Friends,

As 2015 comes to a close, I’d like to thank my staff and local leaders for their help in bringing the State’s Attorney’s Office closer to the community. It is my sincere hope that our efforts will have a holistic and lasting effect on the criminal justice system. As we continue to prosecute violent repeat offenders and engender trust in law enforcement, I expect Baltimore City to progress beyond the insufferable amount of death and destruction we’ve seen this year—into a future of greater public safety and public trust.

The first year of my administration has been a busy one. We secured 126 convictions including Public Enemy Number One Darryl Anderson and double murderer Quinton Bass. And we finally convicted serial sex offender Nelson Clifford and sentenced him to over 30 years in jail. But aside from our numerous victories in the courtroom, we also hosted the first annual Winter Solstice event raising over $17,000 for the Victims’ Emergency Fund. And we received over $5.6 M in state and federal grant funds including a new $425,000 grant from the Department of Justice to evaluate and reform our pretrial procedures.

We swore in and trained 37 new ASAs, restructured our victim witness unit to better serve victims and witnesses of crime, and added 10 community liaisons to our team to provide a direct connection between the community and our office.

In addition, we also actively supported and saw passage of several pieces of legislation including a statewide bill to better protect victims of domestic violence. We also supported legislation that provides ex-offenders with a second chance and worked with the City’s Department of Health to expand our animal fighting laws.

These are the tools we need to make Baltimore a safer place to live and work. And our friends at the Baltimore Police Department have been with us every step of the way. The “War Room” located at police headquarters is a great example of law enforcement from the federal, state, and local levels collaborating to produce positive outcomes.

In addition to our prosecutorial and legislative efforts, we’ve established community programs dedicated to introducing the public to the positive aspects of law enforcement. These programs include:

- **Aim to B’more** – an alternative to incarceration for first-time, non-violent, felony drug offenders featuring community service, educational classes, and job training leading to full-time employment. Defendants graduate the program with a job and without a criminal record.

- **Community Day in Court** – a quarterly event connecting the community with law enforcement officials in an actual courtroom to discuss the criminal justice issues plaguing our city.

- **Junior State’s Attorney** – a six-week summer program that exposes promising middle school students to the criminal justice profession.

Inside you will find detailed information about the many things we’ve done this year to fight crime in our City. It is clear that more work needs to be done—and I am confident that my committed and talented staff are up to the task.

Sincerely,

Mandy Mobley
BASIC CRIMINAL JUSTICE FLOW

1. Citizen calls 911
2. Citizen calls 311
3. Citizen files complaint with commissioner

- Police make arrest or commissioner issues summons

- Areesee is taken to central booking intake facility to be booked
- State’s attorney’s office either agrees to file charges against the arrestee or signs for charges to be dropped and person released

- Defendants who are arrested appear before the commissioner

- District court
  - Misdemeanor/traffic crimes
  - Bench trial to determine guilt or innocence
  - Defendant, in certain cases, can request to be heard in front of a jury in circuit court

- Circuit court
  - Felony crimes/misdemeanor jury trials
  - Jury trial to determine guilt beyond a reasonable doubt
  - In felony cases, a preliminary hearing is held in district court or the case is presented to the grand jury in circuit court to determine if there is sufficient probable cause to sustain the charges. If the judge or grand jury determines there is probable cause to charge, the case is charged and scheduled for an arraignment and then for trial at circuit court; if not, the charges are dismissed.

- Incarceration
  - City jail or state prison

- Parole and probation

- Out of system

- Court mails summons to all complainants, witnesses, and victims

- Assigned prosecutor contacts the victim(s) and witness(es) to discuss the case

- Judge or parole commissioner assigns supervision in the community by the state after being released from incarceration, or may receive in lieu of being incarcerated
HOMICIDE UNIT SECURES 126 CONVICTIONS WITH A 79% CONVICTION RATE

The Homicide Unit in the Office of the State’s Attorney investigates and prosecutes all homicides that occur in the City. This year the Homicide Unit closed 159 cases securing 126 convictions with a conviction rate of 79 percent. By comparison, last year, the Unit closed 98 cases securing 74 convictions with a conviction rate of 76 percent.

This year, our homicide prosecutors put a number of Baltimore’s most dangerous criminals behind bars including Public Enemy Number One, Darryl Anderson. In February, prosecutors successfully convicted Anderson of two counts of second degree murder and six counts of attempted second degree murder for the 2013 murders of Gennie Shird and Michelle Hitchens. Anderson was a violent repeat offender with a criminal record dating back to 2003. After the 2013 shootings, Anderson evaded police in several states before being apprehended by U.S. Marshals in Alabama. Tierra Fallin, Anderson’s co-defendant, was also convicted for her role in the 2013 murders. Both Anderson and Fallin were sentenced to life plus 240 years for their crimes.

Violent repeat offender and member of the notorious Black Guerilla Family gang, Capone Chase, was also convicted this year for the 2013 murder of Ramon Rodriguez. Chase was sentenced to life plus fifty years. Other notable convictions include the conviction of Devon Ferguson for the brazen double murder of two brothers in Upper Fells Point in 2013. Ferguson was sentenced to two consecutive life sentences plus 55 years.

The OSA also secured the conviction of Quinton Bass, who made headlines after being accused of murdering two well-loved Mt. Vernon community members. Early in the morning on August 10, 2012, several friends were outside of a historic bed and breakfast in Mt. Vernon, when Bass approached the group and demanded money. He briefly fled the scene and returned later with a 9mm handgun. Bass opened fire killing Alex Ulrich, a local artist, and seriously wounding Larry Peterson, owner of the Empire House and a community activist. Peterson died as a result of his injuries on May 16, 2014.

Bass was arrested in August 2012 after a key witness helped the BPD connect Bass to the gun used in the shooting. Bass was convicted of two counts of first degree murder as well as several handgun and robbery charges.

The prosecutors in the Homicide Unit also investigate all auto fatalities occurring in Baltimore and prosecute automobile manslaughter cases. This year, the Unit investigated and prosecuted former Bishop Heather Cook for the drunk driving death of cyclist Thomas Palermo in 2014. Cook, who previously received probation before judgment for drunk driving in 2010, pled guilty to automobile manslaughter, leaving the scene of an accident and other violations. Cook was sentenced in October to 20 years, suspend all but seven, with five years on probation- slightly less than the OSA’s recommended sentence of 20 years, suspend all but ten.

New this year, Homicide ASAs and survivors are supported by a designated Homicide Victim/Witness Coordinator who works exclusively with survivors of and witnesses to homicides. The new Coordinator helps identify and contact witnesses, assists with testimony preparation, and accompanies victims and witnesses to court. The Coordinator also keeps witnesses informed of case status changes, freeing Homicide ASAs to focus on investigating and building strong cases.

HOMICIDE CASE OUTCOMES

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Rates:

- 2014: 76%
- 2015: 79%
FELONY PROSECUTORS OBTAIN JUSTICE FOR VICTIMS OF BRUTAL BUS ASSAULT

The Felony Trial Unit is the OSA’s largest Circuit Court Division. The dedicated ASAs in this Unit investigate and prosecute a range of crimes including attempted murder, felony assault, drug dealing, and handguns. Felony prosecutors assume responsibility for a case from Grand Jury indictment through final resolution, enabling prosecutors to develop relationships with key witnesses, solicit feedback and assistance from the community and truly become experts in the case at hand. This year, the Felony Trial team prosecuted nearly 3,400 cases.

Felony Trial ASAs secured a number of convictions against violent repeat offenders in the City in 2015. In May, prosecutors successfully convicted Brandon Miller of multiple counts of robbery and theft for two 2014 robberies of a Wells Fargo Bank in Greektown. Prosecutors also convicted William Stokes of second-degree attempted murder, robbery with a deadly weapon and conspiracy to commit robbery for a violent attack and robbery in 2013. In August, Stokes was sentenced to 45 years in prison, the first 25 years without parole. Stokes, a violent repeat offender, was on parole at the time of the attack for a 2005 robbery charge.

In June 2014, Murphy was driving the bus that the victim and his family were riding on through Hampden. Investigators learned, confirmed by CCTV footage, that the victim engaged in a verbal argument with the bus operator shortly after boarding the bus. Murphy began threatening the victim and telling him to ‘watch the way you talk to me.’ When the victim and his family exited the bus, one of the juveniles punched the victim in the back of the head and 15-20 juveniles began attacking the family. The victim’s girlfriend was struck several times causing her to lose multiple teeth and suffer seizures afterwards from the head trauma. Felony ASAs successfully convicted Murphy of three counts of second degree assault and one count of conspiracy to commit second degree assault.

The Felony Trial Unit worked throughout the year to improve relations with the Baltimore Police Department (BPD) and strengthen our felony cases. The Unit held a Police District Roundtable Discussion with each of the City’s nine District Detective Units to discuss coordinated investigation strategies. The ASAs shared information on securing video evidence, testifying in court, tracking phones and other electronic devices and more. The Unit also implemented a 24/7 on-call program enabling the BPD to contact a Felony Trial Team Leader at any time to review search and seizure warrants and provide any other form of investigative or legal assistance.

Felony Trial Unit also secured the conviction of MTA bus driver Karen Murphy for her role in encouraging more than a dozen juveniles to assault a man and his family aboard an MTA bus.
TARGETING VIOLENT REPEAT OFFENDERS

The Major Investigations Unit (MIU) investigates and prosecutes violent repeat offenders and violent criminal organizations in Baltimore. The MIU works closely with the Baltimore City Police Department (BPD), the United States Attorney’s Office (USAO), and other local, state and federal law enforcement partners to investigate and build cases against these offenders.

In March, MIU ASAs successfully convicted Purnell Rodriguez for the first-degree murder of Terrence Rheubottom. Rodriguez was also convicted for possession of a firearm in the commission of a crime of violence, and being a prohibited person in possession of a firearm. The case was a retrial of a previous proceeding.

On April 17, 2013 at approximately 11:15 a.m., first responders found Rheubottom in the driver’s seat of a vehicle parked in the 1800 block of Ruxton Avenue in the Coppin Heights neighborhood. Rheubottom had sustained three gunshot wounds—one to the head, and two to his back. An investigation into the murder revealed that the victim had been driving through the neighborhood before he stopped his vehicle in the middle of Ruxton Ave. His car was still running and in park—with the driver’s side window down—as Rodriguez approached the vehicle from behind and began firing at the victim. Several witnesses connected Rodriguez to the crime.

The case became substantially more complicated when a witness central to the prosecution effort was murdered in January 2015. The State however, was permitted to play an audio recording of his testimony from the first trial at the retrial. The State also dealt with recanted testimony from other witnesses who were afraid to testify against Rodriguez after the other witness was murdered.

The MIU also includes three ASAs detailed to the USAO as Special Assistant United States Attorneys to investigate and prosecute narcotics and firearms cases. Federal laws often carry longer sentences than our state laws; the ASAs cross-designated to the USAO enable the USAO to accept more referrals from our office for prosecution in federal court that could result in longer sentences for convicted, violent offenders. For example, one of the cross-designated ASAs is currently working on a Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) case that has grown to a total of 65 targeted subjects. The ASA worked with the DEA and the Department of Justice to secure information on over 45 phones and review thousands of pages of warrants, affidavits and orders. By the end of the year, 13 subjects were indicted on a range of narcotics charges while several others continue to be investigated.

The MIU also includes the City Corrections Investigative Unit (CCIU). The CCIU is a collaborative effort between the OSA, the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services (DPSCS), the BPD and the Maryland State Police to combat corruption in Baltimore’s correctional facilities. In 2015, the CCIU opened 20 new cases against DPSCS staff, inmates and people on the street; made 19 arrests; and secured 14 pleas and two convictions. Since reporting began for the Unit in July 2013 (through December 2015), the Unit has opened 98 new cases against DPSCS staff, inmates and people on the street including 48 staff corruption cases and 29 gang related cases. These cases have led to 76 arrests and 51 indictments.

Palace, Wheeler and his girlfriend had engaged in a brazen, revenge inspired shooting spree on the streets of Baltimore that left two people seriously injured.

During the spree, Wheeler was transported to each location by his girlfriend. At one location, Wheeler and another coconspirator shot one victim several times. At the second location, Wheeler was the lone shooter. Both victims were seriously injured.
The Crime Strategies Unit (CSU) is new to the OSA in 2015. The Unit uses intelligence and data analysis to more effectively prosecute violent crime. The CSU works closely with the Baltimore Police Department, other criminal justice agencies and members of the community to identify the individuals who are responsible for driving violent crime in the City. This critical information helps the OSA leverage limited resources to focus on building stronger cases against the City’s most dangerous offenders. The CSU is modeled on the successful Crime Strategies Unit in the Manhattan District Attorney’s Office and is led by veteran ASA Charles Blomquist.

One of the foundations of this strategic approach is the development of an Arrest Alert System within the OSA. For the first time, prosecutors are alerted immediately via text and email when a targeted individual is arrested for any reason. CSU ASAs coordinate with prosecutors at the Central Booking and Intake Facility (CBIF) on charging decisions, overall case enhancement, and bail recommendations that serve to better protect public safety.

The Arrest Alert System ensures that priority targets will not go undetected during the booking and charging process. For example, shortly after the system launched, CSU ASAs were alerted of a priority individual’s felony drug arrest. The CSU ASAs had significant information about the defendant’s criminal history and his role in driving crime in his community. As a result, the OSA retained the defendant’s felony drug charge and recommended pretrial detention to the Court.

The OSA received a two-year, $425,000 grant from the US Department of Justice (USDOJ) to evaluate and reform the Office’s pretrial processes. The competitive grant is part of the USDOJ’s Smart Prosecution Initiative, a part of their “Smart Suite” of crime fighting programs; Baltimore City was one of only four jurisdictions selected nationwide for an FY2015 Smart Prosecution Initiative grant.

Together with our research partner, Applied Research Services, Inc., the OSA will use the grant funds to review and evaluate current pretrial procedures with the goal of developing and implementing evidence-based pretrial risk and needs assessment protocols. Prosecutors will use these protocols to identify low risk offenders for pretrial release recommendations and/or referral to one of the OSA’s existing diversion programs such as Mental Health Court, 90-day Diversion, Veterans’ Court, Aim to B’More, Drug Treatment Court, and more.

The Smart Prosecution Initiative will ultimately increase the referral of low-risk offenders to effective diversion programs reducing the size of Baltimore’s detained pre-trial population. The program will also help prosecutors and police to more readily identify high-risk offenders and direct limited resources where they are most needed to protect the public.
THE CASE AGAINST NELSON CLIFFORD

In May, Nelson Clifford, an alleged five-time serial rapist, was sentenced to more than 30 years in jail for his heinous sexual crimes. Clifford's conviction represents the end of a cat and mouse game between Clifford and law enforcement that lasted decades and left at least five victims suffering.

Nelson Clifford’s history of predatory behavior started in October 1997, at the age of 18. Clifford pled guilty to second degree sex offense after he snuck into the house through a glass sliding door and forced a woman sleeping next to her child to the basement where he sexually assaulted her at knife point. He was sentenced to ten years. He also pled guilty, at that time, to first degree assault, first degree burglary and robbery with a deadly weapon after breaking into another woman’s home and stabbing her several times with a screwdriver. He was sentenced to a total of 13 years for these crimes.

After Clifford’s release in 2007, he allegedly committed nearly a half dozen sexual offenses. Clifford was arrested, charged, and acquitted four separate times for these crimes. At each trial—despite DNA evidence linking him to his victims—he was acquitted after taking the stand and claiming the sexual contact between him and his victims was consensual.

Clifford’s testimony during these trials relied on the fact that his past convictions and charges would be shielded from the jury. Juries were barred in every case from hearing testimony from Clifford’s previous victims, learning that Clifford was a registered sex offender during the commission of each crime and that he was charged in multiple cases with first and second-degree rape and/or sex offense.

In 2013, after Clifford’s most recent acquittal, the state refiled two cases against Clifford that had been charged and dropped in 2007 because prosecutors thought at the time that the evidence was weak. In one of the cases, on May 8th, the jury convicted Clifford of two counts of third degree sexual offense and one count of theft. Those convictions, along with a 1997 conviction for second-degree sex offense, allowed prosecutors to seek an enhanced penalty of up to life in prison. The court sentenced Clifford to 30 years for the two sex-offense cases and 18 months for theft.

LOBBying FOR CHANGE

In 2015, State’s Attorney Mosby lobbied in Annapolis for the second year in a row for legislation which will allow prosecutors to introduce evidence of a defendant’s relevant prior sex acts or abuse of a minor. This legislation, known as the Prior Bad Acts Bill (SB933), would bring Maryland closer in compliance with the Federal Rules of Evidence while protecting the rights of the accused by requiring a closed judicial hearing to review the evidence prior to its introduction during trial.

As demonstrated by the four failed attempts to convict Nelson Clifford, sexual assault cases are uniquely difficult to prosecute; the accused and the accuser are often the only witnesses to the acts, and physical evidence is often not conclusive as to whether or not the contact was consensual. In Maryland, the defense is legally entitled to introduce evidence regarding a victim’s past sexual conduct to support their case if ulterior motives are suspected. The prosecution, however, is not afforded the same right. As a result, serial sex offenders continue to win over Maryland juries, securing their freedom while endangering our public safety.

State’s Attorney Mosby, along with bill sponsors Senators Robert Cassilly and Jim Brochin and Delegate Brett Wilson and Samuel Rosenberg will lobby again for this critical legislation during the 2016 Legislative Session.
The OSA’s Victim/Witness Unit works to protect victims and witnesses of crime and connect them with the services they need to recover, cope and rebuild their lives. The Victim/Witness Unit is staffed by a team of Victim Advocates who serve as liaisons between the victim/witness and the ASA assigned to his or her case. The Advocates help prepare them for trial, escort them to court and explain the complicated criminal justice process.

The OSA’s Victims’ Emergency Fund helps victims in the immediate aftermath of a crime. Funds can be used to fulfill a variety of needs such as securing broken windows or doors after a break-in, replacing stolen medication and changing locks. In 2015, the Victims’ Emergency Fund provided over $12,700 in funds to 81 victims of crime.

- An elderly woman whose purse was stolen while she waited for the bus. The thief got away with money for the victim’s food and important medication. Emergency funds purchased a grocery store gift card and replacement medication for the victim.
- A female victim who was severely beaten and raped by her ex-boyfriend. The victim had two prescriptions that she needed as the result of her injuries; however she did not have health insurance. Emergency funds covered the cost of the prescriptions.
- A husband and father of three children who was carjacked and severely beaten, leaving him in a coma. Emergency funds provided the family with a gift card to purchase food and diapers for the children.
- A victim of domestic violence who was attacked by her boyfriend on several occasions. He was about to be released and the victim was fearful because he still had keys to their apartment. Emergency funds paid to have the locks changed the same day that he was to be released.

Funds are raised through private donations at annual fundraising events including the Winter Solstice and the annual Victims’ 5K Fun Run and Walk. The first annual Winter Solstice was held in December at Martin’s West and raised over $17,600 for victims and witnesses of crime. And in 2016, the OSA will host the 14th annual Victims’ 5K Fun Run and Walk, an event last hosted by the OSA in 2012.

The Victim/Witness Unit also houses the Family Bereavement Center (FBC) - the state’s only bereavement center that provides grief counseling five days a week with a full-time staff. Since opening its doors in 1990, the FBC has provided counseling, therapy and other supportive services to over 10,000 survivors of homicide. The Center will grow in FY2016 with the addition of a bilingual Victim Advocate to serve non-English speaking survivors of homicide.

The OSA also supports a Juvenile Victim/Witness Unit in the Baltimore City Juvenile Justice Center serving the victims and witnesses of juvenile crimes. In FY2015, the Juvenile Victim/Witness Unit served nearly 3,200 victims and witnesses of juvenile crime, assisted with 1,017 claims for compensation and made over 2,600 referrals for services. The Juvenile Victim/Witness Unit will also expand in 2016 with the addition of translation services provided through the Language Line - a telephone-based interpretation service.
1. Reverend Alvin Gwynn Sr. of Friendship Baptist Church was awarded the Purpose in Spirit Award for his continued efforts to uplift communities across the City.

2. Sergeant Keith McNeill received the Craig Chandler Heroism Award, a new award named in honor of Officer Chandler who lost his life in the line of duty in January.

3. Baltimore City Sheriff John Anderson received the Shield Award for his outstanding commitment to public safety.

4. Baltimore native and actress Jada Pinkett-Smith donated $10,000 to the Victims Emergency Fund.

5. Community Liaison Keenen Geter mingles with Winter Solstice guests.

6. Rene C. Hertzfelt, son of late Gloria Hertzfelt, received the Unsung Hero Award on behalf of his mother.

7. Several OSA staff were recognized at the Solstice including Shannon Green, recipient of the Patsy Price Award; Wesley Corning, recipient of the Alex Yankelove Award; and Angela Diehl, recipient of the Mark Cohen Award.

SPONSORS

PRESENTING SPONSOR
- Jada Pinkett Smith (10k)

TABLE SPONSORS
- Martin’s West
- PNC Harborside

TABLE SPONSORS (CON’T.)
- Saul Ewing
- Greater Baltimore Committee
- The Associated: Jewish Community Federation of Baltimore

INDIVIDUAL SPONSORS
- Ava Lias Booker
- James Temple

INDIVIDUAL SPONSORS (CON’T.)
- Eric Bryant
- Courtney Mable

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- Shelly’s Blossom Shop
- DJ Lil Mic
- The Rose Gold Experience
- Time Printers
Aim to B’More is an innovative alternative to incarceration for non-violent, first-time offenders charged with felony drug offenses. Launched by State’s Attorney Mosby in May, Aim to B’More includes 150 hours of community service, a four-week job training class at the Center for Urban Families, GED classes, internships and employment assistance. After one year of successful participation, the defendant’s probation becomes unsupervised and after three years the OSA will work with the defendant to expunge his or her record. Successful participants graduate with a job and without a criminal record.

The program keeps me out of trouble and away from things that aren’t good for me. It has me focused on what is more important.

- NELSON REID pled into the Aim to B’More program in May. Since then, he has completed 60 hours of community service and graduated from the STRIVE job training program. Reid has a job at TGI Friday’s and recently started the Jump Start Construction Training Program.

AIM helps you adjust to another life. It teaches you that there is a way to earn money other than the streets. It introduces you to a whole other life. You can begin to respect yourself as a young man.

- TYQUAN WATSON pled into the Aim to B’more program in September. A father of one, Watson has completed parenting classes, 49 hours of community service and the STRIVE job training program. He is currently employed as an Ambassador for the Waterfront Partnership at the Harbor.

*All data as of December 31, 2015
PROVIDING MEANINGFUL ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION

SPECIALTY COURTS

The OSA participates in a number of specialty courts that provide treatment-based alternatives to eligible non-violent offenders. These courts reduce the size of Baltimore’s incarcerated population and lower recidivism rates by providing offenders with the services and programs that help to prevent re-arrest. The OSA participates in the following specialty courts:

- Mental Health Court (District Court)/Mental Health Case Management Docket (Circuit Court): Provides mental health treatment instead of incarceration for eligible non-violent offenders with a diagnosed serious mental illness.

- Drug Treatment Court (Both District and Circuit Courts): Provides intensive inpatient and/or outpatient substance abuse treatment for eligible non-violent offenders suffering from serious and chronic substance abuse.

DIVERSIONARY PROGRAMS AND TREATMENT OPTIONS THROUGH THE EARLY RESOLUTION COURT

The Early Resolution Court in District Court is a gateway for several diversion programs and treatment options for non-violent misdemeanor offenders.

- **90-Day Diversion Program:** Provides social work services to non-violent misdemeanor offenders during a 90-day supervised probation period.

- **Specialized Prostitution Docket:** Provides intensive case management and social work services to offenders charged with prostitution. Defendants meet weekly with their assigned social worker and receive assistance in obtaining health insurance, identification, housing, job training, mental health and/or substance abuse treatment and more.

- **Docket for Homeless Persons:** Provides wrap-around services to homeless individuals charged with nuisance crimes (e.g. trespassing, misdemeanor theft, open container, etc.). Service providers from throughout the City participate in the bi-monthly docket to provide defendants with health care, housing assistance, employment assistance and more.

In October, Judge Halee Weinstein presided over the first Veterans Treatment Docket in Baltimore City. The docket provides an alternative to incarceration to veterans charged with non-violent misdemeanors. Veterans who qualify for, and accept the docket, are entered into one of three tracks:

- **90-Day Diversion**
- **Plea with Sentencing Sub Curia**
- **Traditional Supervised Probation with Supportive Services**

Each track includes treatment assessment, case management and a range of supportive services provided by local service providers. The SAO is an active participant in the Veterans Treatment Docket and works closely with service providers to ensure that those veterans who qualify and participate in the docket are linked with the resources and services needed to get them back into productive civil society.

“The overwhelming response to the docket demonstrates the need for this kind of veteran-specific program to address the unique problems that lead former military members to commit crimes,” said Judge Halee Weinstein. “The success and expansion of the program is possible because of the collaboration and support of all of our justice and community partners, including the Office of the State’s Attorney for Baltimore City, Maryland Office of the Public Defender, and the Veterans Administration Maryland Health Care System. By working together and focusing on treatment rather than incarceration, we are helping veterans to stop cycling through the justice system.”

In December, Judge Weinstein recognized the first graduate of the Veterans Treatment Docket. When this veteran entered the program in October he was homeless and suffering from Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD). The Department of Veterans Affairs worked with the defendant to enroll him in a daily treatment program and secure housing. The defendant graduated the program with a home and a nolle prossed case that can later expunged. By the end of the year, 58 veterans had been screened for the Veterans Treatment Docket and 14 were actively participating in the program.
The Junior State’s Attorney Program (Junior SA) is a six-week, summer enrichment program for promising middle school students. Launched in June 2015, Junior SA exposes students to careers in the criminal justice and law enforcement fields. Junior SA builds trust and faith in the criminal justice system while empowering our City’s youth to be involved in the profession not the system.

This summer, the first cohort of Junior State’s Attorneys spent six weeks learning how the criminal justice system works in Baltimore. The Junior SAs were provided with a nutritious breakfast and lunch each day and participated in a range of activities including:

- Visiting the Baltimore Police Department (BPD) headquarters and meeting senior officers
- Learning how a 911 call is processed at the 911 Call Center
- Touring BPD’s Crime Lab and Evidence Unit
- Climbing into BPD’s Fox Trot helicopter to learn about BPD’s aviation unit
- Reporting “live” from the State’s Attorney’s Office with a local TV news crew
- Visiting the U.S Attorney’s Office and learning from narcotics and firearm experts
- Learning how to ‘Dress for Success’ from University of Baltimore students during a campus tour

The summer concluded with a Mock Trial Presentation at the University of Baltimore. The students worked in teams, led by student leaders, to read case evidence, research relevant laws and past cases and prepare detailed arguments. The students presented their cases in front of family, friends and sitting Baltimore City Circuit Court judges. The students continued to meet once a month with State’s Attorney’s Office staff throughout the school year to continue their Junior SA experience.

“Jahmaine and I are very grateful for the [Junior State’s Attorney] Program. As a parent I am proud of him and what the program has taught him . . . it helped to keep him focused and engaged towards his goal of being a detective in the future. Jahmaine says the mock trials also helped him in his US History class. Thank you to each and every member of the SAO for the Junior State’s Attorney Program.”

-Lorraine Adams, Junior State’s Attorney Parent

“The way this [Junior State’s Attorney] program has benefited me was that it made me more focused and confident during school and outside of school. It also helped me to be serious about the things I have to do . . . I think the Junior States Attorney Program has benefited me as a new person.”

-Wilmer Sevilla-Rios, Junior State’s Attorney Class of 2015

At the beginning of the summer, the Junior SAs completed a Civics Assessment evaluating their knowledge of local and state government and the criminal justice system. The Junior SAs were given the same assessment at the end of the summer to evaluate their progress. During the course of the summer, the Junior SAs improved their average score from 39 percent to 85 percent- that’s the equivalent of improving from an ‘F’ to a ‘B’ in less than two months.
TARGETING VIOLENT REPEAT OFFENDERS

WHAT’S GOING ON?
1. JR SAs at the conclusion of their Mock Trial; it was the culmination of their 6 week experience with the justice system
2. JR SAs with Fox Trot pilots at BPD HQ
3. SAO Community Liaison, Tony Glover, speaks with JR SAs at police headquarters
4. JR SAs with their group leader Adam Gruzs
5. JR SAs meet regularly for their book club program which continues throughout the school year
6. JR SAs got a chance to sit inside Fox Trot on the rooftop of BPD HQ
7. JR SAs with an officer on their way to Police Headquarters

SUPPORTERS OF THE JUNIOR STATE’S ATTORNEY PROGRAM
City Council President Jack Young
Baltimore City Police Department
University of Baltimore School of Law
Stratford University
Venable Foundation
Center for American Islamic Relations
Cohen’s Clothiers
Baltimore City Circuit Court Judges
David Young and Thomas Waxter
Great Expectations is a ten-month program that introduces fourth grade Baltimore City Public School children to careers in the criminal justice system while improving their critical thinking and reading skills. Throughout the school year, criminal justice professionals from the State’s Attorney’s Office, the Baltimore City Police Department, the Office of the Public Defender and more meet with the students to teach them about their careers. Great Expectations launched in September 2015 at Franklin Square Elementary School.

GREAT EXPECTATIONS

GREAT EXPECTATIONS OATH:
I promise to do the following with all my heart, mind and soul:

1. Respect the authority figures in my life including my teachers and family
2. Be a positive force in my community by being a good neighbor
3. Keep my body health by staying away from illegal drugs, alcohol and cigarettes
4. Develop wisdom by learning something new daily and exercising my brain
5. Show respect, kindness and compassion for others

“Great Expectations provides students with the sight they need to see their future selves. In neighborhoods with high levels of poverty such as West Baltimore, students are at a disadvantage simply because of their zip code. This program is building a pipeline to college instead of prison because students are able to critically, intellectually and emotionally interact with law in a scholarly manner. Students have already shared their prospects for their future due to their first interaction with Ms. Marilyn Mosby. Students shared that they want to be just like her, graduating college with honors. GE empowers them to see their importance as global citizens that can make a difference despite what the boarded up homes and numerous amounts of liquor stores tell them each morning as they walk to school. They are given hope and a voice to dream up a better future for themselves and their community.”

-Durieka Campbell, Fourth Grade Teacher at Franklin Square Elementary School
The Conviction Integrity Unit (CIU) investigates both in-court and out-of-court claims of innocence including investigating post-sentencing issues related to DNA evidence and wrongful conviction claims. The CIU also enforces violations of probations and, when appropriate, makes diversionary recommendations for probation violators with drug problems, mental health challenges, and other lifestyle challenges that would respond to an alternative to incarceration. Additionally, the CIU handles a variety of collateral matters including petitions for expungement, modification motions, habeas petitions and other post-sentencing matters. In 2015, the CIU complied with the OSA’s legal obligations by reviewing over 8,400 petitions for expungement for statutory eligibility, resulting in nearly 6,000 expunged cases. The General Assembly passed laws expanding expungement eligibility beginning on October 1, 2015. These legislative changes are described below.

The CIU vigorously pursues violations of probation committed by violent repeat offenders in order to keep the community safe from these dangerous offenders. For example, this year, the CIU successfully secured a ten-year sentence for a defendant convicted of violently assaulting and robbing several elderly citizens. In 2012, Baltimore City detectives began investigating a series of thefts targeting elderly residents in their homes that had become increasingly violent. The victims reported receiving a call from a government tax agency or utility company stating that money was due and threatening immediate eviction if the bill was not paid. A “collector” would then go to the victim’s home and demand the cash. Over time, the scam turned increasingly violent when the “collectors” began assaulting several elderly victims in their home and taking their money by force. The defendant, one of the perpetrators of the scam, pled guilty in Baltimore County in January for robbery and related charges; she was sentenced to 25 years. Just a week later, the defendant pled guilty to obtaining property from a vulnerable adult and felony theft in Baltimore City court and was sentenced to 15 years. In March, the defendant returned to court in the City for violating her probation. The CIU successfully argued for, and received, a ten-year sentence consecutive to his other sentences. As a direct result of CIU’s work, after the defendant completes her original sentences for both the City and the County, she will return to the City for her ten year violation of probation sentence.

The Public Trust and Police Integrity Unit (PTPIU) investigates and prosecutes corruption and misconduct cases involving public officials and complies with discovery obligations in criminal cases involving police officers. Strict protocol regarding confidentiality, disclosure and admissibility of evidence are followed to balance the defendant’s constitutional rights with the witness officer’s right to privacy of their confidential personnel file.

MD GENERAL ASSEMBLY PASSES EXPUNGEMENT LAWS EFFECTIVE 10/1/15

EXPUNGEMENT OF A CRIME THAT IS NO LONGER A CRIME (SB651): Expands eligibility for expungement to persons convicted of a crime that is no longer a crime, including the possession of less than 10 grams of marijuana.

EXPUNGEMENT OF RECORDS (HB304): Repeals the subsequent conviction rule, which prohibited the expungement of cases resulting in stet or nolle prosequi whenever the individual was subsequently convicted of a new offense. The new law does away with this rule and enables individuals to expunge eligible non-convictions regardless of any subsequent convictions.

MARYLAND SECOND CHANCE ACT (HB244): Allows individuals who have certain non-violent, misdemeanor criminal records to petition the court to shield court records and police records after a period of three years under specific circumstances and conditions. Shielded records, however, remain fully accessible to law enforcement and the court ensuring that the public’s safety is not compromised. The OSA has developed protocols for reviewing petitions filed under the MD Second Chance Act and is working with the Maryland Judiciary to review and make recommendations on all petitions as they are submitted.
When State’s Attorney Mosby took Office in January, she promised to build 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, we’re taking a holistic approach to fighting crime that starts with changing the drug and gang-infused, “Don’t Snitch” culture in Baltimore’s neighborhoods. In 2015, State’s Attorney Mosby reinvigorated the OSA’s Community Liaison program. We now have 10 Liaisons who serve as a bridge between the community and the OSA. Each Liaison is assigned to one of the City’s police districts and works closely with the community associations within the district to share information, collaborate on public safety initiatives and improve relations between the community and law enforcement.

In just their first year, the Community Liaisons have become a critical part of the OSA’s fight on crime. In May for example, the Community Liaison for the Northwestern District, Isaac Schleifer, helped one of our ASAs gain the evidence needed to file felony charges against two people accused of robbing a woman as she walked with her children in the 3700 block of Clarinth Rd. Schleifer coordinated with the Shomrim of Baltimore, a public safety-focused community group in Northwest Baltimore, who possessed photographs of the suspects. The ASA was able to use those photos to identify and charge the suspects. Both suspects were arrested and one pled guilty to the crime while the other pled guilty to a separate burglary incident.

The OSA also launched the quarterly Community Day in Court program in 2015, which brings law enforcement officials and the public together to discuss important public safety issues such as sexual assault, domestic violence, juvenile violence and re-entry. Hundreds of community members joined the State’s Attorney, OSA staff, law enforcement officers, community advocates and elected officials at each Community Day to learn about these issues and collaborate on ways to better fight crime, protect victims and reintegrate ex-offenders into the community.

### 2016 CDIC Schedule

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### Meet the Liaisons

- **North District**: Merrick Moise
- **Northeast District**: Kinji Scott
- **East District**: Antonio Glover
- **Southeast District**: Michelle Lee
- **South District**: Derrick Greene
- **Southwest District**: Keenen Geter
- **West District**: Bilal Ali
- **Central District & Juvenile**: Ashe Smith
- **Northwest District**: Isaac Schleifer
- **Southeast District**: Evelyn Vargas

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FY2015 BUDGET & EXPENDITURES

NEW/EXPANDING GRANTS IN FY16
$425,000 from the Department of Justice for the Smart Prosecution Initiative
$146,834 for social workers for our 90-Day Pre-Trial Diversion Program from the Governor’s Office of Crime Control and Prevention
$47,685 for a Law Clerk for Aim to B’More from the Mayor’s Office of Employment Development
$45,299 in additional VOCA funds to hire a bilingual Victim Advocate and expand our translation services
$39,000 in additional funds to support a Special Assistant United States Attorney detailed to the United States Attorney’s Office to prosecute firearms cases

GRANTS BY THE NUMBERS
54 positions supported by grant funds in FY16 including 31 ASAs
12 percent increase in grant awards from FY15 to FY16
3 new grants received in FY16 including a $425,000 Department of Justice grant
State’s Attorney Mosby joined law enforcement and other criminal justice stakeholders in Annapolis this year to advocate for necessary changes in the law to improve public safety. The State’s Attorney supported legislation to hold violent repeat offenders accountable, to support crime victims and witnesses, and to restore public trust in the criminal justice system.

2015 LEGISLATIVE VICTORIES SUPPORTED BY OSA

- **Relief for Domestic Violence Victims (SB269):** The OSA testified in support of expanding the relief judges and court commissioners can provide to victims when issuing protective orders. This law, effective October 1st, 2015, enables judges and court commissioners to tailor the relief provided by the courts to each victim’s individual needs ensuring that we are doing everything possible to keep survivors safe.

- **Juvenile Transfer Determinations (HB618):** In Baltimore, we hold juveniles charged as adults in our Juvenile Justice Center pending transfer determinations. This policy enables us to protect juveniles and make transfer decisions on a case-by-case basis. SB172 requires courts statewide to hold juveniles charged as adults in juvenile facilities pending transfer determinations.

- **MD Second Chance Act (HB244):** Today, the criminal record serves as both the cause and consequence of poverty for too many workers. Studies show that a criminal record can cut an applicant’s likelihood of a job callback or offer nearly in half. The Maryland Second Chance Act allows individuals to petition a court to shield certain nonviolent misdemeanor convictions enabling them to obtain jobs without their criminal record blocking their path. Shielded records, however, remain fully accessible to law enforcement and the court ensuring that the public’s safety is not compromised.

- **Justice Reinvestment Coordinating Council (SB602):** The OSA partnered with public safety agencies statewide to support the creation of the Justice Reinvestment Coordinating Council during the 2015 Legislative Session. The Council released their final report in December outlining 19 sentencing reform measures that would reduce the state’s incarcerated population by 14 percent and save $247 M in corrections cost over the next decade. The General Assembly will consider turning the Council’s recommendations into law during the 2016 Legislative Session.

2016 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

In 2016, State’s Attorney Mosby will return to Annapolis with the Maryland State’s Attorneys’ Association to support legislation that would enhance penalties for violent offenders.

- **Sexual Assault:** One in five Maryland women will experience rape in their lifetime. In 2014 alone, there were 1,144 forcible rapes reported in Maryland. These numbers fail to capture the countless unreported rapes and assaults that occur each year. In 2015, State’s Attorney Marilyn Mosby drafted and secured sponsorship for legislation to make it easier to prosecute these heinous crimes and lock up repeat offenders. If passed, SB933 would have allowed prosecutors to introduce evidence of a defendant’s past sex crime or abuse of a minor bringing Maryland closer to compliance with Federal Rules of Evidence while ensuring that serial rapists are not able to hide from their past in court. This year, with the help of bill sponsors Senators Robert Cassilly and Jim Brochin and Delegates Brett Wilson and Samuel Rosenberg State’s Attorney Mosby will lobby for the third year in a row to pass this legislation.

- **Second Degree Murder:** Under current law, the maximum prosecutors can seek for second degree murder is thirty years. In 2015, State’s Attorney Mosby testified before the House Judiciary Committee in support of HB168, which would have increased the maximum penalty for second degree murder from thirty to forty years to ensure justice is served for victims and their families who have lost a loved one forever. This year, the OSA secured maximum allowable sentences for at least two stabbing deaths in which juries convicted the defendants of second degree murder; under current law, we could only convict these violent murderers to 33 years in jail for their crimes. In 2016, State’s Attorney Mosby will join prosecutors across the State to again advocate for substantial sentences for murderers and to keep dangerous individuals out of our communities.

- **Repeat Dangerous Drivers:** Every two minutes in the United States, a person is injured in a drunk driving crash. In 2014, 141 victims were killed by a drunk driver on Maryland’s roads. During the 2015 Legislative Session, the OSA lobbied on behalf of SB232 which would have increased the maximum allowable penalties for impaired driving fatalities as well as certain other serious traffic offenses. This bill aimed to ensure that the dangerous drivers who continue to violate our laws and put the lives of Marylanders at risk are sufficiently punished for their crimes. During the 2016 Legislative Session, the OSA will partner with the Maryland State’s Attorneys Association to continue to fight for this critical bill.
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