



2008

ANNUAL REPORT

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Statewide Prosecutor

Foreword



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I am proud to present this Annual Report that highlights my second year as Florida's Statewide Prosecutor and provides an overview of our office's achievements in 2008. With the help and support of Attorney General Bill McCollum, this past year has been an excellent one. Despite resource challenges brought on by current economic conditions, we have not slowed our drive or our performance. Our achievements have been the result of excellent staff work, key partnerships with law enforcement, and continued dedication by the Assistant Statewide Prosecutors who serve our state. We were privileged to successfully prosecute the complex cases that served as the basis for five investigators to be awarded Investigator of the Year for 2008 by their respective statewide associations or statewide agencies:

- ◆ Gang Investigator of the Year
- ◆ Auto Theft Investigator of the Year
- ◆ Narcotics Investigator of the Year
- ◆ Department of Financial Services Investigator of the Year, and
- ◆ Florida Department of Law Enforcement Special Agent of the Year

We were honored to work with those dedicated officers and agents. The successful results they achieved affirm the proactive police-prosecutor strategy that continues as our hallmark.

The Office of Statewide Prosecution is a dynamic organization with a broad geographic scope but a finely targeted mission. We have been called to "mount an effective and sustained effort against major criminal activity." Governor Bob Graham, the Florida Legislature, and Florida's voters created Statewide Prosecution in 1986 to add to the capabilities of the state's law enforcement efforts. Each day we try to live up to the charge of Floridians and to those who had the vision to create this office. While globalization and a "flattened earth" are current watch words that seek to capture the rapid change that travel and technology are bringing to our lives, Statewide Prosecution has been guarding a "flattened Florida", no longer defined by judicial districts.

Our tight structure allows us to react quickly to new threats. In the last two years we have turned our focus to gangs and the devastating economic impact of mortgage fraud. We continue to build on successes of years past, to attract top flight people to our ranks, and to look for new ways to complete our mission of protecting Florida. I am humbled to have the opportunity to serve our state alongside such a great team.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "William Shepherd". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Statewide Prosecution Offices



Protecting Florida's Neighborhoods

Florida has had the fastest growing gang problem of any state in America in the last several years. Gangs are the primary retail outlet for drugs and rely on violence to support their regional monopolies. Although much of their violence is related to drug rivalries, a significant amount is based on an incomprehensible effort to earn "respect" on the streets.

Although the gang problem is most often categorized as an issue for urban areas, rural areas are not immune. Florida's Department of Corrections reports that it has received new gang member inmates from every judicial circuit in Florida. We are seeing gang movement from urban areas to more rural areas where members believe there is less of a law enforcement presence. In a recent trip to North Central Florida, a gang detective reported that within the last month he had arrested gang members on fugitive felony warrants from Miami, Tampa, and Jacksonville. The ease with which commerce moves through our state allows gangs that same access for their own interests.

The violence that accompanies gangs is senseless and tragic. All deaths are a horrible loss to a family, but none was more emblematic of the problem of gang violence than the death of Stacey Williams, III. Stacey was nine years old when he rode his bicycle into the crosshairs of gang violence on his way to visit his grandmother. His murder, by a convicted SUR-13 gang member, became a symbol for the gang problem.

Throughout 2008, Statewide Prosecution worked to address the gang problem on three fronts: (1) the



Representative Snyder, Senator Atwater, and Attorney General Bill McCollum at gang press conference

18th Statewide Grand Jury was empanelled to assess our state's strategy and legal framework established for fighting gangs, (2) we partnered with Florida's State Attorneys and prosecuted gangs using Florida's Racketeering laws, and (3) we worked with Attorney General McCollum and the Regional Gang Reduction Task Forces he established throughout the state to address issues of prevention, intervention, and prisoner reentry to stop the growth of gangs and give gang members real alternatives.

Gang Prosecutions

Governor Charlie Crist petitioned the Florida Supreme Court to call a statewide grand jury to address the increasing gang problem in Florida. Throughout the year, Assistant Statewide Prosecutors presented evidence to the Statewide Grand Jury to seek indictments and to produce a formal report called a presentment. For eighteen months, including all of 2008, the Statewide Grand Jury met in Palm Beach County. The output of the Statewide Grand Jury was impressive. They returned four racketeering indictments against **three** gangs in Florida: **SUR-13, Top 6, and the 773 Boyz**. Those indictments have resulted in dozens of convictions and a "day in court" for those hard-working Floridians whose neighborhoods were terrorized by these gangs.

“ I don’t know who to thank, but whoever it is, please pass along my thanks to them.”

— Floridian who approached a uniformed patrol car in a former gang hot spot.

The prosecution strategy calls for a unified attack against the gang as an entity. This approach is labor-intensive in the investigative phase for police and prosecutors, but it produces a complete picture of the gang's activity when the case is presented to the court and the jury. It allows for minimized risk of witness intimidation by coupling historic convictions with new criminal activity. Once the arrests are made, the neighborhood is "returned" to the neighbors overnight. As the prosecutions progress through the court system, gang members seek to testify against one another and that process of betrayal among former gang members is just as critical to the implosion of the enterprise as the

prison sentences themselves.

Throughout the last year, we prosecuted gang racketeering cases around the state. Below is a list of the eight gang cases in litigation in 2008:

Gang Initiative Since 2008 - Filed Cases

<i>Gang</i>	<i># of Defendants</i>	<i>Operating Area</i>
Sur-13 JAD	13	S. Florida
Sur-13 <small>Gang Investigator of the Year</small>	14	S.W. Florida
Black MOB	9	C. Florida
TOP 6	12	S. Florida
Bloods	13	N.E. Florida
773 Boyz	7	N. Florida
Brown Pride Locos	9	S. W. Florida
Third Shift	12	S. W. Florida

The prosecutions are working and are improving the quality of life in Florida communities. Crime statistics are the result of a number of factors that collide at the time of the statistical analysis, but Statewide Prosecution's efforts are a significant factor in the statistics below that are taken from the time our prosecutions began through the end of 2008:

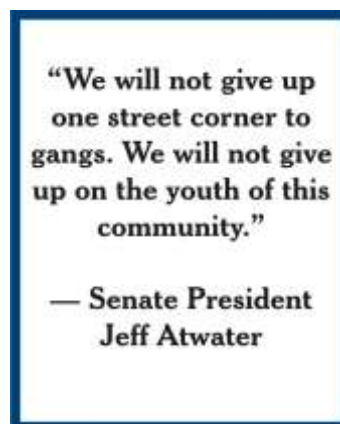
- ◆ Manatee County: Murders down 33% from 15 to 10 and violent crime down 14% overall
- ◆ Plant City: Robberies down 36% and violent crime down 20% overall
- ◆ Palm Beach County: Calls for Service to Westgate (former Sur-13 area), down 16%

These results are important because they are more than numbers, they are real people who live in those communities and who have been saved from robberies, violent crime, or even murder. These statistics are rewarding as well, because it means that by working with law enforcement and the local State Attorney, we have targeted the key people who have been wreaking the most havoc in their communities.

Legislative Partnership

Florida's Grand Juries have a unique role in the legislative process. They are empowered to use their subpoena power to take testimony for the purpose of drafting formal reports with suggestions for the legislature. Governor Charlie Crist called for a Statewide Grand Jury, and the 18th Statewide Grand Jury spent months working on a report that detailed a number of areas in which Florida's laws could be strengthened. The goal was to give law enforcement the better tools to address the unique criminal problems posed by gangs.

We were fortunate to have the early support of two members of the Florida Legislature who committed their energy into crafting a comprehensive piece of legislation that recognized the problems Florida faces. Senator Jeff Atwater and Representative Will Snyder drafted a bill that took into account many of the statewide grand jury recommendations and put action and impact into the grand jury's analysis (HB 43/SB 76).



Key provisions in the Atwater-Snyder legislation were changes to the definitions of gang members to make for a streamlined process that allows evidence to be presented in court. The bill enhanced the racketeering law by adding new predicates that reflect gang enterprise activity. It also created a gang kingpin statute, enhanced witness protection laws, and allows law enforcement to follow gang members as they migrate to the internet.

Governor Charlie Crist signed the bill into law on June 30, 2008.

Attorney General McCollum's Executive Leadership

Arrests and prosecutions are not the only answer to Florida's gang problem. The Statewide Grand Jury realized this and issued a second presentment on issues related to gang prevention and prisoner reentry. Attorney General McCollum worked with Senator Atwater and Representative Snyder to include in the legislation a Coordinating Council comprised of the chief executives of all state agencies with jurisdiction over children's issues. Specifically, the Council includes the Department of Education and the Department of Children and Family Services, as well as law enforcement agencies such as the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, the Department of Juvenile Justice, and the Department of Corrections. This group developed a statewide gang reduction strategy that calls for the stop in the growth of gangs, the reduction in the number of gang members, and the rendering of criminal gangs ineffectual. To accomplish this challenging but critical goal, seven regional gang reduction task forces were established to bring together children's programs, faith-based groups, charities, and sports



Attorney General Bill McCollum speaking at gang task force meeting

programs, and to partner them with local educators, elected officials, business executives, and law enforcement. All of these groups have the shared goal of finding solutions that are specific to their region.

Over the last year, the Attorney General has led all seven regional meetings. Hundreds of community leaders have attended each meeting. It will be their intervention with teens, their prevention programs for youth that have already begun to get involved in gang activities, and their programs for gang members who are finishing prison sentences and preparing to reenter our communities, that will determine the ultimate success of our long term efforts. The prosecution of the worst offenders is a key component, but this complementary effort is just as critical to Florida.



Governor Crist along with gang bill sponsors Representative Snyder, Senator Atwater

Statewide Training

Through a grant secured from the federal government, the Florida Department of Law Enforcement and the Office of Statewide Prosecution have been traveling the state to conduct training exercises for prosecutors and investigators. We have taught over twenty seminars in the last year in eight different locations. The goal of the training has been to foster the investigator/prosecutor team approach and to allow for a statewide knowledge base. These training sessions foster good academic work and relationship building.

Fighting Narcotics in Florida

Our mission and focus naturally lend our expertise to the efforts against drug trafficking organizations. While we continue to see significant quantities of narcotics in the traditional corridors of South Florida and the Caribbean, Statewide Prosecution has seen an uptick over the last several years in North Florida and Central Florida. We are actively involved in supporting the work of the federal High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) organizations and serve on the Board of Directors of the North Florida HIDTA. Assistant Statewide Prosecutor Shannon MacGillis is specially designated as a HIDTA Initiative Commander and takes the lead for Statewide Prosecution on a

number of narcotics related matters and matters of high-tech electronic surveillance.

While our efforts against cocaine, methamphetamines, and heroin continue, we also focused attention on the increasing problem of domestic, hydroponic marijuana. Marijuana growers have taken to the suburbs and turned three bedroom homes into indoor marijuana nurseries. They have moved into the house "two doors down" and remodeled the home to add new air conditioners, high powered lights, and reflective walls to maximize the growing power. The result is an illicit crop worth hundreds of thousands of dollars per house, per year and a much more potent and dangerous drug. Our attack on the problem is two-fold. First, we have worked a number of large scale investigations and prosecutions against growers who operated multiple grow houses throughout the state. Operation Two Doors Down, prosecuted by Assistant Statewide Prosecutor Luis Martinez, was an excellent case that has resulted in the arrest of a man who ran over twenty-five grow houses. The case ties in mortgage fraud to procure the homes, weapons to protect the valuable illicit crop, and money laundering. It was such an excellent case, that it was not only awarded the Investigation of the Year by the Florida Narcotics Officers Association, but it was also recognized at a White House ceremony for one of the top ten HIDTA cases in the country.

We partnered with the Florida Legislature to address the changing environment in narcotics. Existing marijuana laws never contemplated the potency of the hydroponic plant nor did the laws envision "narcotics manufacturing facilities" throughout residential areas. These grow houses are often the target of armed home invasions that take place when one drug dealer takes the crop of a rival just before harvest. Not only is this dangerous for those in the drug trade, but also for families brought in to live in the house for the appearance of normalcy. Senator Steve Oelrich and Representative Nick Thompson, sponsored and passed the "Marijuana Grow House Eradication Act" to target the profit grower by lowering the number of required plants to trigger prison time. As Representative Thompson said during debate on the floor, "If you've got twenty-five plants, it's a business not a party."



Representative Nick Thompson holds up a poster photo of a marijuana growhouse



Senator Oelrich announces the filing of the Marijuana Grow House Eradication Act.

Pharmaceutical Narcotics

Florida has seen a proliferation of pain clinics in recent years. These clinics are designed to help those suffering from chronic pain, but too often they are either victims of doctor shopping or serve as a front for those who would misuse their medical license. A glaring example of a medical clinic gone awry was found near Jacksonville. In that case, undercover agents entered the clinic, paid cash, and received whatever narcotic prescriptions they sought. When one of the undercover agents brought in a birthday card for an office professional who was writing his "medically necessary prescription", she scolded her coworkers for forgetting her birthday, but praised the "pillhead" who brought her a card. The medical profession as a whole is committed to weeding out those who misuse their medical license or pharmacy license. These examples of malfeasance show the need for continued cooperation between the medical and legal professions.

Protecting Our State's Economy

Director Swecker's remarks from 2004 were an ominous forecast for the end of 2008. Now that the impact from U.S. markets has spread, the global economic situation presents challenges for stability. The new Director for National Intelligence identifies those economic concerns as an even greater risk than those posed by direct terrorist threats. Economic crimes have reached critical mass.

"The potential impact of mortgage fraud on financial institutions and the stock market is clear. If fraudulent practices become systemic within the mortgage industry and mortgage fraud is allowed to become unrestrained, it will ultimately place financial institutions at risk and have adverse effects on the stock market."

- Chris Swecker, former FBI Assistant Director, Criminal Investigative Division, Introductory Statement: House Financial Services Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity, October 7, 2004

White collar crimes continue to make headlines and demand attention from America's prosecutors. Fighting fraud is an integral part of the Statewide Prosecution mission and mandate. We target three specific areas: (1) mortgage fraud, (2) health care fraud, and (3) securities fraud.

Mortgage Fraud

Florida is at the front line of the mortgage fraud problem.

According to the Mortgage Asset Research Institute, Florida ranked first in single family home loan fraud in 2006 and 2007. Those bank defaults, many from subprime lenders who gave out millions in loans with little or no document support, are now making their way to law enforcement referrals. We are strategically targeting large-scale, multi-circuit fraud and those involved from the lender or the mortgage broker side of the transaction.

Two cases deserve particular notice in this report: Operation Florida Beautiful and Operation Life is Good. Both investigations targeted a number of defendants who served as the lender or the brokers in multimillion dollar schemes.

Operation Florida Beautiful was investigated and prosecuted by Assistant Statewide Prosecutor Michael Williams from the Tampa Bureau and resulted in the conviction of Orson Benn, a former Vice President for Argent Mortgage headquartered in New York. Mr. Benn cultivated relationships with mortgage brokers in the Tampa area who generated a large volume of loan applications for him to approve. He then bundled and securitized them through his channels at

"The primary near-term security concern of the United States is the global economic crisis and its geopolitical implications."

- Dennis C. Blair, Director of National Intelligence, Introductory Statement: Senate Intelligence Committee, February 12, 2009

the bank. Volume was more important to Mr. Benn than the credit worthiness of borrowers. The Florida mortgage brokers who assisted Mr. Benn were rewarded by commissions on loans that never should have been approved. Mr. Benn was rewarded by commissions at the bank and by cash kickbacks sent in overnight delivery from the Florida brokers. His fraud resulted in millions of dollars in losses to elderly victims throughout the Tampa area who faced foreclosure. His fraud also resulted in a guilty verdict for racketeering and an eighteen year sentence in a Florida State Prison.

The Life is Good case is an investigation led by the Miami-Dade Police Department and Mayor Carlos Alvarez's Mortgage Fraud Task Force. In that case, a Miami brokerage recruited straw purchasers who used false documents to qualify for loans. Not only did they get the bad loans, but they also got cash out of the closing. Their plan was to make a payment or two, and then resell the house as the market continued to rise. When the market corrected and the houses were valued at less than the amount borrowed, they walked away from the mortgage and left a crime scene.

These are just two cases that highlight the problem the frenetic mortgage industry has created in the last few years. We are now seeing the results as the fraud becomes clear. This will be a significant workload issue for the Office in the year ahead and will also provide an

opportunity to step back from the caseload and look for solutions. Regulation enhancement is not the answer because regulations and laws already exist that outlaw this fraudulent behavior. The tremendous increase in mortgage fraud is the result of a meltdown in ethics spurred by greed. While federal regulators address the broader issues of failed enforcement in the securitization of these fraudulent mortgage deals from around the country, state law enforcement will continue to focus on the underlying cases that fed the process.

Health Care Fraud

Statewide Prosecution focuses on health care fraud in two key areas, overbilling or up coding of services not performed for patients and attacks on the safety of our pharmaceutical chain through illicit drug diversion.

The last year saw a continued effort to fight the overwhelming level of fraud against government programs in the area of HIV infusions. We continued prosecutions against multimillion dollar fraudsters who billed for expensive HIV drugs that were unnecessary and never given to patients. These fraudulent infusion clinics exploded in Miami-Dade and Broward before additional checks were added to the system that made the fraud more difficult to perpetrate. The cases are time consuming for investigators and resource intensive to prove the

negative, but they are important and will continue to be a focus for Statewide Prosecution.

While program fraud will continue to be a priority, Statewide Prosecution is also focused on drug diversion as a component of health care fraud. When government beneficiaries get drugs they do not take and instead regularly sell those on the street to bundlers who repackage them for sale, we are all at risk. Not only is the government program being defrauded by cheaters, but the patient and his doctor are also defrauded when those drugs resurface in the pharmaceutical chain.

One of the best successes the office had in this arena last year was the prosecution of an infusion clinic and a drug diverter. A "patient broker" (a person who recruits government program beneficiaries to go to corrupt clinics for pay) at an HIV clinic was also involved with drug diverters. As part of the HIV fraud investigation, we were able to arrange an undercover sale of thousands of

pharmaceutical pills to the target and make an immediate arrest. That led to a search warrant which produced millions of dollars worth of counterfeit prescription bottle labels that



Counterfeit prescription drugs

were all part of his illegal wholesale operation. The defendant was arrested, convicted, and sentenced to twenty years in a Florida State Prison.

This case was an important one for our efforts in South Florida and had a positive impact for the country as a whole. Unfortunately, South Florida seems to be a hub for this sort of activity—from the corrupt beneficiary side of the equation to the illicit wholesaler. We will continue our efforts to pursue these organizations because they put all of our health at risk.

"...I want to thank you for the privilege of supporting your efforts to protect some of our society's most vulnerable patients. Your dedication to ensuring that those creatures who would prey on the most vulnerable are put away really makes you a hero."

Witness statement

Securities Fraud

Statewide Prosecution has a role to play in the area of securities fraud. Although we are not the primary enforcement component for the protection of Florida investors, we often handle cases involving boiler rooms, unregistered agents selling unregistered securities, and foreign currency schemes. When cases do not rise to the level of federal enforcement thresholds, we work with law enforcement investigators to try to make sure that these fraudsters do not go unpunished. A recent case was that of David Luger, a foreign currency trader who defrauded Floridians. He used a flashy radio program to lure investors to his investment program. Instead of using the money and investing as he proclaimed, he used the money for his own purposes and left nothing for investors. He is now serving a lengthy prison term.

A notable case that Statewide Prosecution completed in 2008 was the case of Offshore Financial. Daniel Fasciana and his codefendants engaged in a foreign currency scheme to defraud victims. Victims lost more than \$1 million that they had entrusted to the defendants who never purchased a single option they claimed to have in their portfolio. Instead, the money was laundered through foreign banks and used to pay personal expenses. The defendants were convicted and sentenced to prison.

Organized Theft

Shoplifting is no longer just a teenage prank: it is big business and it is organized. Thieves work in groups of "boosters" to acquire stolen goods and rebrand them and sell them through the internet or through their own newly created wholesale companies. These crimes cost billions of dollars a year around the nation.

Operation Beauty Stop was lead by Assistant Statewide Prosecutor Cathy McKyton and is an excellent example of our efforts in this area. A statewide vendor of health and beauty products was being regularly victimized by organized boosters. The investigation showed that these groups were working in concert and at the direction of a leader of this group. McKyton worked with industry and the Polk County Sheriff's Office to investigate, arrest, and prosecute the group. The case resulted in significant prison time for those involved. It garnered national attention and was featured on *Dateline*.

Money Laundering as a Key Component to Crime

Every successful organized criminal group must deal with the problem of how to hide, disguise, and move its money. There are different types of money laundering, but they all try to perform the same function. Many of those in healthcare fraud and workers compensation fraud hide their involvement in financial

transactions by taking their checking business outside the normal banking system and into check cashing stores.

The Eighteenth Statewide Grand Jury took sworn testimony and issued a presentment on the critical role of the corrupt check casher in common fraud schemes. While some in the industry serve the purpose of negotiating checks for the "unbanked" population, the grand jury found evidence of many bad actors. The grand jury pointed out that checks totaling hundreds of thousands of dollars are regularly cashed by fraudsters. That money leaves the check cashing store untraceable. The report cited the testimony of a check cashing store owner who described how he routinely took money that he suspected was from the proceeds of health care fraud and from construction companies hiding payroll to defraud their worker's compensation carriers.

The Grand Jury report was often cited by those involved in a restructuring of the oversight and penalty structure for regulatory violations. A new mechanism is under way to regulate check cashing stores more aggressively and to give regulators the tools to quickly and effectively punish the industry's bad actors.

Internet Child Predators

Child predators have invaded the internet at alarming rates and Attorney General Bill McCollum is committed to tackling the problem

on all fronts. His approach not only calls for aggressive prosecutions of offenders, but also calls for widespread teaching of cybersafety to Florida's children. Statewide Prosecution is active on both fronts. In the last year a number of people on our team have made presentations to Florida schools on the dangers of internet predators. Using specially developed training tools by the Child Protection Cyber Crime Unit, we have participated in a number of those trainings around the state. The other aspect of our work in this field is through prosecution of those who trade in child pornography and those who travel to meet children after soliciting them over the internet. Our jurisdiction is geared towards those who travel multi-circuit distances for such meetings. While we will never form the base prosecution unit for these cases, we will always assist when needed because Florida's children are so important.

OSP Outside the Courtroom

The accomplishments that Statewide Prosecution has had inside the courtroom in the last year are augmented by the work that OSP lawyers and staff do outside their jobs. This year Assistant Statewide Prosecutor Harold Bennett was elected to the position of President of the Polk County Chapter of the Virgil Hawkins Bar Association. Assistant Statewide Prosecutor Diane Croff was promoted to the rank of Lt.

Commander with the United States Coast Guard where she serves as an officer in the Coast Guard Reserves. Bureau Chief Todd Weicholz is an Auxiliary Trooper with the Florida Highway Patrol and volunteered over one hundred hours serving in the Patrol.

This year, many in the office were recognized for their excellence and high level of professionalism. Todd Weicholz, Chief Assistant Statewide Prosecutor in West Palm Beach, and Jason Lewis, Assistant Statewide Prosecutor in Jacksonville, were recognized by the Florida Bar and awarded Board Certification in Criminal Trial law joining a number of other lawyers in the office who have achieved the highest rank recognized by the Bar. Becky Tyrrell graduated from the rigorous Florida Department of Law Enforcement Analyst Academy and received her Analyst Certification.

In addition to the work represented in the individual cases of each Assistant in the Office, our lawyers are very involved in a number of associations for the betterment of the legal profession and the advancement of capabilities and professionalism in the law enforcement community. The lawyers within the Office were members of the following criminal justice associations in 2007:

- American Bar Association
- The Florida Bar
- Florida Prosecuting Attorneys Association

- National District Attorneys Association
- National Association of Attorneys General
- League of Prosecutors
- Florida Intelligence Unit

Gangs and Violence

- Florida Gang Investigators Association
- Florida Violent Crime Drug Control Council
- Multi-Agency Gang Task Force
- South Florida Human Trafficking Task Force

Narcotics Investigations

- Central Florida High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area
- North Florida High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area
- Metropolitan Bureau of Investigation (Orlando)
- Multi-jurisdictional Counterdrug Task Force (F1 National Guard)
- Prescription Drug Diversion Response Team
- Prescription Drug Task Force
- South Florida High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area

Fraud and White Collar Crime

- Association of Certified Fraud Examiners
- Big Bend Fraud Task Force
- Central Florida Fraud & Forgery Unit
- Division of Insurance Fraud/Special Investigation Unit
- Fraud Net - Florida Bankers' Association
- INFRAGARD

- National White Collar Crime Center
- South Florida Mortgage Fraud Working Group

Computer Crimes

- FBI Cyber Crime Task Force
- Florida Association of Computer Crime Investigators
- Miami Electronic Crimes Task Force
- North Florida ICAC (Internet Crimes Against Children)
- Secret Service High Technology Task Force

2008 Year In Photos

ASP Diane Croff Promoted
to Lt. Commander in Coast Guard Reserves



ASP Harold Bennett, third from the left,
President of the Polk County
Chapter of the Virgil Hawkins Bar Association



Prosecution team in the Florida Beautiful case
ASP Cathy McKyton, ASP Mike Williams,
Investigator Ellen Wilcox,
FDLE & ASP Mike Schnid



CASP Todd Weicholz, Auxiliary Officer with the
Florida Highway Patrol



Auto Theft Case of the Year
Detective J.P. Kinsey, Detective John Lathrop,
Lieutenant Todd Garrison, ASP Chene Thompson,
and Detective Brian Gregory



Appendix

Below is a list of the Assistant Statewide Prosecutors assigned to each Office as of December 31, 2008. All Office Chiefs report directly to the Statewide Prosecutor.

Tallahassee	Jacksonville	Orlando	Tampa	Ft. Myers	Ft. Lauderdale	Miami	West Palm Beach
Ronald Lee Office Chief	Luis Bustamante Office Chief	John Roman Office Chief	Thomas Smith Office Chief	George Richards Office Chief	Julie Hogan Office Chief	Carlos Guzman Office Chief	Todd Weicholz Office Chief
Edward Iturralde	Jason Lewis	Lawrence Collins	Harold Bennett	Owen Kohler	Oscar Gelpi Special Counsel	Laudelina McDonald	Brian Fernandes
	Kelly Eckley	Robert Finkbeiner	Diane Croff	Chene Thompson	Jim Cobb	Stephen ImMasche	Stacey Ibarra
	Shannon MacGillis	David Gillespie	Cathy McKyton		Kathleen George		Luis Martinez
	John Wethington	Heather Lee	Michael Schmid		Margery Lexa		
		Anne Wedge-McMillen	Daniel Weisman		Priscilla Prado		
		Dan Mosley	Michael Williams		Edward Pyers		
		Jim Schneider General Counsel					

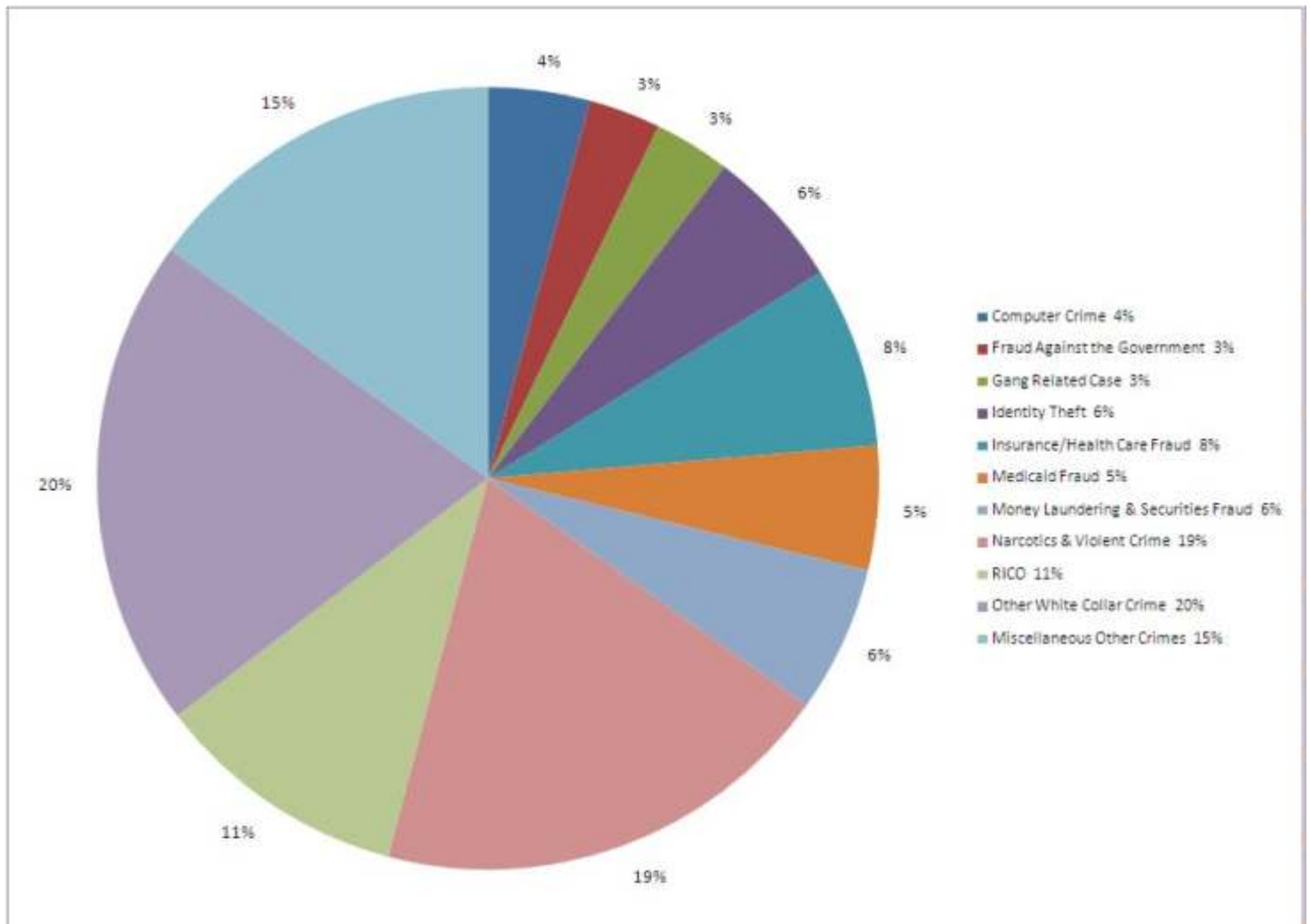
Below is a list of support staff assigned to each Office as of December 31, 2008.

Tallahassee	Jacksonville	Orlando	Tampa	Ft. Myers	Ft. Lauderdale	Miami	West Palm Beach
Jacqueline Perkins-McDaniel, Executive Director	Christopher Floyd, Criminal Financial Analyst	Sherrie Cheeks, Criminal Financial Analyst	Delores Funes, Criminal Financial Analyst	Rebecca Tyrrell, Criminal Financial Analyst	Barbara Goodson, Criminal Financial Analyst	Georgina Clinche, Sr. Executive Secretary	Lisa Cushman, Sr. Executive Assistant
Tammy Peterson, Criminal Financial Specialist	Connie Bland, Sr. Executive Secretary	Amy Romero, Administrative Assistant	Virginia Caswell, Administrative Assistant	Dawn Andrews, Executive Secretary	Thelma Alvarado, Research Associate	Barbara Rodriguez, Secretary	Jessica Wolfkill, Executive Secretary
Lula Weston, Sr. Executive Secretary		Jessica Watkins, Executive Secretary	Debra Kersting, Executive Secretary		Noemi Hernandez, Administrative Assistant		Kathleen Little, Secretary
		Shirley Moton, Executive Secretary	Michele Stano, Executive Secretary		Denise Greene Executive Secretary		
		Christine Samuels, Secretary			Rimma Romashova, Executive Secretary		
					Omarelis Jimenez, Executive Secretary		

Sentencing Data 2008

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Total Number of Years in Prison	1,365
Total Number of Life Sentences	1
Total number of Days in Jail	21,460
Total Number of Years on Probation	1,786
Total Number of Years on Community Control	61
Total Number of Hours on Community Service	6,965
Total Number of Defendants Charged	571
Total Number of Cases Filed	255
Total Number of Citizen Victims	370
Total Number of Government Victims	12
Total Amount of Restitution Ordered	\$ 16,378,499
Total Amount of Fines Ordered	\$ 5,134,146
Total Amount of Court Costs Ordered	\$ 152,954
Total Amount of Costs of Prosecution Ordered	\$ 1,763,775
Total Amount of Costs of Investigation Ordered	\$ 2,809,105
Total of All Monies Ordered	\$ 26,238,479

2008 Caseload Statistics





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