

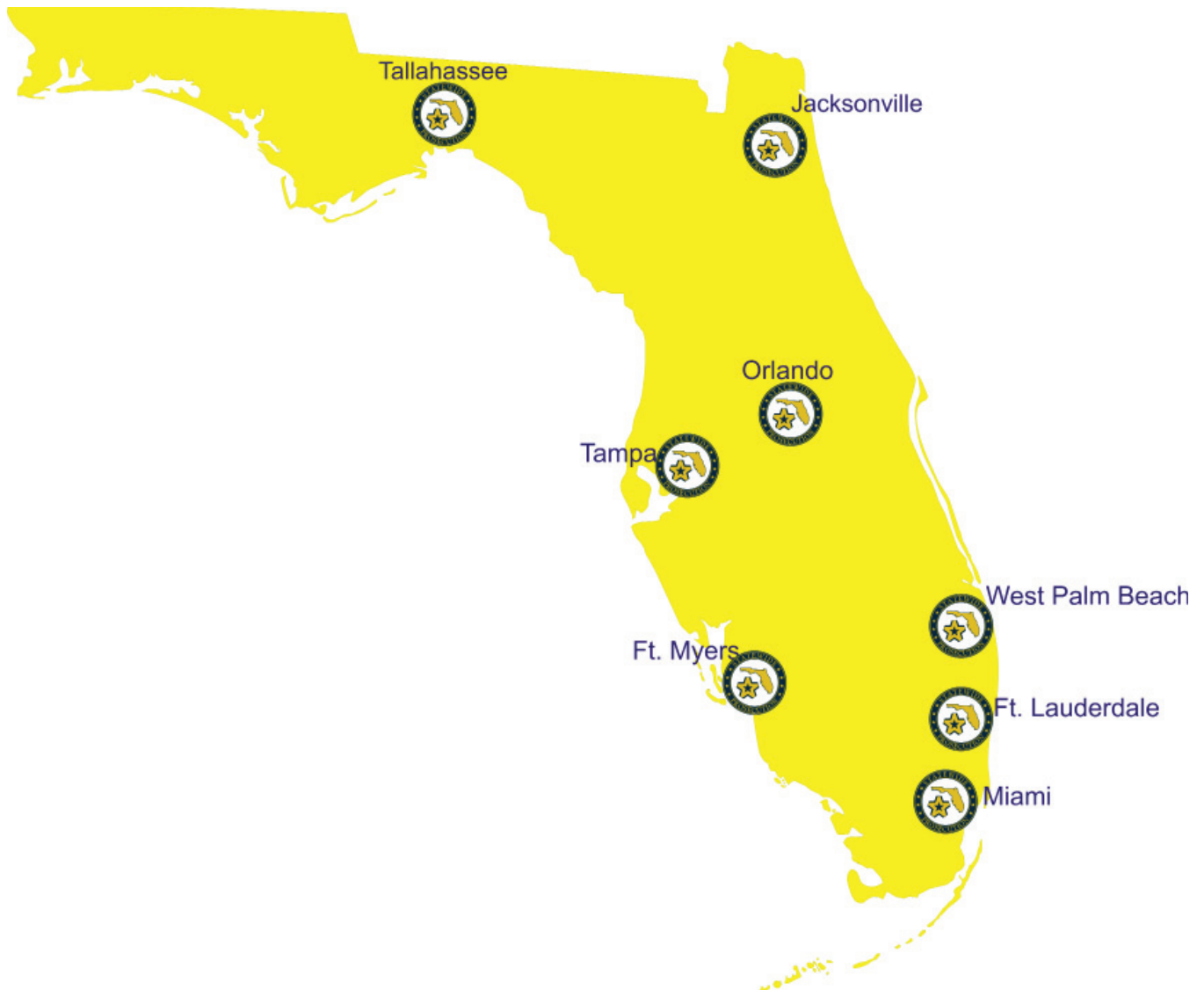
2012

# ANNUAL REPORT



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# Statewide Prosecution Offices



## INTRODUCTION

The Office of Statewide Prosecution (OSP) had another busy year in 2013. As we stated last year, given the often complex nature of our cases and number of attorneys and staff, we continue to try to bring a focus to the types of cases we handle. We have seen a great deal of success in doing this by continuing to set clear prosecutorial priorities, the manner in which we communicate with law enforcement, strong relationships with our colleagues at the State Attorney's Offices, and an effective and dynamic relationship with other units within the Department of Legal Affairs. But most importantly, this effort has been easily accomplished because of the clear direction provided by Attorney General Bondi in setting a number of priorities for criminal prosecution within this office; priorities that have been strongly supported and implemented by our office's prosecutors.

First and foremost has been the continuing battle against pill mills and prescription drug abuse. In 2012 this continued to be our leading priority. After seeing the huge increases in prosecutions reported in 2011 by this office, we continued to work towards targeting clinic owners and doctors who were the primary cause of these problems. While the State has fortunately seen a sharp decrease in pill mills since the Attorney General and Governor focused attention on this issue in 2011, we continue to find unscrupulous doctors and "pill sponsors" who are driving this problem in an underground manner. These have been the focus of our attention in 2012 in addition to navigating the increased litigation that has resulted from our 2011 efforts. These efforts continue to be successful, due in part to close relationships with our law enforcement partners, both State and Federal, created by the attention brought to this issue by the State of Florida in 2011.

The OSP still continues on its quest to address gang activity. While we have seen more success in this area as well, the gangs unfortunately persist. However, the manner in which we have attacked them, utilizing the RICO statute, has further proven that the leadership and structure of gangs can be toppled with an attack on the organization as a whole, and not just certain individuals. Our efforts with local law enforcement continue with our prosecutors often working side-by-side with local Assistant State Attorneys on these cases. This has happened most frequently in 12<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit where our office continues its very close relationship with their new State Attorney, Ed Brodsky, but has seen similar teamwork throughout the State.

With the passage of legislation pressed by Attorney General Bondi that not only increased penalties for Human Trafficking, but also gave our office jurisdiction to prosecute violations of the Human Trafficking statute, 2012 saw an increased effort and focus by this office towards these crimes of modern day slavery. Working in conjunction with local law enforcement, we have become increasingly involved with State and Federal task forces in trying to uncover and attack these criminal organizations. These crimes are cloaked in secrecy and operate underground, and thus have proven thus far to be very difficult organizations to uncover, investigate, and prosecute. But with increased attention and education, we are seeing more cases that will come to fruition over the next year. Additionally, we are learning more about the closer working relationships with private agencies that will assist us in these prosecutions.

Organized Retail Theft has impacted the State of Florida in a significant manner over the last several years. In 2012, General Bondi directed that we direct more attention to these criminal organizations and work closely with those in the retail industry to fight these criminals whose acts result in millions in financial losses, and impacts every Floridian who shops in this State. These increased efforts have resulted in several additional cases and investigations uncovering millions in organized thefts from both retail stores and warehouses. Working closely with the industry, we have charged and prosecuted cases for numerous retailers including Walgreens, Home Depot, WalMart, Publix, and many more. These organizations have proven significant and effective at their criminal enterprise, and these cases have shown the success of a close working relationship with those in the retail industry. Together with our victims we have been fighting the criminal activity against them.

Additionally, at the urging of the Attorney General, 2012 saw renewed attention to the issue of Medicaid Fraud. When the Attorney General restructured the leadership within the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit (MFCU), she briefly assigned a Special Counsel from within the OSP to direct the division. Ultimately, a new leader was selected who has a rich prosecutorial background, including within the OSP. This has fostered an outstanding relationship between the OSP and MFCU, and has seen a significant increase in trust between the two. With a large number of former prosecutors joining the ranks of the MFCU, we have begun working closely with them and often cross-designating them under our jurisdiction to prosecute these cases. This has, and should result in increased OSP prosecutions by those with the most relevant experience and ability to bring these criminals to justice.

OSP continues to address mortgage fraud throughout the state, as well as paying closer attention to the issue of the many frauds we typically prosecute. Again, the intention is not only to attack large scale fraud, but to attack the criminal organization that support and drive them. This is the intended purpose of our statutes and part of the focus we continue to advocate.

One area in which we have seen a significant increase in activity is our investigatory use of wire taps with law enforcement. In 2011 OSP authorized and presented 15 wire taps including 4 extensions to Florida Circuit Courts. In 2012, that number jumped to 68 wiretaps including 26 extensions. Clearly our focus on narcotics and prescription drugs drove some of the increase in those numbers. However, we have not used wiretap activity solely for drug cases. We have utilized electronic authority in burglary, weapons, retail theft, and other cases. We anticipate that we will also be utilizing them increasingly in human trafficking cases, as a result of the legislation authorizing them in 2012, as well as synthetic drug investigations. Wiretaps are very effective investigatory tools, but ones that we use only with significant need and experienced law enforcement. The bar is understandably high for these types of court-authorized investigations, but we have successfully used them and will continue to do so.

Our relationships with the State Attorneys' Offices continue to thrive. Our prosecutors have repeatedly been cross-designated by several of the State Attorneys to handle matters or charges on their behalf. This is most often related to matters where we initiated the investigation that resulted in single-circuit criminal activity or charges. We too have offered the same to the local State Attorneys.

We continue to work closely with the Florida Prosecuting Attorneys Association and are invited to attend their meetings and seminars. But the clear basis of the improved relations and membership has been based on open and significant communication with their offices by each member of our staff. Routinely the Statewide Prosecutor will seek out the State Attorneys to determine if this communication remains effective and if they feel we are being utilized in a manner that compliments their work in that circuit. The responses have consistently been positive. We notify the State Attorney of any case opened in their judicial circuit by OSP without fail.

The OSP has improved on its 95% conviction rate from 2011. In 2012, OSP lawyers disposed of cases involving 358 defendants by plea or trial, and obtained convictions in 344. Thus we increased our convictions rate to 96% overall.

In 2012, the OSP filed 2,492 charges against 418 defendants in 208 cases. Our sentencing data showed a significant increase in the severity of sentences against those we convicted as follows:

	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>% Increase</b> (estimated)
<b>Total Years in Prison:</b>	1,283	1,707	33%
<b>Total Days in Jail:</b>	8,652	14,063	62.5%
<b>Total Years on Probation:</b>	1,161	1,418	22%
<b>Total Years on Community Control:</b>	45	45	No Change

The financial recoveries in 2012 appears to reflect our new priorities and direction to increase prescription drug and gang cases, which saw a great deal more courtroom activity in 2012 than in preceding years. Additionally, it may also reflect the significant increase in incarceration sentences over the previous year, as courts typically will incarcerate or fine, but not always both. While fines saw a small reduction, restitution saw a larger reduction. This seems consistent with our focus on increased numbers of non-financial crimes like drug cases, where restitution is not typically an issue. However, we will maintain a close eye on this issue as we move into new priority areas. The financial assessments are summarized as follows:

	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>% Decrease</b> (estimated)
<b>Fines:</b>	\$3,702,033	\$3,409,528	8%
<b>Restitution:</b>	\$13,766,386	\$7,161,805	48%

Financial assessments as a result of our cases generally saw an increase in 2012. As opposed to restitution and fines, these judgments are typically ordered regardless of the nature of the case or whether the defendant was incarcerated or placed on supervision. These numbers reflect dollars assessed that support the court system, recover investigative costs of the law enforcement agencies involved, and some prosecution costs. We have tried to increase our assessments for each, with special focus on prosecution costs given a consistent reduction over the last several years including the previous administration.

The financial assessments are summarized as follows:

	2011	2012	% Difference (estimated)
<b>Costs of Prosecution:</b>	\$857,737	\$1,099,737	28%
<b>Costs of Investigation:</b>	\$2,782,066	\$2,725,127	2%
<b>Court Costs:</b>	\$106,378	\$121,986	15%

On the personnel and business side, OSP has continued to downsize its supervisory staff. As mentioned in the last report, when the current administration took over, we had 8 bureau chiefs for approximately 35 attorneys. By the end of 2012, this number has been reduced to 3, located in Tampa, Orlando and Jacksonville, and one Deputy Statewide Prosecutor located in Southeast Florida. We have maintained the 7 offices in Florida following our closure of 1 in 2011. A table is attached to this report showing the current staffing of the OSP.

Finally, 2012 saw several members of the OSP staff attain other positions in government of which we are very proud. Assistant Statewide Prosecutor Cathy McKyton was elected to the County Court of Pinellas County and Chief Assistant Statewide Prosecutor Carlos Guzman was appointed to the County Court of Dade County by Governor Scott. Additionally, Chief Assistant Statewide Prosecutor Brian Fernandes was appointed by the newly elected State Attorney of Palm Beach County to serve as his Chief Assistant in charge of all felony operations. With almost 10% of our staff attaining such positions in one year, it tends to showcase the level of experience and expertise of our staff. Our hiring practices will continue to focus on finding the most experienced, talented, and ethical prosecutors available.

The following sections were authored by several members of our office to further highlight our work in 2012.

### **PRESCRIPTION DRUG ABUSE AND PILL MILL PROSECUTIONS**

The calendar year 2012 followed on the heels of the advances made in the prosecution of Pill Mills which kicked into full gear in 2011. With newly passed laws in place, the OSP was even more focused on the prosecution of clinic owners, doctors, and “sponsors” who are individuals who profit from their assistance in the facilitation of acquiring prescriptions from those running the “mills”. In 2012, OSP filed criminal complaints for prescription drugs against 206 defendants in 32 cases. Many other cases remain active investigations with law enforcement.

In 2012, Law enforcement and the OSP in South Florida, which had been known as the epicenter for this type of illegal activity, became much more proactive in shutting the doors on these clinics. In fact, in just two cases filed in Broward and Vero Beach, a total of 14 doctors and 11 employees and/or owners of clinics were arrested and jailed on Racketeering charges.

The first case, “Operation Pill Street Blues”, resulted in the closure of seven (7) clinics throughout the state. The organization was led by two Pompano Beach Firefighters who were responsible for the oversight of the operation of the seven (7) clinics. Not only did these firefighters consult for some of the clinics, but they were owners too. The OSP worked in

conjunction with the Office of the State Attorney, Nineteenth Judicial Circuit, the DEA, Indian River Sheriff's Office, and the Vero Beach P.D. in an effort to arrest the seven (7) doctors as well as those operating these cash businesses. The case utilized many investigative techniques, but the most damning was the wiretap on three of the main targets' phones which culminated in a vast amount of evidence.

The Civil Division of the OAG was called upon to assist in the forfeiture proceedings resulting from multiple asset seizures in "Operation Pill Street Blues." General Bondi directed this new relationship between OSP and her Civil Litigation Unit in an effort to bring all she has to bear against pill traffickers. With the expertise and litigation support of the Attorney General's Civil Litigation Unit, we have begun to recover and forfeit items and property that were the proceeds of criminal activity. This has not been limited to drug cases, but the groundwork was laid, and work began, on doing this in many OSP cases statewide. While we will typically relent to any law enforcement agency that wishes to take on this task in a case, as this is not at the core of the statutory OSP mission, the Civil Litigation Unit is now ready and willing to do this when necessary.

The second case example, "Oscar's backyard," involved the closure of one clinic in Broward County and the arrest of eleven (11) individuals, seven (7) of whom were doctors. The clinic was owned by a chiropractic practitioner and two house painters, and who decided that "pill mill" ownership was the way to "get rich quick." The doctors themselves only worked at the clinic for short periods of time and/or on a part-time basis. Undercover investigators from DEA were able to videotape the doctors' examinations, or lack thereof, which clearly indicated that there was no medical need for Opioid therapy. Yet opioid "cocktails" were prescribed at each and every undercover visit and to all other known patients as well. There was no consideration given to the medical need or the potential harm that these pills could have if they were to be put out on the streets.

Finally, in 2012 OSP also targeted "sponsors." "Sponsors" are individuals who seek out patients, usually addicts, who will go into a pain clinic and pose as a patient. Once the sponsored person receives their prescription, they hand it over to the "sponsor" who pays them in either cash or pills. In Miami, the OSP targeted a group of individuals who "sponsored" many people for the purpose of going into pain clinics down south and obtaining the prescriptions. The prescriptions or pills would then be transported to the northern part of the state where they would be filled and sold on the streets.

It must be pointed out that the focus of OSP is not on the actual targeting of addicts. In fact, it is a priority of the OSP that those who are in need of treatment, be given the opportunity to obtain it through whatever just means are appropriate. In many of our cases we will attempt to determine if the person is an addict who needs help more than incarceration, but also if that person can assist us in "moving up the ladder" to arrest those most responsible for putting these pills out on the streets. These efforts have led to statewide and multi-state investigations and arrests for major clinic owners and/or medical staff.

The OSP will continue on its path in 2013 to rid the state of the "pill mills" which operate on the premise of fast cash and not on the safety of the citizens of the state.

## **THE NORTH FLORIDA HIGH INTENSITY DRUG TRAFFICKING PROGRAM (HIDTA)**

The Office of Statewide Prosecution continues to effectively utilize Court authorized interception of communications (“wiretaps”), and other forms of Court authorized electronic surveillance, to combat organized drug trafficking, including pharmaceutical diversion and/or street drugs, as well as to further gang related investigations and prosecutions. Throughout our State in 2012 the various bureaus of the OSP utilized the interception of communications, and in one case the use of Court authorized surreptitious video surveillance and a location “bug”, in a number of long-term, successful investigations that involved established, prolific drug traffickers and/or dangerous gangs.

Additionally, the OSP continues its now six year partnership with the North Florida High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area, which is based in Jacksonville. In 2012, the NFHIDTA, in its ten county footprint (Alachua, Baker, Columbia, Clay, Duval, Flagler, Marion, Nassau, Putnam, and St. Johns), focused efforts to investigate medical professionals who continue to divert dangerous pharmaceutical pain killers, including in our State’s hospitals. They also continued the efforts to disrupt and dismantle organized indoor Cannabis cultivation groups, methamphetamine producers (who typically are using the “One Pot” method in Florida), along with the persistent threat from a new generation of synthetic substances (particularly “Spice,” “Bath Salts,” and various forms of Ecstasy or Ecstasy like substances often called “Molly”). In 2013, the NFHIDTA is re-focusing efforts not only to combat synthetic cannabinoids, “Bath Salts” and methamphetamine, but is also focusing on officer preparedness for the ever present dangers inherent in all clandestine laboratory investigations, through more intensified training, more specialized equipment and enhanced target analysis. Clandestine labs, whether they be indoor Cannabis grows with deadly mold spores and carcinogenic chemicals; synthetic Cannabinoid factories with the health threatening inhalable particulates; or the methamphetamine “one pot” two-liter potential bombs; clandestine labs in all forms are an immediate threat to those who would investigate (and attempt to dismantle) them and to any Floridian who unknowingly lives nearby a current lab or unknowingly moves into a location that was a former lab.

As indicated earlier in this report, the OSP has seen a sharp increase in the use of wiretaps and other electronic surveillance techniques. These activities have assisted us further in cases involving theft, weapons, and other types of cases. With the increase in electronic investigations, our North Florida HIDTA representative, Assistant Statewide Prosecutor Shannon MacGillis, has become one of the foremost experts in electronic investigative techniques. It appears clear that she will continue to be busy assisting our prosecutors in 2013 find success with these tools.

## **THE CONTINUED WAR AGAINST GANG VIOLENCE**

As discussed in the 2011 report, gang Racketeering cases are very large and very complex. However, they have proven most effective in dismantling the gangs, their leadership, and internal structure. However, while we have seen successes in many areas of the State in gang prosecutions, the problem still continues. As such, the OSP will continue to treat criminal street gangs as a major initiative of this office in accord with the directive of Attorney General Bondi.



This is clearly a fight worth waging as these criminal organizations wage various types of criminal activity against our communities. Drug crimes, property crimes, fraud and routinely crimes of violence are the mission of these gangs. Prosecution individually can stop the lone criminal, but RICO can stop the whole organization.

In 2012, OSP maintained active cases against 156 gang members in 11 massive cases. Several of our offices have prosecutors with specialized training and experience in gang and RICO prosecutions. However, many of these cases were prosecuted in the Tampa Bay area where we have one Assistant Statewide Prosecutor assigned to handle only gang cases. He is subsidized under a federal grant and works closely with State and Federal officials and task forces in investigating and prosecuting these cases. While this grant was set to sunset in 2012, we were asked if we would agree to extend it further.

Additionally, we have worked closely with several local State Attorneys Offices in this effort and have had our assistants cross-sworn to handle local cases. Likewise, we have also cross-sworn their assistants on multi-circuit cases to continue work they started and to assist us in these cases as well. We approach this war against gangs as a law enforcement team, and have found it to be most effective.

### **THE SCOURGE OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING**

In 2012, Attorney General Bondi successfully pressed for enhanced penalties in Human Trafficking cases. However, before her effort, OSP had no jurisdiction for human trafficking charges, which seemed odd as so many of these cases seem to easily cross judicial circuit boundaries. We could only attack these crimes if we could make a Racketeering case. Therefore, her effort also included providing statutory jurisdiction for the OSP to prosecute the crimes of Human Trafficking. Likewise, the legislation gave prosecutors the ability to utilize wiretaps in these cases, a tool routinely used by OSP. With these new tools and abilities, we quickly made Human Trafficking a major priority of this office.

While we quickly found cases to begin working on, we have learned that these cases will not be easy to uncover and investigate. In 2012 we opened investigations on 10 targets, primarily in the Tampa Bay area. We continued to work closely with State and Federal law enforcement to find these criminal organizations. As we mentioned last year, this effort will require us to work closer than ever with social service and non-governmental agencies as well, and we have found success in doing so with the Department of Children and Families who have dedicated their efforts to this end as well.

As our work with law enforcement in this area continues, we anticipate that 2013 will see our first cases brought before the Courts. Our efforts in 2012 to reach out to law enforcement and join task forces to express our willingness to work these complex cases has been successful as we have had increased requests for our assistance. With time this initiative will grow. We hope to influence more inroads into labor trafficking with law enforcement and other government agencies in addition to the need for trafficking in the sex trade.

## **MORTGAGE FRAUD**

By most accounts, Florida is continuing to rebound from its recent real estate market woes. Thus, continued vigilance by law enforcement is necessary to insure that some of the corrupt practices do not resurface as the housing market continues its healthy return. For this purpose the Miami Office again this year prosecuted numerous instances of mortgage fraud and continued to increase its awareness of possible new arenas for criminal activity in this economically vital field.

We partner in fighting fraud as it relates to real estate here in South Florida primarily with the Miami Dade Police Department; however, we have continuing relations and receive assistance and direction from the United State Drug Enforcement Agency, the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, the United States Secret Service, and the United States Attorney's Office for the southern District of Florida. In this past year we have filed six different cases targeting approximately twenty-five defendants in Miami-Dade County Court. In addition, we are vigorously prosecuting cases filed last year, securing numerous pleas which have lead to prison sentences or community control and probation along with recovery of ill-gotten gains. At some level, nearly all of our arrests lead to information about the industry, both legitimate and illegitimate to add further to our store of knowledge as to how to fight future criminal activity. Even while investigating and charging instances of mortgage fraud from earlier transactions in Palm Beach, Miami-Dade, and Broward Counties, we are also working with other agencies in finding ways to anticipate and thwart the next wave of fraud which is certainly on the horizon. For example, we continue our initiative from last year to work with Federal authorities to bring to justice narco-traffickers who have found convenient safe harbors for ill-gotten gains in the South Florida real estate market. This year we have also begun what we think will be very fruitful investigations into the practice of "seasoning titles" for the purpose of applying for fraudulent second mortgages. The financial industry, so vital to our housing and real estate market is only now reaching its pre-crash vitality, and this practice could retard that recovery. Our intelligence on this matter looks to soon reap rewards with further arrests and seizures.

Because we most pride ourselves on our commitment to the citizens of our State, we look for and prosecute cases wherein the unscrupulous criminal targets ordinary homeowners who have been rendered vulnerable by a weak economy. To this end, we are pursuing the corrupt elements of the loan modification industry. A recent prosecution alerted us to the fact that victims may be even more at risk as some of these crimes are facilitated by affinity fraud. And nothing is more insidious to a group and the community as a whole than affinity fraud.

While this section has reported on efforts in Southeast Florida, each office of the OSP has prosecutors who are experienced in Mortgage Fraud prosecution. Throughout the State of Florida in 2012, the OSP maintained 84 active cases, and filed charges against 94 defendants. OSP has maintained a priority of attacking mortgage fraud, and will continue to do so in 2013.

## **MEDICAID FRAUD AND RETAIL THEFT**

Since 2010, Attorney General Bondi has expressed her desire to increase the number of criminal prosecutions for Medicaid Fraud. In doing so, she addressed the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit (MFCU) and its leadership structure. The Attorney General sought the assistance of the OSP for input and advice in this area appointing OSP Special Counsel, Oscar Gelpi, as the interim director of MFCU pending her approval of a new, full time director. Mr. Gelpi had experience with MFCU not only as a prosecutor handling some of their cases, but he was the advisor to the and earlier Statewide Grand Jury that made recommendations regarding Medicaid Fraud. During this period of time, our office had the opportunity to learn more about MFCU and to create a closer working relationship with them.

In 2012, the Attorney General appointed a new director for MFCU who not only had a rich history as a prosecutor, but more specifically was a former Assistant Statewide Prosecutor. This has resulted in a unique and positive relationship between our two divisions. In addressing the needs of the MFCU, the new director has retained a staff of attorneys that has a large number of experienced former prosecutors. Thus, in addition to the OSP focus on MFCU cases, we are also routinely cross-designating MFCU attorneys with appropriate criminal experience to follow their cases through to the criminal courts. This results in a greatly reduced duplication of effort, more resources to prosecute with, and a focus on these crimes that will hopefully result in more stringent sentencing.

The effort to enhance criminal prosecutions of MFCU cases will certainly continue into 2013 and beyond. In just 2012, we saw filed cases against 77 defendants, and we anticipate that number will grow in 2013.

Likewise in 2012, Attorney General Bondi expressed her concern for the increasing problem of organized retail theft. While these have been cases that OSP has commonly prosecuted in the past, pursuant to the concern of the AG, we have now included this as another priority of this office. While we have experienced retail theft rings in the past, we have not seen anything like the operations that are working now in Florida. These criminal organizations have become huge operations that target not just the retail stores themselves, but the warehouses and distribution centers. The desired products can be anything: detergent, medications, razors, food, etc.. The items may be resold in bulk by the truckload, or individually on the street or at a flea market. The thieves can be simple shoplifters who walk into stores and steal desired items, to persons on the inside who work in the stores or warehouses and have access to massive amounts of product. Either way, the result for the Florida consumer is increased costs at the cash registers.

OSP has seen several cases this past year targeting these organizations. In 2012 OSP opened cases against 60 targets of organized retail theft. Our partnership with the retail establishments and corporations has been significant and necessary. While these cases can often be simple groups of persons on the street shoplifting large amounts of items, it can also be a massive operation resulting in millions of dollars in losses. An example is a 2012 case from Southeast Florida where a criminal organization's warehouse was the subject of a search warrant. Found inside were hundreds of thousands in cash, and millions in product that was hauled away by the truckload by the victim after inventory.

While we see these types of organizations grow and become more sophisticated, our investigative techniques and charging decisions must progress with them. OSP has already begun working with law enforcement on electronic surveillance techniques that have yielded positive results. And with the sophistication of the operations involved, OSP commonly files charges of Racketeering (RICO) and/or Organized Fraud to lock these criminals up. In 2013, we will continue to focus our efforts on these criminals as well.

## **CONCLUSION**

The Office of Statewide Prosecution saw some significant advances in 2013 in terms of focus and result-oriented prosecution. However, we still hope to improve in several areas in 2013, including increasing Human Trafficking prosecutions, increasing criminal financial assessments, and increasing Medicaid Fraud efforts.

Yet, this office continues to accomplish a great deal with limited resources, as do all prosecutors. With the large scale and complex cases we handle, we are very proud of each member of our team who exhibit a great deal of professionalism, ethics, and determination everyday to punish criminals. We look forward to a bright 2013.

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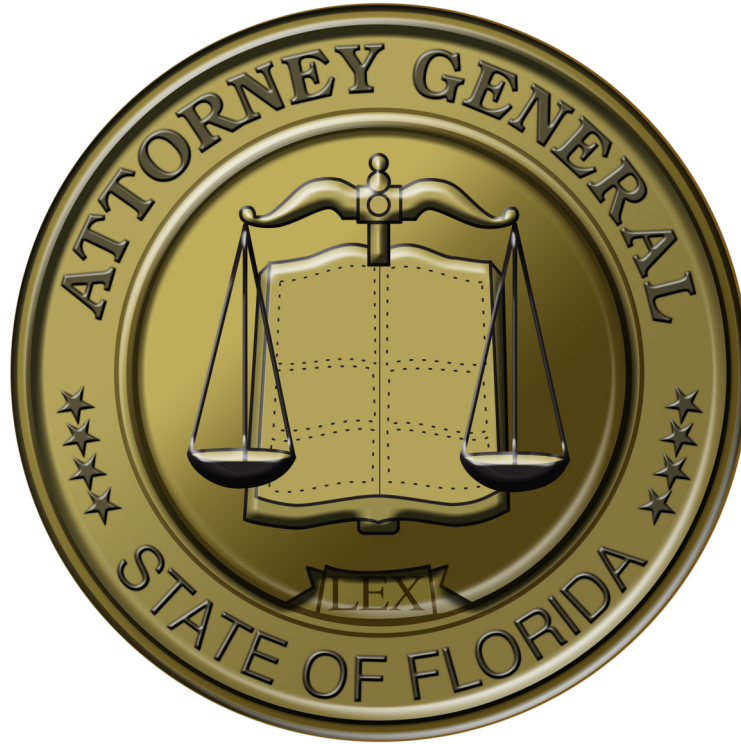
# Appendix

Below is a list of the Assistant Statewide Prosecutors assigned to each Office as of December 31, 2012.

Jacksonville	Orlando	Tampa	Ft. Myers	Ft. Lauderdale	Miami	West Palm Beach
John Wethington Office Chief	John Roman Office Chief	Diane Croff Office Chief	Brian Fernandes Office Chief	Julie Hogan Deputy Statewide Prosecutor		
Kelly Eckley	Diane Checchio	Sasha Lohn-McDermott	Michael-Anthony Pica	Oscar Gelpi, Special Counsel	Stephen ImMasche	Sarah Willis
Shannon MacGillis	Robert Finkbeiner	Paul Dontenville	Michael Nieman	Kathleen George	Jeremy Franker	Stephanie Tew
	David Gillespie	John Maceluch		Ed Pyers		
	Anne Wedge-McMillen	Michael Schmid		Margery Lexa		
	Jim Schneider, General Counsel	Joseph Spataro		Priscilla Prado		
		Daniel Weisman				
		Michael Williams				

Below is a list of support staff assigned to each Office as of December 31, 2012.

Tallahassee	Jacksonville	Orlando	Tampa	Ft. Myers	Ft. Lauderdale	Miami	West Palm Beach
Jacqueline Perkins-McDaniel, Executive Director	Christopher Floyd, Criminal Financial Analyst	Sherrie Elmahmoud, Criminal Financial Analyst	Delores Funes, Senior Criminal Financial Analyst	Dawn Andrews, Senior Executive Secretary	Barbara Goodson, Senior Criminal Financial Analyst	Georgina Clinche, Senior Executive Secretary	Lisa Cushman, Administrative Assistant
Tammy Wade, Senior Criminal Financial Analyst	Connie Bland, Senior Executive Secretary	Amy Romero, Administrative Assistant	Virginia Caswell, Administrative Assistant		Thelma Alvarado, Research Associate	Barbara Rodriguez, Executive Secretary	
		Rina Altamirano, Executive Secretary	Debra Kersting, Executive Secretary		Gladys Ramirez, Executive Secretary		
		Shirley Moton, Executive Secretary	Michele Stano, Executive Secretary		Rhonda Greene, Administrative Assistant		
					Omarelis Jimenez, Executive Secretary		



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