement and communities. The following list includes nearly 550 community organizations, over 70 youth groups, almost 100 women’s empowerment organizations, and over 100 schools and universities.

COMMUNITIES
A. Philip Randolph Institute
Achievement Academy at Harbor City High School
AFL-CIO
AFSCME
American Progressive Telepu Association
Aurora Terra
Baltimore Alliance for Careers in Healthcare
Baltimore Green Works
Baltimore Interfaith Coalition
Baltimore Jewish Council
Baltimore Interfaith Coalition
Baltimore Neighborhoods Community Association
Basilica of the National Shrine of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Berger Community Association
Bethany Baptist Church
Bethel AME Church
Better Waverly Community Organization
Bilingual Christian Church
Boksh Park Community Association
Boilton Hill Community
BRIDGE Maryland
Brooklyn Community
BUILD (Baltimoreans United In Leadership Development)
Callowhill Hill Aquatic Center
Carmel Memorial Church
Catholic Charities
Center for Urban Families
Charles Village Community Benefits District
Charm City Folk & Bluegrass Festival
Cherry Hill Community
Cheswolde Community Association
Church of the Redeement of the Lord
Coldstream-Homestead-Montebello Community Corporation
Collective Minds
Community Mediation Maryland
Council on American-Islamic Relations
Created for So-Much More Worship Center
Creative Alliance
Dance Theater of Harlem
Downtown Partnership
Dr. Martin Luther King Committee
Dudr Heights Community Development Corporation
Eastern Shore Community
Edmonton Heights Community
Elevation Community Continuum Resource Fair
Empowerment Temple
Engineers Club
Enoch Pratt Free Library
FACE Baltimore
Faith Christian Worship Center
Falstaff Community
Federal Hill South Neighborhood Association
Fells Point Prospect Community Association
First Unitarian Church
Freedom Temple AME Zion Church
Frankford Improvement Association
Friendship Baptist Church
Glen Retread/Glen Tech
Gløréam Belair Community Association
Goodwill Industries of the Chesapeake
Greater Baltimore Committee
Greater Baltimore Urban League, Greater Baltimore Leadership Association
Greater Mondawmin Coordinating Council
Greek Orthodox Parishes of Maryland
Guadalupe, Inc.
Hamilton Hills Neighborhood Association
House of Ruth Maryland
Impact Hub Baltimore
International Longshoremen’s Association
Iota Phi Theta Fraternity, Inc., Alpha Chapter
Israel Baptist Church
It’s from the Sole
John Hopkins University, Community Impact Initiatives Program
Johns Hopkins University, Community Conversations
Journey Home
Lake Evesham Community Association
Lake Montebello Community
Lakeview Tawers
LEAP Executive Strategies
Life Source International Church
Light of Truth Center, Inc.
Living Classrooms Foundation
Marie Hill Community Association
Mary Harvin Senior Center
Maryland Center for Veterans Education & Training
Maryland Creek Independence Day Parade
McElroy Park Community Association, Inc.
Men and Families Center, Inc.
Minority Access
 Miracle Baptist Church
Mondawmin Mall
Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, F. & A.M.
Mt. Hebron Baptist Church
Mt. Lebanon Baptist Church
Mt. Pleasant Church and Ministries
Mt. Zion Baptist Church
NAACP Baltimore City Chapter
NAACP Maryland State
National Aquarium
National Urban League
Neighborhoods United
New Africa Community Builders
New Binhemil Baptist Church
New David Baptist Church of Christ
New Park Heights Community Development Corporation
New Puzilist Baptist Church
New Shiloh Baptist Church
New Shiloh Family Life Center
New Beginnings Coalition
Northeast Community Organization (NECO)
Northwest Citizens Patrol
Oliver Community
Omega Phi Phi, Phi Omega Chapter
Open Door Fellowship
Open Society Institute of Baltimore
Penrose Properties
Pennsylvania Avenue AME Zion Baptist Church
Perrin Lock Community Association
Philanthropinc
Pintico Merchants Association
Ralls to Tralls Conservancy
Raised in Cherry Hill (R.I.C.H.)
Reginald F. Lewis Museum of African American History
Reservoir Hill Improvement Council
Reservoir Hill Mutual Homes, Inc.
Rosenberg Neighborhood Improvement Association
Saint Mary of the Assumption
Security Square Mall
Somebody Cares Baltimore
Southern Baptist Church
Southern Maryland Black Chamber of Commerce
Southern Park Heights Community
St. Ambrose Housing Aid Center
St. Francis Neighborhood Center
St. James Episcopal Church
Survivors Against Violence Everywhere
The African American Festival
The National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence, Maryland
The Pierians
The Purposeful Leadership Conference
The Soka Gakki, Peace and Community Relations Committee
Tuer House
Turkish American Community Center
Tuskegee National Alumni Association, Northern Region
Utico House
Utco House
Umran Cancer Fund for Young Adults
Under Armour
United Way
Universal Society Circus
Vegus Soul Fest
Victory Baptist Church of Maryland
Walk By Faith Ministries
Weinberg Foundation
Willard W. Allen Masonic Temple
Zion Baptist Church
Purple Honey Music
Sigma Pi Phi Gamma Boule
Associated Black Charities
YOUTH
Aiken Foundation
Alternative Directions, Inc.
American Federation of Teachers
Ashburton Elementary/Middle School
Augusta Fells Savage Institute of Visual Arts
Baltimore Career Academy
Baltimore Child Abuse Center
Baltimore City Mayor’s Office, Summer Mentoring Program
Baltimore City Young Democrats of America
Baltimore City Youth Commission
Baltimore City Police Department, Summer Day Camp
Baltimore Polytechnic Institute
Baghdad Community
Baltimore Safe and Sound Campaign
Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Greater Chesapeake
Big Break the Cycle, Inc.
Camp FA.M.E
Chicago College Prep High School
City Steppers
Coldstream Park Elementary/Middle School
College Bound Foundation
Dover-Sherborn High School (Dover, MA)
Dream Girls Mentoring Program
Empowering Minds of Maryland’s Youth
Franklin Square Elementary/Middle School
Frederick Douglass High School
Friendship Academy at Cherry Hill
Gardenville Elementary School
Gilman School
Gilmores Elementary
Gilmores Middle School
Girl Scout Troup 6555
Girls Expecting More Success (GEMS)
Govern School
Harlem Park Elementary
Jack and Jill of America, Inc., Baltimore Chapter
Loving Arms, Inc.
Lyndhurst Elementary School
Maryland Alliance of Black School Educators
Maryland Youth Empowerment Program
Matthew Henson Elementary School
Mentoring Male Teens in the Hood
Montebello Elementary School
National Academy Foundation School of Baltimore
National Alliance of Black School Educators (NABSE)
New Era Academy
Northwood Baseball League
Northwood Elementary School
Oakford 21215 Youth Group
O’Donnell Heights Community Boys and Girls Club
Oldfields School
Patterson Park Public Charter School
Paul Laurence Dunbar High School
Project Beautiful You, Inc.
Sisters In Law, Inc.
The Flourishing Blossoms Society for Girls, Inc.
The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge (NABSE)
THE SAO’S COMMUNITY LIAISONS WORK REGULARLY WITH OVER 90 COMMUNITY GROUPS THROUGHOUT THE CITY.

NORTHERN
NORTHERN DISTRICT COMMUNITY RELATIONS COUNCIL

The SAO’s community liaisons serve as a link between community organizations and the prosecutors in our office. After an increase of juvenile crimes in the area, the Northern District Community Liaison invited the Juvenile Division Chief to attend a Northern District Community Relations Council meeting to speak about the juvenile justice system. The Division Chief explained how the juvenile justice system differs from the adult criminal justice system and what this difference means for victims of juvenile crime.

CENTRAL
MT. ROYAL IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

Michael Privette terrorized Central Baltimore for nearly two years from 2013 to 2015. During that time he raped at least four women, violently grabbing them off the street and raping them at knife point. After pleading guilty to all four assaults, Privette was sentenced to life in prison with all but 40 years suspended. The Central SAO Community Liaison worked closely with the Mt. Royal Improvement Association throughout the trial to keep them informed about the case. The Central Community Liaison and State’s Attorney Mosby attended Privette’s sentencing along with nine members from the Association.

EASTERN
GREATER GREENMOUNT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

“The efforts made by the State’s Attorney Office to connect with the public are a prime example of what “transparency” and “openness” look like in their infancy. Community Day in Court is a wonderful concept. Ms. Mosby and her team are definitely on the right track.”

– Kathy Christian, Member of the Greater Greenmount Community Association

WESTERN
FAYETTE STREET COMMUNITY OUTREACH

“Our community liaison [from the State’s Attorney’s Office] has been a great help to our community and opening up a line of communication with the State Attorney Office. Our liaison has been actively involved in our community from crime prevention to volunteering in the community.”

– Tim Bridges, Vice President of Fayette Street Community Outreach

CENTRAL
MT. VERNON-BELVEDERE ASSOCIATION

Alex Ulrich and Larry Peterson were brutally murdered in August 2012 in Mt. Vernon. In January, Quinton Bass was sentenced to two life sentences plus 45 years for their murders. The SAO’s Central District Community Liaison worked with both the Ulrich and Peterson families throughout the trial providing court accompaniment and support. Prior to Bass’ sentencing, Alex’s parents wrote a powerful victim impact statement urging the judge to sentence Bass to life in prison. In the statement, Joseph and Rose Marie Ulrich wrote, “Alex was not robbed of money, but he was robbed of a longer, more productive life on Earth. We were robbed of many more happy times with him. When we go to the cemetery where Alex and his mother are buried, we read this inscription on his marker: ‘Mother and Son Together Forever.’

WESTERN
MATTHEW HENSON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

“I’m very appreciative of the State’s Attorney’s Office. Our community liaison has participated in many of our community crime prevention efforts including participating in passing out wanted posters throughout the community. Reinstituting the community liaison program has been a great asset to our community.”

– Marvin “Doc” Cheatham, President of the Matthew Henson Community Association
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SOUTHEASTERN
DISTRICT COMMUNITY
RELATIONS COUNCIL

“She is a tremendous asset to the community who answers questions, knows a lot and understands people and what they need.”

– Joyce Adamski, President of the Southeastern District Police Community Relations Council on SAO’s Southeastern Community Liaison

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SOUTHEASTERN
PATTERSON PARK
NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

“As the president of my neighborhood association, and someone actively-involved in safety-related matters of the community, my experience with our Southeastern District liaisons has been constant and extremely beneficial. When questions or concerns have arisen, the liaisons have been extremely timely and helpful in their response. Having them as partners for the Southeastern District and our community of Patterson Park, has allowed us to get more specific information on certain cases, work with victims to provide impact statements on cases that affect our community most, and build a partnership that is essential to fighting crime and increasing safety for our community.”

– Patrick Lundberg, President of the Patterson Park Neighborhood Association

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NORTHERN
WAVERLY IMPROVEMENT
ASSOCIATION

On January 9, 2016, Robert Ponsi was senselessly killed in the Waverly area of Baltimore. In partnership with the Waverly Improvement Association and caring neighbors in the area, the Northern District Community Liaison helped to organize a memorial to promote healing in Waverly and celebrate Ponsi’s life. Two of Ponsi’s murderers, Antwan Eldridge and Daquan Middleton, were convicted in November 2016.
Juvenile offenders in Baltimore City are becoming increasingly brazen and violent in their crimes. According to Maryland Department of Juvenile Services data, the number of youths charged as adults in Baltimore City is up 72% since 2014. This is significant because juveniles are only charged as adults when their crimes are exceptionally heinous in nature, including but not limited to first degree murder, rape, sex offense, assault, carjacking & armed carjacking and robbery with a dangerous weapon. 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 potentially engage in violence. That’s why, under the Mosby Administration, the SAO has made significant investments in our youth to engage them in the positive aspects of the criminal justice system. Since 2015, State’s Attorney Mosby has sworn in 160 students in the Junior State’s Attorney program, reached hundreds of 4th and 5th graders through Great Expectations and gave more than 5,000 youth and their families a safe and fun alternative on Friday nights through #B’MorePop-Ups. The SAO not only prosecutes those who commit crimes in Baltimore City, but also plays an active role in the prevention of crime by getting to youth before they run the risk of getting entangled in the criminal justice system.
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

JSA taught me... professionalism... finance, public speaking and... valuable life lessons.

Kyla Estes, Class of 2018

JUNIOR STATE’S ATTORNEY

Now approaching its fifth year, the Junior State’s Attorney (JSA) program is a six-week summer intensive for current and rising ninth-grade Baltimore City students. The JSA program aims to build trust and faith in the criminal justice profession by exposing students to careers in the fields of criminal justice and government. Students are selected based on a written essay, application and interview. Selected 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 mock trial presentation at the University of Baltimore before sitting Baltimore City judges, friends and family. JSAs are paid through the YouthWorks program and can continue their engagement with the SAO at the conclusion of the program by participating in the JSA Alumni Association. Since the inception of the JSA program in 2015, the SAO has employed 160 students.
Launched in the 2015-2016 school year at Franklin Square Elementary School in Central Baltimore, Great Expectations (GE) is a ten-month program that introduces fourth grade Baltimore City Public School students to careers in the criminal justice system. Since the program’s inception, the SAO has exposed close to 500 fourth and fifth graders to positive careers in the criminal justice system.

The goal of the program is to encourage local youths’ interest in law enforcement careers, and expose students to the positive side of the criminal justice system while improving students’ critical thinking and reading skills. Once a month, criminal justice professionals from the SAO, Public Defender’s Office, BPD, Baltimore City Fire Department, District and Circuit Courts, City and State Legislatures, and community activists engage GE students and educate them on their profession and role within the criminal justice system.

Project 17, launched by the SAO in 2017 for students at Frederick Douglas and Renaissance Academy high schools, provides monthly workshops and resources to help students achieve academic excellence, reduce truancy, and earn practical work experience. The SAO offers students with part-time employment opportunities with local businesses in exchange for improvements in student attendance and academic achievement. If the students fulfill their obligations to the program, local employers continue students’ employment.
In the summer of 2017, the SAO launched a series of Pop-Ups to provide free programming to youth and their families during the critical evening hours of 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Fridays when juvenile crime is most likely to occur. Since the launch of the Pop-Up series, the SAO has served over 5,000 youth and their families. Recognizing the need and popularity of Pop-Ups, this programming continues to provide youth and their families with fun, safe activities during the summer months. Be sure to check our website for the Summer 2019 Pop-Up Series and/or text “BaltSAO PopUp” to 468311.