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DEAR FRIENDS,

I am humbled and full of gratitude to serve as your State’s Attorney and proudly present our 2020 Annual Report. This year was unlike any other for the citizens of Baltimore and the world as a whole. Since taking office in 2015, my team and I have remained committed to ensuring one standard of justice for all regardless of one’s race, sex, religion or occupation.

That commitment remained unwavering in the face of a global pandemic, a controversial presidential election, and a nationwide civil rights movement. I am so wedded to the values of this office because I know that they are the only way to restore trust between the community and the criminal justice system that serves them, a relationship that continued to be tested in 2020. It is my hope that this report reflects the adaptability and perseverance of the State’s Attorney’s Office in the face of great challenges to provide the community with evidence of our commitment to your safety and well-being.

Baltimore is where my family and I call home. My children, and your children, deserve peace of mind. With a nearly eight-month closure of a significant portion of the Maryland court system’s functions, my Assistant State’s Attorneys (ASA) continue to deliver justice to the victims and citizens of this City, while exercising thoughtful discretion to balance public health with public safety.

Please take a close look at the wealth of information contained in this report. It is a testament to the hard work of my dedicated staff who transitioned from in-office to work-from-home—functions seamlessly during 2020. I encourage you to share this report with family, friends, and neighbors because the effort to interrupt violent crime in Baltimore City cannot be done alone. It is a monumental task that will take collaboration and coordination to achieve.

Marilyn J. Mosby, Esq.
Baltimore City State’s Attorney

SOME OF THE SUCCESSES TO EXPLORE FROM THIS PAST YEAR INCLUDE:

Making Our Streets Safer

On January 21, repeat violent offender Michael Williams, age 27, was sentenced to 42 years in prison for armed robbery, use of a firearm in the commission of a violent crime, and possession of a regulated firearm.

On March 10, Derrance Sleet was sentenced to life plus 25 years with the first 10 years to be served without the possibility of parole. Sleet was found guilty in December 2018 for the murder of Timothy Moriconi and related charges including using a handgun in a crime of violence, felon in possession of a handgun, conspiracy to commit armed robbery, and wear/carry/transport of a handgun.

On September 29, the SAO, in partnership with the Baltimore Police Department’s (BPD) West Side Major Case Squad, announced the indictment of seven suspected drug trafficking organization members, charged with a range of crimes from Conspiracy to Violence to Dealer, as well as Possession With Intent to Distribute. If convicted of all charges, the group faces a total of 460 years imprisonment, premon, misdemeanor, and needs medical endorsement. Riley faces up to 30 years in prison for the first case and up to 25 years in prison for the second case.

Supporting and Protecting Victims and Witnesses of Crime

In October, the SAO launched Phase II of the Together We Are Stronger campaign continuing the public education push to remind residents about the support and services for victims and witnesses of crime in Baltimore City. The campaign also includes a targeted push to share resources available for domestic violence victims in light of the spike during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Since 2015, the SAO has awarded over $2.6 million in Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) grant funds through the Governor’s Office of Crime Control and Prevention including $50,000 in COVID relief funding for personal protection equipment. The grant funds have undermined this campaign and provided the support for the Baltimore City SAO to double the size of the Victim and Witness Services Unit, adding 20 new victim advocate positions that are assigned to every division of the Baltimore City SAO. In the past two years, the office has served 18,580 victims and witnesses – 34 times the 546 victims and witnesses served in 2015. This year alone, the office has served 1,250 victims and witnesses to date.

Balancing Public Health and Safety

On March 11, I instructed my prosecutors to immediately dismiss any charges and release individuals arrested for nonviolent offenses that pose no threat to public safety and to reduce COVID-19 spread in correctional facilities. I also joined public health officials in advocating for the development of decarceral guidelines for the state’s prisons and jails, which was ultimately successful following Governor Hogan’s announcement that he would release 1,000 individuals from correctional facilities.

On December 7, I announced the creation of our new Sentencing Review Unit (SRU). The SRU will review cases of certain incarcerated people to determine whether the office supports their release as an effort to address mass incarceration, racial inequity in sentencing, and decarceration in correctional facilities for the safety of elderly inmates who are susceptible to Covid-19.

On December 9, Judge Bryant ruled in favor of a joint motion brought by Lawyers from the University of Maryland and the SAO’s Sentencing Review Unit, resulting in the release of Maryland’s longest serving female prisoner, Esmara Petry. Ms. Petry pled guilty to first-degree murder, use of a handgun in a crime of violence and accessory after the fact in September of 2018. She was 18 at the age of this crime and had served 42 years in prison where she exemplified that rehabilitation out of a life of crime is possible.

Transforming Protest Into Policy

In October, I instructed my ASA to no longer authorize so-called “no-knock” warrants. Recent events, such as the tragic killing of Breonna Taylor, have shown that the ends do not justify the means. Seventeen states do not allow this tactic, and our office will also no longer sign on to this dangerous measure.

In September, I testified before the Maryland General Assembly’s Workgroup to Address Police Reform and Accountability advocating for the repeal of the LLORGB, better whistleblower protections, statewide information-sharing on police misconduct cases, and other vital reform measures.
Our MISSION
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.

Our VISION
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.
BUREAUS AND UNITS

**ADMINISTRATION**
Administration provides all administrative, non-legal support to the office and includes the following units: Human Resources, Finance, Information Technology, Operations, and Policy & Legislation.

**CRIMINAL INTELLIGENCE**
The Criminal Intelligence Bureau includes the Conviction Integrity Unit, the Public Trust and Police Integrity Unit, the Forfeiture and Economic Crimes Unit, the Criminal Strategies Unit, the Evidence Review Unit, and the Sentencing Review Unit. The recently created Baltimore Community Intelligence Centers and the Community Engagement unit now fall under this bureau as well.

**EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**
The External Affairs Bureau, created under the Mosby Administration, is responsible for fostering and strengthening relationships with the Baltimore community and includes the following units: Communications, Victim and Witness Services, and Crime Control and Prevention.

**OPERATIONS**
The Operations Bureau is comprised of the District Court, Central Booking, Misdemeanor, Juvenile, Problem Solving Courts, and Training units.

**MAJOR CRIMES**
The Major Crimes Bureau is the largest division in the office, and is comprised of all Felony Trial units, including: Major Investigations, Homicide, Special Victims, Gun Violence Enforcement, General Felony and Narcotics.

**STATE’S ATTORNEY**

**CHIEF COUNSEL**

**CHIEF OF ADMINISTRATION**

**CHIEF DEPUTY STATE’S ATTORNEY**

**CHIEF OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**

**CHIEF OF MAJOR CRIMES**

**DEPUTY STATE’S ATTORNEY MAJOR CRIMES**

**HUMAN RESOURCES PERSONNEL**

**LEGAL AFFAIRS**

**MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEM**

**COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION**

**DISTRICT COURT**

**JUVENILE**

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**EVIDENCE REVIEW**

**POLICE TRUST & POLICE INTEGRITY**

**SENTENCING REFORM**

**188 Attorneys**

**42 Victim Witness Staff**

**375 Total Staff**

**15 Investigators**

**130 Support Staff**
On March 13, Chief Judge Mary Ellen Barbera issued an Administrative Order announcing a statewide closure of the courts to the public in Baltimore City due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Since this time, the courts have intermittently opened in some capacity only to close again by similar orders in the late fall. Despite these limitations, the SAO processed 4,284 criminal cases in Circuit Court during 2020.
SECURING JUSTICE, ENSURING SAFETY

Despite the Maryland court system delaying jury trials and other in-person functions for long stretches of time in 2020 due to the coronavirus pandemic, Baltimore City’s ASAs continued to obtain justice for victims of crime by securing necessary convictions and sentences.

JAN 14 - RODNEY HARRIS
Rodney Harris sentenced to 35 years for Assault and Manslaughter of his pregnant girlfriend who lost her unborn child as a result.

JAN 21 - MICHAEL WILLIAMS
Michael Williams, a violent repeat offender was sentenced to 45 years in prison for Armed Robbery and Weapon Charges.

JAN 30 - RYAN HAZEL
Ryan Hazel was sentenced to 22 years on 11 counts of Firearm and Drug Trafficking Offenses.

FEB 3 - VICTOR ROBINSON
Victor Robinson was sentenced to Life suspend all but 40 Years for Strangulation of his pregnant girlfriend. The victim, Shawna Davis, was found dead on a playground bench in the Waverly community.

FEB 4 - WILLARD TURNER
Willard Turner was sentenced to Life plus 80 Years for Kidnapping, Torture, and Murder. The victim, Tiffany Jones was abducted in broad daylight and found dead inside a burning vacant home the next day.

FEB 21 - SHAWN BATTLE
Shawn Battle was sentenced in E. Baltimore Street Homicide to 30 years. The shooting resulted in the death of Christopher Sutton.

MAR 10 - DE’ANDRE SLEET
De’Andre Sleet was sentenced to life plus 25 years with the first 10 years to be served without the possibility of parole. Sleet was found guilty in December 2019 for the murder of Timothy Moriconi in Federal Hill.

SEP 29 - “ONE-WAY” DRUG TRAFFICKING ORGANIZATION
Collaborative investigation with BPD lead to the indictment of seven suspected drug trafficking organization members. The investigation led to the seizure of: suspected cocaine, suspected fentanyl, other suspected CDS, cutting agents, ammunition, approximately $22,000 USD, and drug paraphernalia.

OCT 28 - ERIC DOLLSON
Eric Dollson was sentenced to Life plus 15 years for the murder of Josue Gonzales-Jiminez in 2017.

NOV 20 - GUY BELL
Guy Bell was sentenced to five years, suspend all but six months, and five months probation, as well as $51,834 in restitution after being found guilty of theft scheme and embezzlement of the Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity’s Delta Lambda chapter, which he was Treasurer of at the time.
OVERCOMING UNPRECEDEDENT CHALLENGES

On March 5, Governor Hogan issued a Declaration of a State of Emergency and Existence of a Catastrophic Health Emergency due to COVID-19. On Friday, March 13, 2020, Chief Judge Mary Ellen Barbera issued an Administrative Order announcing the statewide closure of the courts to the public in light of the rapid coronavirus spread.

The order stated, in pertinent part, that “All courts in the Maryland Judiciary, court offices, administrative offices, units of the Judiciary, and the Offices of the Clerks of the Circuit Courts shall be closed to the public on an emergency basis, effective March 16, 2020.” The SAO immediately put in place a plan to protect staff and victims/witnesses of crime to ensure we were continuing to provide services for the residents of our City. Employees moved to remote work, including our staff housed in Central Booking. We secured laptops for Central Booking ASAs to allow them to do their work, as well as personal protective equipment for staff that must interact with the public. We also found creative ways to engage our victims and witnesses as the pandemic has continued throughout the year including a virtual youth series in the summer and a virtual Court in the Community session focused on mitigating the spread of coronavirus in corrections facilities.

Throughout the COVID-19 crisis our office has continued to work to safeguard communities in Baltimore City through the effective prosecution of crime and offer all services virtual and in-person when necessary, ensuring we are keeping our community and our staff safe. As prosecutors, we’re ministers of the criminal justice system and we continued this effort despite the closures and restrictions required in light of COVID-19. State’s Attorney Mosby and the office remain committed to justice over convictions and protecting the safety and wellbeing of everyone in our community, regardless of their race, ethnicity, or country of origin and those obligations include people who are currently in prison or jail.

In 2020 at the SAO was all about adapting to the global health emergency we faced and ensuring that we were reacting in a manner that was in favor of both public safety and public health during these difficult times. This report illustrates our response to COVID-19 and highlights that our work, while in different environments from the past, continued in spite of it all.

As chief prosecutor, public safety is and always will be my top priority. Prosecutors are ministers of the criminal justice system and you have to be committed to justice over convictions and protecting public safety and the well-being over everyone in our community, which is inclusive of those who are currently in prison and/or jail.

Marilyn J. Mosby, State’s Attorney for Baltimore City

SAO PANDEMIC RESPONSE POLICIES

In March of 2020 as the City closed and the Governor issued statewide “Stay At Home Orders” the SAO was required to adapt operations to preserve public health and address public safety. The number of individuals entering the criminal justice system had to be decreased and the status quo was no longer acceptable. The unique challenges that prosecutors faced in light of COVID-19 required that the SAO consult with other agencies and public health experts. These consultations with the Office of the Public Defender, the American Civil Liberties Union, and Johns Hopkins public health professionals led to a bold and aggressive plan that did not decrease public safety, but did address public health concerns.

These highlighted actions represent a fraction of the effort the office has done to support public safety and public health in 2020 in Baltimore City.

• Stopped the prosecution of certain low-level offenses including:
  - Drug Possession
  - Attempted Distribution
  - Prostitution
  - Trespassing
  - Open Container
  - Rogue and Vagabond
  - Minor Traffic Offenses
  - Urinating or Defecating in Public

• Expanded bail review criteria to account for the offenses we were no longer prosecuting
• Quashed warrants and dismissed pending cases for offenses we were not prosecuting
• Expanded bail review criteria to allow more flexibility
• Reviewed our Bench Warrant policy so that now the SAO is only asking for a bench warrant for felony offenses, and ASAs are advised to take several steps prior to requesting a bench warrant, which is only to be utilized as a last resort.

These policy changes resulted in:

• Quashed over 1400 warrants for charges no longer prosecuting
• The Probation Team reviewed violation of probation cases for the exact nature of the violation, and 53 out of 123 people (43%) on probation that fit our criteria recommended for release
• The Pre-trial Team, reviewed cases for those being detained pending their trial date, and 58 out of 175 people (33%) that fit our criteria were recommended for release
• The Early Release Team reviewed those people set to be released within 90 days and 39 out of 120 people (33%) of individuals that fit the criteria were recommended for early release

The SAO changes to policy as a result of the public health threat that COVID-19 poses have not been a threat to public safety, despite a 37% decrease in the number of individuals entering and cycling through the criminal justice system. Instead we have witnessed increases in public safety that includes:

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**PHASE ONE: REDEFINING THREATS**

The State's Attorney asked staff to come up with policies to try to slow the number of people entering prisons and jails in the first place. So we introduced a set of policies that were not a threat to public safety, including Drug Possession, Prostitution, Trespassing, Minor Traffic offenses, Attempted Distribution, Open Container, Rogue and Vagabond, and Urinating or defecating in public.

The day after we introduced these policies, the Baltimore City Police Department announced that they would also use discretion to not arrest people on these charges, exemplifying the inter-agency coordination necessary for effective policy.

These measures have been successful in reducing the flow of people into the criminal justice system, and therefore reducing exposure to the virus. Between March 19, 2020 and March 3, 2021 we saw 12,157 people brought to central booking, a drop of 39% compared to the 21,449 people during that previous year.

**PHASE TWO: AVOIDING A DEATH SENTENCE**

The Governor was encouraged to use his power to make sweeping reductions to the prison population and reduce the exposure to the virus. The State's Attorney wrote letters and sent proposals, in partnership with the Office of the Public Defender, ACLU, Johns Hopkins public health professionals and others to express the importance of statewide measures. This persistence paid off in April when the Governor announced an executive order to release 700 people. As a result, the SAO, with the Department of Corrections and the parole board, provided feedback on those individuals who could be released.

In November, the Governor issued a second executive order for early release of 1200, and our office reviewed individuals in Baltimore City and made recommendations to the Department of Corrections.

**Baltimore State’s Attorney Mosby to stop prosecuting drug possession, prostitution, other crimes amid coronavirus**

COVID-19 has the world on high alert. In recognition that the coronavirus is spreading quickly among high concentrations of people in close proximity, schools are being shut down, businesses are closed, and travel is restricted. The early infections in the U.S. are being quarantined. These measures are effective, but they also drive home how little attention is being paid to the millions of people in the most overconstrained conditions who are ripe for the spread of this contagion and a deadly virus: the people behind bars in America’s jails, prisons, and immigration detention centers.

There are 2.2 million adults and children locked up in the United States in various systems of confinement, including state and federal prisons, local jails, youth correctional facilities, and immigration detention, as of mid-2019. These are just one jurisdiction in the state, and other jurisdictions weren’t necessarily following our lead. Perhaps the biggest part of our strategy was the State’s Attorney’s partnership with public health and criminal justice experts, insisting that the Governor address this crisis on a statewide level in regards to the pandemic’s impact on the prison system. We recognized that prosecutors can only do so much, because we have to go into court and argue cases on an individual basis. And we also know that we are just one jurisdiction in the state, and other jurisdictions weren’t necessarily following our lead.

As public health experts, we believe these steps are essential to support the health of incarcerated individuals, who are some of the most vulnerable people in our society; the vital personnel who work in prisons and jail; and all people in the state of Maryland.

Excerpt from letter sent to Governor Hogan to express the importance of statewide measures.

As of March 2020, 2020 ANNUAL REPORT #JUSTICE OVERCONVICTIONS
Quashing warrants and dismissing pending cases was the next step in our plan to tackle the coronavirus in the corrections system. It would not be fair for people charged on February 20 to be prosecuted for something that someone charged on March 20 would not be prosecuted for. As a result, the SAO dismissed 1423 cases for COVID-19 reasons. However, people were still being picked up on failure to appear warrants for not showing up to court for offenses that were no longer prosecuted. Therefore, SAO prosecutors gathered and assessed open and pending warrants, requested hearings to eliminate the warrants and enter a “nolle prosequi” in each case, effectively dismissing the charge. This is referred to as “quashing” a warrant. The hearings took place in District Court on June 17 and ended on June 19. An additional hearing took place in Circuit Court. 540 warrants were quashed in the district court and 46 misdemeanor warrants were quashed in the circuit court. The underlying charges were dropped in each instance. We have also completed a second wave of warrant elimination in February 2021 and eliminated another 829 warrants.

In November, with the second wave of coronavirus rapidly approaching, the SAO released a new policy on bail and bench warrants to once again find ways to further reduce the jail population. This was in consultation with other prosecutor offices in San Francisco, Seattle, Boston, and Philadelphia to exchange information on decarceral policies.

### Phase Three: Leveling the Playing Field

*We are worried about all the people behind bars, especially those 50 or older and those who may have health problems. We are worried about the deaths that we may start to see behind bars, we know how quickly they spread.*

Lauren-Brooke Eisen, Director, Justice Program Brennan Center for Justice

COVID-19 in jails is still a major public health threat, and we want to slow the number of people entering the criminal justice system. As prosecutors, we are committed to protecting the safety and wellbeing of everyone in our community.

Marilyn J. Mosby, State’s Attorney for Baltimore City

As an office, we are proud that we have been able to reform the criminal justice system, with no negative impact on public safety. In light of COVID-19, we stopped prosecuting a range of misdemeanor offenses, reformed our bail processes, and supported many individuals for early release from incarceration. We did not see a negative impact on public safety. In 2020, there was a 30% drop in categories of arrest such as robberies and property crimes and a 20% drop in reported violent crime from the prior year - all crimes that we are continuing to prosecute. These results show that we can pursue reform and not risk the safety of our community and our residents.

### Decarceration: A Tangible Change in Our Corrections System

The overall incarcerated population in Baltimore City is down 20% during COVID. (Around 3000 people).

There has been a 39% reduction (around 8000 people) in people entering the criminal justice system.

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The New York Times

‘Jails Are Petri Dishes’: Inmates Freed as the Virus Spreads Behind Bars

Some jails are releasing people to stem outbreaks, but critics say it is not happening quickly enough to save lives and resources.
HONORING THOSE LOST

Baltimore ended 2020 with 725 men, women and children murdered, and an additional 725 were shot resulting in non-fatal injuries. As we fight for justice and work towards peace, we must remember and honor all the lives lost.
A DOUBLE-EDGED SWORD: CRIME AND A PANDEMIC

THE VICTIM & WITNESS SERVICES UNIT

The Victim & Witness Services Unit of the SAO serves the victims and witnesses of crimes that occur in Baltimore City, regardless of the status or outcome of the case. The unit is staffed by a team of dedicated victim advocates and social workers who serve as liaisons between victims, witnesses and prosecutors.

In FY21, the SAO secured $1.7 million in Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) grant funds from the Governor’s Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services to continue our efforts and improve services offered to victims and witnesses of crime. VOCA grant funds are used to fill 24 victim advocate positions, including bilingual advocates and social worker therapists, bringing our advocate total to 40. The funding received continues to aid our office in helping the citizens of Baltimore who have been victimized by crime.

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My role as a Homicide Advocate can be tough every day if you are not prepared. Therefore, I am prepared each and every day to meet survivors and their families where they are...My motto is for me ‘To be great at what I do so each family can get through’!

Lakeisha McFall
VWS Advocate

THE VICTIMS’ EMERGENCY FUND

The Victims’ Emergency Fund, managed by the Victims & Witness Services Unit of the SAO, helps individuals with immediate needs that arise as a result of an encounter with crime. This fund provided over $10,500 in 2020 to people impacted by crime in Baltimore City. Eligible costs include repairing broken windows and locks, replacing stolen medication, cleaning up crime scenes, and more.

FUNDING HOPE

This year was especially hard financially for many Baltimoreans. Finding funds for our victims and witnesses has never been more important. Our office secured two victim service grants, totaling $188,125 in grant funding. In late Spring 2020, we received $50,000 in Victim COVID-19 Emergency Relief funds to provide emergency relief for client requests related to transportation, food insecurity, rental and relocation assistance, domestic violence, and cleaning supplies. In the fall, we received an additional $338,125 in Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funds. The funds for this program were critical in retaining our Child Homicide Witness Therapist.

VCOA AWARDS SINCE 10/1/2015

| 10/1/2015 - 9/30/2016 | $267,090 |
| 10/1/2016 - 9/30/2018 | $2,150,895 |
| 10/1/2017 - 9/30/2018 | $16,492  |
| 10/1/2018 - 9/30/2019 | $1,292,082 |
| 01/2019 - 9/30/2020   | $2,188,235 |
| 3/1/2020 - 8/31/2020  | $50,000  |
| 10/1/2020 - 9/30/2021  | $1,748,005 |

TOTAL: $7,712,799
Baltimore has seen an increase in domestic violence calls since the beginning of the coronavirus pandemic. This comes as national statistics reveal an uptick in domestic violence cases when victims are forced to stay at home with their abusers.

TurnAround, a local victim services agency for survivors of domestic violence, sexual violence and human trafficking, reported in July that their call volume for services increased by 300 percent in the last six months compared to the previous time period.

At the end of October, the SAO launched Phase II of the ‘Together We Are Stronger’ campaign, continuing the public education push to remind residents about the support and services for victims and witnesses of crime in Baltimore City. The campaign included a targeted push to share resources available for domestic violence survivors in light of the spike during the COVID-19 pandemic. During October through December, the campaign generated over 53 million impressions across various media platforms.

Our campaign also includes a dedicated resource page on the agency’s website, billboards, a toll-free tip line to report crime, and a series of public service announcements that will run on television and radio stations across the city. These will tell authentic stories from the perspective of family members who have been impacted by crime while highlighting an array of victim and witness services such as court accompaniment, victim witness relocation, sign language interpreters, victim/impact statements, transportation arrangement and grief counseling.

This campaign is the most recent milestone in the Mosby administration’s commitment to keeping Victim and Witness Services a paramount priority for the agency.

If you or your loved one are a victim or witness of a crime, please call 1-877-SAO-4TIP and visit TogetherWeAreStronger.com for information on local resources available.

We must prioritize resources to ensure the protection and support for victim and witnesses of crime to make it easy to come forward and put an end to the vicious cycle of witness intimidation and the ‘stop snitching’ mentality.

Marilyn J. Mosby, State’s Attorney for Baltimore City
In 2015, State’s Attorney Mosby created the Crime Strategies Unit (CSU) to use data, science-based strategies, and 21st century technology to fight crime. The CSU works closely with the Baltimore Police Department, other law enforcement/criminal justice agencies, and members of the community to identify the groups and individuals most responsible for committing crimes that impact our communities, from violent crimes to low-level, quality-of-life offenses.

The CSU then facilitates information sharing about these individuals and groups throughout the SAO and amongst all of our partners to inform bail recommendations, strengthen cases, and improve prosecutorial outcomes.

The CSU is based on a similar model created by the Manhattan District Attorney’s Office in New York. One of the powerful tools key to CSU’s strategic approach is the development of an Arrest Alert System within the SAO. Prosecutors are alerted immediately when a person of interest is arrested for any reason. CSU staff coordinate with prosecutors at the Central Booking and Intake Facility (CBIF) to ensure that appropriate charging decisions and bail recommendations are made for these individuals. This ensures that persons of interest, whether they pose a danger to the community or are needed for an existing case, will not go undetected during the booking and intake process. Currently there are 464 individuals being tracked in the SAO Arrest Alert System. The Arrest Alert System is distinct from the SAO’s War Room which also operates at CBIF. The War Room identifies violent repeat offenders, upon booking, and identifies the steps necessary to ensure those dangerous individuals are held pre-trial.

CSU BY THE NUMBERS

- **FOUR ANALYSTS**
- **FIVE ACTIVE INVESTIGATIONS**
- **84 INDICTMENTS** to date of violent crime drivers and the group members who facilitate their violent criminal activity
- Arrest Alert System currently tracking **464 INDIVIDUALS**
The War Room’s criteria includes past criminal record, parole or probation status, and current charges. The Arrest Alert System identifies individuals who are known to law enforcement but may not meet the War Room’s criteria, such as a known gang member who has no prior arrests for violent crimes but is suspected of violence by local law enforcement.

CSU is part of a number of key citywide initiatives to address crime and increase public safety in our City. Included in these initiatives are the Baltimore Community Intelligence Center (BCIC), Gun Crime Intelligence Center (GCIC), and Group Violence Reduction Strategy (GVRS). These are collaborative efforts in which CSU works with our local, State and National partners to address crime and the root causes of crime throughout our city.

The BCICs are the expansion of the Strategic Decision Support Center (SDSC) and are a collaboration between the SAO, BPD, the Baltimore City Health Department and the Baltimore City Mayor’s Office of Criminal Justice, teaming assistant state’s attorneys with data analysts, police officers, caseworkers and other partners to make the process of facilitating cases more streamlined and provide direct support in the communities in which they work. They offer District level real-time crime centers which serve as command and control centers for district personnel to gain awareness of what is happening in their districts and decide on responses. BCICs provide a mechanism for problem analysis in support of place and people-based inter-agency coordination.

Within the GCIC, CSU coordinates, deconflicts and strategizes with our GCIC partners to obtain and capitalize on evidence relating to firearms and violent crimes in which firearms are used. In furtherance of the GCIC partnership, CSU coordinates GCIC cases with other initiatives and tracks the progress of these cases. A tool used in furtherance of the GCIC is the CSU IBIN Alert System which tracks and gives automatic alerts to SAO leadership, ASAs and analysts when cases contain Integrated Ballistic Information Network (IBIN) evidence. CSU also stores IBIN related connections in our Crime Map.

New to 2020, CSU now manages the SAO community liaisons who work within CSU. They represent the State’s Attorney at inter-agency meetings, community association meetings, and community events, including meetings with the Baltimore Police Department.

THEIR ROLES INCLUDE:

› Identifying important meetings and events in a designated police district
› Reporting community problems or issues to CSU staff and other SAO team members
› Identifying options and solutions to the issues raised by the community
› Educate the community about services provided by the office
› Track cases that are of concern to the community and secure community/victim impact statements where appropriate
› Meet with and assist community members with ongoing crime and related criminal justice matters, such as submitting victim/community impact statements
› Compile information to assist CSU with its mission to use data more effectively in prosecutions

Continuous collaboration and partnership is key to tackling the violence in our city. As this CSU illustrates, data-driven tactics, and forthright and deliberate sharing among all local, state, and federal law enforcement partners can strategically combat the violence plaguing our communities.

Marilyn J. Mosby,
State’s Attorney for Baltimore City

CSU works with our local, state, and national partners in the City’s Group Violence Reduction Strategy. GVRS is a data-driven initiative, based on the best evidence and tactics to identify and dismantle violent criminal networks while bringing offenders to justice. GVRS involves a partnership of law enforcement, prosecutors, community and social service organizations, who collectively engage with an active number of groups and people involved in gun violence. This work is done in coordination with the BCICs.

This crime reduction strategy involves identifying persons and places responsible for serious community violence, and investigating the criminal activity of those violent crime drivers and their supporting criminal networks in conjunction with investigating the environmental aspects of the supporting criminal places that are conducive to the violent criminal behavior and the underlying or supportive criminal enterprises. The GVRS model further partners with the community to dissuade future violence through a coordinated community moral message and genuine offer of help to those who want it from service partners, as well as targeted community investments to reduce the environmental risk factors for such violence.
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 up to 1,000 cases. In 2020 the app had over 70 new downloads, and over 6,500 views.

VIRTUAL COURT IN THE COMMUNITY

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.

In 2020 the SAO moved Court in The Community to social media. On April 30, The State’s Attorney’s Office hosted its first virtual Court in the Community event on Facebook Live. The conversation lasted nearly an hour and a half and was viewed by over 2,000 people. To watch the entire virtual Court in the Community on the SAO YouTube Channel, click here.

Traditionally we hold our Court in the Community events quarterly around the City for participants to engage with us in-person. In light of the COVID-19 pandemic, we will be hosting a discussion about the virus’ impact on the criminal justice system in a virtual forum. Marilyn J. Mosby
State’s Attorney for Baltimore City

The topics discussed ranged from the rescheduling of court cases to the decarceration of prisons, and more. State’s Attorney Mosby moderated a panel of health and criminal justice experts including:

DR. CHRIS BEYRER
Professor, Department of Epidemiology
Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health

MICHAEL COLLINS
Strategic Policy & Planning Director
Office of the State’s Attorney for Baltimore City

DEBRA M. DAVIS, ESQ.
Delegate
District 28, Charles County

SONIA KUMAR
Sr. Staff Attorney
ACLUB-MD

NICOLE MUNDELL
Executive Director
Out for Justice
Protest to Policy: Police Accountability

For the past six years State’s Attorney Mosby has advocated for police accountability reform in Maryland, after having attempted to hold police accountable for the death of an innocent 25-year-old Black man named Freddie Carlos Gray, Jr. from West Baltimore, MD, who was killed in the custody of the Baltimore City Police Department.

This summer her advocacy moved to national headlines as the longstanding crisis of police violence and structural racism in America emerged again when a Minneapolis police officer arrested George Floyd, a 46-year-old Black man, for allegedly using a counterfeit $20 bill. On camera, the State’s Attorney and individuals across the nation watched as an officer pinned Floyd to the ground and kneeled on his neck for eight minutes and 46 seconds, killing him. All while other officers simply looked on. Mr. Floyd’s death prompted a surge of demonstrations that demanded reform of police and accountability for the deaths. This demand quickly spread from Minneapolis to the rest of the country. From May 26 (the day after Mr. Floyd’s death) through August 22, The Armed Conflict Location & Event Data Project recorded over 10,000 demonstrations across more than 2,440 locations in all 50 states.

Protests, as time wore on this summer, included more victims of police violence spurred by racism throughout the nation. At the start of 2020, Ahmaud Arbery was shot and killed in Georgia by a former police officer and his son while out jogging. The former officer and his son claimed Mr. Arbery was suspected of breaking into nearby homes. In Louisville, Kentucky Breonna Taylor, an unarmed Black woman shot seven times by police in her home. Police raided the wrong home while attempting to serve a warrant and exchanged gunfire with one of the occupants; the occupant’s partner was Breonna Taylor. Rayshard Brooks, an unarmed Black man killed by police in Atlanta, Georgia. Jacob Blake, an unarmed Black man shot seven times by police in Kenosha, Wisconsin. Even beyond the murders that occurred in 2020, protests this year plead for police accountability while acknowledging others murdered like Michael Brown, Eric Garner, Freddie Gray, and Trayvon Martin.

The murders of black men and women across the Country by those sworn to protect them has led, rightfully so, to lawmakers in Maryland and our County moving to the forefront the need for police reform. The Maryland General Assembly’s House of Delegates formed the Workgroup to Address Police Accountability and Reform. The workgroup met monthly in the interim between Legislative Session. State’s Attorney Mosby advocated and testified for the same proposals that were recognized as needed at the start of her administration after the death of Freddie Gray Jr. These proposals include independent investigations, increased penalties for police misconduct, whistleblower protections, civil oversight, and special prosecutions for police misconduct.

Mirroring their colleagues efforts in the House, the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee held rare bill hearings during a time in which the Maryland General Assembly was not in session. In these more targeted hearings, State’s Attorney Mosby continued to advocate for the repeal of the Law Enforcement Officer’s Bill of Rights, the elimination of no-knock warrants, and requiring an officer to both intervene and report misconduct. This work continues into 2021 as we move our protest into policy during the 90 day 2021 Maryland General Assembly session. During this upcoming year the S&O will continue to advocate for accountability and reform of police ensuring one standard of justice for all of Baltimore.

Police are usually required to knock on the door and announce their presence when serving an arrest warrant. But officers may request written approval from a judge to conduct a no-knock warrant if they believe that announcing their presence could cause evidence to be destroyed or people to be hurt. It’s up to a judge to approve or deny that request.

No-knock warrants were criticized publicly across the Country after Breonna Taylor, a 26-year-old emergency room technician, was shot and killed in her home by Louisville police officers as they were in the midst of serving a no-knock. Taylor’s boyfriend has said he fired one shot, believing an intruder was breaking in. An officer was wounded in his leg.

“The ends do not justify the means, seventeen states do not allow this tactic, and our office will also not longer sign off on this dangerous measure.”

Marilyn J. Mosby
State’s Attorney for Baltimore City

ASAs no longer authorize so-called “no-knock” warrants. The events of the tragic killing of Breonna Taylor, clearly illustrate that the ends do not justify the means. Seventeen states across the Country do not allow this tactic. Our office joined their efforts on October 14, 2020.
The Maryland General Assembly session began on January 8, 2020. Session operated in spite of the looming COVID-19 virus threat until the end of March. At this time they stopped allowing public entrance into the State buildings. The work of our legislators continued though and so did the work of our legislative affairs team.

Six years ago, State’s Attorney Mosby created the 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.

During the 2020 legislative session, the SAO made strides in securing the passage of legislation that will have a profound impact on the criminal justice system. From witness intimidation to expungement, these laws will enable us to begin the work necessary to create a fairer and more equitable system to improve public safety for all of Baltimore.

**FORFEITURE BY WRONGDOING:**
This legislation will make it easier to present out-of-court statements against those that intimidate witnesses by lowering the burden of proof needed for a prosecutor to secure convictions. This standard puts Maryland in line with the federal government and the majority of the states in our country. Witness intimidation frequently manifests in the form of violent, and sometimes lethal, crimes and often prevents law enforcement from conducting thorough investigations that lead to arrests. In cases in which a suspect is identified and arrested, witness intimidation continues to impact our ability to prosecute crime and to convict those responsible.

**PARTIAL EXPUNGEMENT, MARYLAND JUDICIARY CASE SEARCH:**
This legislation begins to dismantle the ‘unit rule’ and requires that Maryland Judiciary Case Search no longer provide information on an individual’s record related to any cases that were acquitted, dismissed (except if there were requirements for drug or alcohol treatment) and allows for the expungement of additional misdemeanor charges. Additionally, a workgroup will be convened to study and develop a plan and legislative recommendations for enabling the expungement of criminal charges that are currently not eligible for expungement because of the Unit Rule.

**PARTIAL EXPUNGEMENT, POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA RECORDS:**
This legislation will allow those who have a marijuana possession record, to have an opportunity to gain meaningful employment and move past other roadblocks by having their records automatically removed from Maryland Judiciary Case Search. In 2019, the SAO stopped the prosecution of marijuana possession, a violation which has no impact on public safety and disproportionately impacts communities of black and brown people. This bill requires that records pertaining to marijuana possession be removed from Maryland Judiciary Case Search, an online tool too often used by employers and landlords to determine an individual’s criminal background. Positive findings within the Maryland Judiciary Case Search often lead to denial of employment, housing and other collateral consequences.

**JAILHOUSE INFORMANTS LAW:**
This bill toughens restrictions and requires the State to take specific precautions regarding testimony from jailhouse informants including reporting the information to the Governor’s Office of Crime Prevention, Youth and Victim Services and disclosing it to the defendant. Jailhouse informants are those incarcerated individuals who offer testimony against a defendant, and may receive leniency or other benefits, which can create a strong incentive for false reporting. In Maryland alone, four innocent people have been proven to have been wrongfully convicted as a result of jailhouse informant’s false testimony.
FREEING THE INNOCENT CONViction INTEGRITY UNIT

Wrongful convictions are not isolated or rare events but instead arise from systemic defects. State’s Attorney Mosby recognizing this, reconfigured and expanded in 2015, the Conviction Integrity Unit (CIU), charging the division with investigating claims of actual innocence and wrongful convictions. Today, CIU is one of only three CIUs in the state and is the longest-existing CIU in the State. In 2020 one man was exonerated, Melvin Thomas. The CIU receive about 200 applications a year from prisoners asking that their cases be reviewed. Since 2015, the CIU has exonerated ten men who served combined over 270 years in prison for crimes they did not commit.

I am grateful for the work of my Conviction Integrity Unit, who work tirelessly as prosecutors sworn to not only aggressively advocate on behalf of the victims of crime, but in the pursuit of justice—and when the evidence exists—to exculpate those that have been falsely accused or convicted...As I always stress, justice over convictions is the only barometer of success for this office.

State’s Attorney Mosby has pledged to apply one standard of justice for all, and in so doing she created the Public Trust and Police Integrity Unit (PTPIU). With this unit, the PTPIU, 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 whose conduct resulted in a death or serious bodily injury.

Now as our nation demands police accountability following the murders of many this year including George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, and Rayshard Brooks, the systems that prevent police accountability still exist. The SAO has detailed the difficulty in prosecuting police misconduct and has continually advocated for legislative reforms to holing police officers accountable. These reforms are finally being proposed during the 2021 Maryland General Assembly session.

Overall, in this moment in our country’s history, the State of Maryland is using this terrible opportunity to provide police reform that will ensure greater collaboration and inclusion of community stake holders; improve training and education of officers; encourage stronger mechanisms of transparency and ultimately accountability. In step with these reforms the SAO furthered it’s efforts to address the need for police accountability.

ENSURING JUSTICE PUBLIC TRUST AND POLICE INTEGRITY UNIT

I must apologize to Mr. Thomas for the 19 years he spent in prison for a crime he did not commit—a time lost forever and years of his life stolen from him unfairly... Let me say to Mr. Thomas, I represent the State and the State has wronged you. We ask for your forgiveness and commit to working with you as you gain your freedom and reenter society.

Marilyn J. Mosby, State’s Attorney for Baltimore City

My office will continue to pursue one standard of justice in the city of Baltimore regardless of your race, religion, or occupation. Police accountability is something we take very seriously because it’s an honor and a privilege to put on a uniform and wear a badge in order to serve and protect the citizens of this city. If and when you violate that trust, you will be held accountable.

Marilyn J. Mosby, State’s Attorney for Baltimore City
The United States of America is an outlier in the world and Maryland is an outlier in the nation when it comes to punishing people—particularly People of Color. America is the largest jailer of people in the world, with the punitive severity and excessive nature of sentences disproportionately impacting Black and Brown people. Here, in the State of Maryland, African-Americans make up a mere 30% of the State population, yet comprise 70% of the state’s prison population—that is more than double the national average.

According to DPSCS data, almost 80% of the 2200 prisoners currently serving life sentences throughout our State are Black. 34% of the more than 800 prisoners sentenced to life in Baltimore City are Black.

The status quo is neither just nor sustainable. Prosecutors have a responsibility to seek justice over convictions and this new unit helps put into practice the imperative need to review and when appropriate revise sentences that are incompatible with current practices.

The SRU is also a new and integral part of our comprehensive response to the COVID-19 crisis. We have seen over the past year that once that virus enters the prison, it spreads like wildfire because quarantining and social distancing, which are essential prevention strategies for the virus, cannot work for people living in crowded dormitories with 70 to a room or having meals together.

State’s Attorney Mosby was once a survivor herself when her cousin was killed outside of her home in Baltimore City in 2000. While two individuals tragically lost her brother to homicide in Baltimore City in 2000. While two individuals were arrested and ultimately charged and convicted of the crime, Becky was inspired to work in the criminal justice system fighting for the release of inmates because it was therapeutic for her. It was a part of her healing process.

Ms. Feldman consults, engages and advises victims’ families throughout the review process. To that end, the SRU has partnered with the Restorative Justice Organization, Restorative Response Baltimore, to offer a process for where those who have been harmed and their support system and those who have caused harm along with their support system can voluntarily engage in a restorative dialogue. This process is offered to those directly involved in and affected by harm to attempt to reconcile, heal, and empathize to build community and connection. This process is facilitated by trained invested facilitators. Facilitators speak with everyone participating in the dialogue process to find out if they are interested in attending, who needs to be present, what to expect, as well as what resources may need to be present. If individuals aren’t interested in participating in the restorative justice dialogue we attempt to provide resources to support health and healing.

Regardless of how victim or survivor decides to proceed, the SAO is also connecting individuals with our Victims and Witness Services unit so the victims/witnesses/or survivors can obtain services such as lifetime grief counseling through family bereavement and grief counseling, information on the legal process, and more.

The criteria set for initial review but not wholly sufficient for a recommendation to support release are:

- Individuals who have a documented serious medical condition according to CDC that places them at a higher risk of serious illness or death if they contract COVID-19;

AND

- Individuals over the age of 60 who have spent more than 25 years in prison on a life sentence OR Individuals who have spent more than 25 years in prison on a life sentence for a crime committed as a juvenile (age 17 and under).
A Generation Raised in a Pandemic

In 2020 there were over 900 juvenile arrests compared to almost 1,500 juvenile arrests in 2019, but according to Maryland Department of Juvenile Service data, the number of youths charged as adults in Baltimore City increased 13% in 2020 when compared to 2019.

This is significant because, while it is a decrease from last year, 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, armed carjacking and robbery with a dangerous weapon. While 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.

During 2020, State’s Attorney Mosby swore in 58 students for the fifth year in a row through the Junior State’s Attorney program, reached almost 100 fourth and fifth graders through the Great Expectations program, and provided a safe and fun family friendly alternative on Friday nights through the virtual #B’MorePopUps which had over 9,000 views. 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.

2020 CCP Partnerships

Overall, CCP is advancing and continuing the mission of the SAO. Whether in the streets physically or by way of a virtual platform, we are dedicated to providing quality programming that results in a rebuilding of trust in the criminal justice system. We understand that vital role of our network of partners and are greatly appreciative of another year of support.

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We don’t want to forget about our young people during this time of social distancing. We want them to have that mental break from all the chaos that’s happening in our world right now.

Marilyn J. Mosby, State’s Attorney for Baltimore City

Criminal Justice & Prevention Unit

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We are appreciative of another year of support of our network of partners and are greatly appreciative of another year of support.
The #BMorePopUp Summer Series is an exciting opportunity for youth to engage in free programming during the critical evening hours of 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm on Fridays when juvenile crime is most likely to occur. In the past, youth have had the opportunity to participate in activities that range from visiting the Maryland Science Center to cruising on the Harbor aboard the Spirit Baltimore.

In efforts to provide our youth with summer opportunities to keep them safe, engaged and informed during the COVID-19 pandemic and city-wide shutdown, the Crime Control and Prevention Unit (CCP) partnered with the SAO’s Communications Unit to pilot our #BMorePopUp Summer 2020 Virtual Series. Every Friday from July 10th to August 28th, we invited artists to join our virtual platform to engage Baltimore-area youth about the importance of making good choices, being responsible citizens and staying informed about public safety and the COVID-19 crisis.

Each session was hosted by State’s Attorney Marilyn Mosby and DJ QuickSilva, with dance parties from our #BMorePopUp staple DJ OK of DTLR. We had the pleasure of having the following artist on the platform: Lil Key, Money Jake, Yea Dee, Grammy Nominated Singer/Songwriter and Actor MAJOR, Paper Michaaye, Mulatto, Rodney Hollywood, Saweetie, Whyteboy Frazier, Tate Kobang, DJ Duke LIVE, Tyeler Reign, DriatheArtist, BeatKing, Delina, WoodyRock, NAACP Image Award-Winning Actor/Comedian David Mann, and Grammy & NAACP Image Award-Winning Artist Tamela Mann. Each show streamed live to the State’s Attorney’s Office’s Facebook and YouTube pages. The SAO #BMorePopUp Summer 2020 Virtual Series was a major success due to the support of the following entertainment industry partners: Radio One, DJ QuickSilva, Vernon Nelson, BlackOut Entertainment Management, DTLR, DJ OK, DJ Duke LIVE, and DJ Reddz.

We were also fortunate to have the sponsorship of the Baltimore City Health Department and partnerships from the following key Baltimore City agencies: Baltimore City Schools, Baltimore School Police, the Mayor’s Office of Children and Family Success, and Baltimore City Recreation and Parks. Each week, a partner joined the platform for a segment entitled “Addressing COVID-19 in Baltimore” to promote their efforts to help youth and families through the pandemic. They used the opportunity to inform the communities of current resources and events worth taking advantage of.

The highlight of each show was the opportunity for youth to interview the celebrity artist of the week. Upon promoting the PopUps each week, youth were encouraged to email the SAO staff to express interest in meeting and interviewing their favorite featured artists. Approximately, 46 youth were selected to participate. Due to the limitation of space on each hour-long platform, those who did not get to appear on the show had the luxury of engaging the hosts and artists through LIVE comments on the SAO’s social media streams.
Having completed its sixth year, the Junior State’s Attorney (JSA) program is a 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. Through our application and interview process, 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. Despite the pandemic and in partnership with the YouthWorks program, the CCP unit hosted its first virtual JSA program, serving 58 students. While we were unable to gather at the University of Baltimore for our annual Mock Trial Competition and Closing Ceremony, we were able to host a virtual competition to be observed by SAO guest and family members.

It critical that our City interrupt the cycle of crime by reaching out to our young people and investing in their futures. That is why State’s Attorney Mosby started the JSA program and it’s been incredibly rewarding to watch our city’s talented young people succeed.

Since 2015, JSA has served 257 youth and employed around 160 students through YouthWorks for the summer program. The success of the program is illustrated not only by the success stories of our youth, but also by the data. Two of the six cohorts (2015 and 2016) are now in the post-secondary age range and have completed high school. Of those youth:  
- 95% graduated high school  
- 95% are either in college or on a career track (67% in college; 23% working, and 5% in the US Military)  
- 33% of the current college students are pursuing a degree in a criminal justice related field of study

JSA SUCCESS STORY: Monyae Smalls

Monyae Smalls is a member of the 2017 JSA cohort and graduate of Baltimore City College. He is currently a freshman in college and an active member of the Junior State’s Attorney’s Alumni Association. Monyae currently leads a pilot Social Justice Committee within JaAA.

He, along with other members of the committee are committed to using the pandemic to spread awareness to students within Baltimore City schools around the issues of social distancing fatigue, social injustice, and how youth should manage themselves during an encounter with law enforcement professionals.

Launched in the 2015-2016 school year, Great Expectations (GE) is a ten-month program that introduces fourth grade Baltimore City Public School students to careers in the criminal justice system. During the 2019-2020 school year GE operated in three schools including Sharp Leadenhall, Dorothy Heights and Eutaw Marshburn. During this time, GE exposed almost 100 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. Due to the COVID 19 pandemic’s constraints of virtual learning, our full operation of programming, including our annual holiday toy drive featuring DTGR and Santa Luke of Mondawmin Mall, will be postponed until the reopening of schools for the 2020–2021 academic year. It is a top priority of the SAO’s CCP Unit to not only keep our communities out of harm’s way of violence but also from this unprecedented virus.