

2019

# ANNUAL REPORT



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## **OVERVIEW OF THE OFFICE OF STATEWIDE PROSECUTION IN 2019**

In January of 2019 the Office of Statewide Prosecution was very excited to welcome our new Attorney General, Ashley Moody. With General Moody we have continued our complex work prosecuting crimes involving illicit drugs, crimes of violence, retail and cargo theft, and many other criminal organizations. But we have also welcomed her emphasis on the battle against opioids, human trafficking, fraud against Florida's elders and criminal consumer frauds. The message has been clear and the response from her prosecutors has been solid.

Our 2019 campaign against criminal organizations saw great success. First and foremost, our Assistant Statewide Prosecutors and staff earned a very high 96% conviction rate. While our conviction rates have consistently been reported in the high 90's over the last 5 years, 2019's rate came concurrent with an increase in the number of defendants charged and the number of serious crimes resulting in significant sentences by the courts. It is also worthy of note that for the Fiscal Year of 2019/2020, which included the first two quarters of the new administration, our office achieved a 99% conviction rate for that year.

Additionally, the data indicates we are addressing more criminal organizations where greater numbers of defendants are a part of the enterprise. This is supported by the 2019 data showing an increased number of defendants (+5%), but a reduction of (-16%) in the number of cases. With the new emphasis of the Attorney General in several areas including trafficking, organized frauds and opioids, it appears our prosecutors are

focusing even more on criminal organizations and multi-defendant racketeering as contemplated by our enabling Statute as well as the direction of General Moody.

Along with the increase in the prosecution and conviction of more organizations and more significant crimes, including RICO, the number of prison sentences increased 9% in 2019. Alternatively, for the defendants who were found to be less deserving of prison treatment, while probationary terms stayed relatively static with only a 2% increase, the number of community control/house arrest sentences increased 49%. Along with those numbers, we saw almost double the number of defendants serving community service as a part of their non-prison sentences.

It should be pointed out at this point that when prosecuting significant or complex organizations, this office, as do many prosecutors, focus our attention on those defendants who are the most sophisticated or are the leaders of the enterprise. Many others who are charged may be lower level offenders or persons who cooperate in our efforts to convict the primary defendants. For instance, many narcotics cases may have 10, 15 or even 25 or more charged defendants. The so called "top of the pyramid" might include 5 people who are the primary traffickers or sources of supply of the narcotic. Most of the others may be lower level street dealers, or the "mules" who are typically addicts moving the drugs. While long prison terms might be best for the primary sources, the street dealers may deserve less incarceration, and the addicts may need treatment more than anything. Thus the wide variation of appropriate sentencing for each offender.

Financially in 2019 courts assessed almost \$17,000,000 (17 million dollars) as a part of the offenders' sentences. Half of those dollars were recoveries for the victims in the form of restitution (\$8,467,682). That number alone exceeded the OSP's operating budget for the fiscal year 2019/20. The rest of the dollars were primarily court fines (\$3,687,275) and costs of investigation to the law enforcement agencies (\$3,760,029).

When we examine some individual crimes that represent the priorities of the Attorney General, we are happy to report significant increases in prosecution activity in these areas and an even more clear focus on attacking the criminal organizations as opposed to just individual defendants.

As it relates to pill/opioid prosecutions the data bears out this trend in 2019. While we dropped in the number of active pills cases by 17% compared to 2018, the number of defendants in those cases rose significantly by over 42%. Again, this indicates investigations and charging decisions that are aimed at ending the criminal enterprise and not just certain members of it.

The Medicaid Fraud cases that we commonly worked with or through the Attorney General's Medicaid Fraud Control Unit in 2019 had significant increases in similar areas measured. This included a 76% increase in active Medicaid Fraud cases as well as a 270% increase in the number of active defendants in these cases. Again, showing a tendency towards stopping the entire enterprise.

Our numbers as it relates to organized retail theft cases and defendants stayed consistent with our results in 2018. However, our number of convictions in 2019 went up dramatically, 90%.

But some of our more impressive changes and results in 2019 came with our Human Trafficking work. The trend noted above relating to the focus on criminal enterprises continued, with a reduction in the number of cases, but a huge 66% increase in the number of defendants in those cases. Additionally, our prosecutors in 2019 convicted more than double the number of defendants in 2018, and more than in the previous three years combined, showing a 145% increase.

Finally, we are proud to say that the efforts of the OSP in 2019 were recognized by law enforcement who awarded two of our assistants with Prosecutor of the Year awards. First, Julie Sercus of Tampa was awarded the Human Trafficking Prosecutor of the Year by the Florida Human Trafficking Council. Additionally, Cynthia Honick was named Prosecutor of the Year by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission. These awards exemplify the hard work of each of these prosecutors as well as the OSP as a whole.

The data continues to indicate an office focusing on the Attorney General's priorities, doing so in a complex and thorough manner by bringing down criminal enterprises with law enforcement. To highlight some of these areas in particular, as in years past, our prosecutors who make this happen will address these each of these efforts.

~Nick Cox, Statewide Prosecutor

## **Opioids and Other Dangerous Drugs**

Opioid misuse is this Nation's number one public health threat. It is no secret that the State of Florida has been battling the effects of opioids abuse and the related heroin and

fentanyl epidemic, to this end, the OSP has consistently, and actively, continued to add their expertise to this fight, both in and outside of courtrooms.

For example, in January of 2019, when Attorney General Ashley Moody, in her first week, named 18 experts and community leaders to serve on her Opioid Abuse Working Group (to gather information and best practices from across Florida to help General Moody combat the opioid epidemic), two members of the OSP, Deputy Statewide Prosecutor, Julie Chaikin Hogan, and Special Counsel/Assistant Statewide Prosecutor, Shannon MacGillis, were named. On March 1, 2019, the Opioid Abuse Working Group released its final report, Florida's Opioid Epidemic: Recommendations and Best Practices. A link to the full report is available on the Attorney General's website: [myfloridalegal.com](http://myfloridalegal.com).

In 2019, The Office of Statewide Prosecution continued its' efforts to combat the opioid and illicit drug scourge as well as the battle to end fraud in the addiction treatment industry. Towards this end, OSP targeted drug dealers, drug traffickers, doctors, clinic owners and treatment facility employees.

The first three months of 2019 brought multiple arrests related to Oxycodone, Heroin, Fentanyl and Methamphetamine. The OSP worked with several law enforcement agencies including the DEA, FBI and many local law enforcement agencies. Charges ranged from trafficking to conspiracy to traffic, transporting into Florida and distribution. These cases lead to plea agreements which carried everything from 15 year minimum mandatory sentences up to 60 years in prison for putting these drugs on the streets of Florida feeding into

the opioid epidemic. In addition, OSP tried and convicted multiple defendants, obtaining sentences from 20 to 60 years in prison.

OSP's efforts in the battle against the opioid and illicit drug epidemic is exemplified by one such case in May of 2019. During this time the OSP participated in an investigation resulting in over 20 arrest warrants and nine search warrants, netting heroin, fentanyl, cocaine, 20 guns, \$300,000 in cash and three cars. The target drug trafficking organization is believed to have been responsible for trafficking heroin, fentanyl and cocaine, in the Volusia County area, as well as to be involved in multiple overdose deaths which continue to be investigated by the Volusia County Sheriff's Office Major Case Unit.

Additionally, the OSP continues the fight to end "dirty doctors", those doctors who act as drug dealers, hiding behind their lab coats as they commit their crimes. In May, Dr. Marta Farinas, a licensed and practicing doctor with a private medical practice in South Florida, was charged in Miami-Dade County of prescribing oxycodone to a patient who was knowingly struggling with an opioid addiction. Evidence includes text messages in which the doctor was negotiating drug transactions, and the related opioid overdose death of that patient. Ultimately the doctor was charged with conspiracy to traffic in oxycodone, delivery of oxycodone, and manslaughter.

In June, OSP along with the Broward Sheriff's Office, the DEA, the FBI and the Sunny Isles Police Department, arrested seven individuals operating a large-scale prescription drug trafficking ring. The OSP charged members of this drug trafficking organization with arranging for straw patients to be brought to various doctor's

offices, often utilizing aliases for the patients to use at multiple clinics. The defendants obtained multiple sets of opioid prescriptions and then delivered the pills to the organization for distribution on the illicit market throughout South Florida.

The OSP is not only attempting to get both opioids and illicit drugs off the streets, but OSP is part of the effort to halt fraud in the addiction recovery industry. To this end, in July of 2019, the OSP assisted FDLE, Palm Beach County State Attorney's Office and the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office, in an investigation that led to the arrest and prosecution of Adam Adler, from Miami-Dade County who now faces nine counts of first-degree patient brokering, 16 counts of third-degree patient brokering, and two counts of first-degree felony money laundering, including a scheme to send patients' urine for urinalysis testing in exchange for more than \$1 million in kickbacks.

The OSP continues to be committed to ridding the state of individuals who poison our streets with drugs. Not only do we do this through investigation and prosecution, but we also assist in efforts to change the laws to make it easier to prosecute greedy drug dealers who are killing our citizens for their own financial gain, as well as advocating for the constitutionality of drug control by chemical class.

~ Shannon MacGillis, Special Counsel

## **Environmental Cases**

Historically, OSP has not handled many cases involving criminal wildlife violations as most of these cases are handled by local State Attorney Offices and include crimes not enumerated by statute for OSP to handle. However, over the last two years OSP has

worked closely with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) to successfully target and prosecute those who have been taking precious limited environmental resources for monetary gain or pleasure.

One notable case was the prosecution of "Alligator Thief". A three yearlong investigation into the poaching of alligators and alligator eggs which resulted in FWC's first criminal prosecution of Racketeering. The poaching of alligators and alligator eggs has plagued the State of Florida for years due the inability to infiltrate the alligator farms, and lack of deterrent with criminal violations of only misdemeanors and fines. Alligators and alligator eggs have the potential to produce millions in profits for the hides and many have exploited this resource for years by laundering eggs through various farms to avoid FWC detection. The alligator industry is highly regulated due to the valuable nature of the alligator and it being recognized as an endangered species. FWC worked with OSP for over three years in developing strategy, targets, search warrants, and arrests. The case became the first Racketeering prosecution for FWC. The operation resulted in nine individuals being arrested, four of whom were charged with various crimes to include Racketeering, Conspiracy to Commit Racketeering, Organized Scheme to Defraud, and Illegal Possession of Alligators or Alligator Eggs. In 2019, Robert Albritton, the group leader, plead to charges of Racketeering, Conspiracy to Commit Racketeering, Organized Scheme to Defraud, and 13 counts of Illegally Possessing Alligator Eggs or Alligators. The plea included 36 months in prison followed by ten years of probation to pay over \$80,000 in restitution to FWC for the thefts. In September of 2019, Robert Beasley and Carl Wayne Pickle were

convicted by jury after an almost two-week jury trial in Desoto County. They were sentenced to a year in county jail followed by probation. Ultimately, all nine defendants were successfully prosecuted for their crimes.

FWC partnered with the OSP to investigate and charge several persons exploiting our State's unique marine life. As part of a two-year investigation, three individuals were charged with numerous felonies to include Racketeering, Conspiracy to Commit Racketeering, Organized Scheme to Defraud, Criminal Use of Identification, and Official Misconduct pertaining to the sale and transfer of Spiny Lobster Certificates.

OSP continues to successfully assist FWC in long term investigations that have served as a deterrent to those who seek to deplete our State's natural resources whether for monetary gain or pleasure. As we continued our partnership with FWC in 2019, OSP charged nine individuals for Conspiracy to Commit Racketeering for the torturing and hunting of black bears through the use of hunting dogs. OSP and FWC seized over 50 dogs that were being trained and utilized to hunt Florida black bear. OSP was able to partner with the Humane Society to rehome over 30 of those dogs which were given up through a forfeiture process. The other dogs remain in litigation. A trial for those nine defendants is set in summer of 2020.

OSP is committed to protecting Florida's precious natural resources and through our partnership with FWC, OSP will continue to advise FWC and prosecute violations of these laws to deter those who chose to exploit Florida's resources for monetary gain or pleasure.

~ Kelly McKnight, Special Counsel

## **Organized Fraud**

The dawning of a new era in the Florida Attorney General's Office has in no way diminished the attention or focus given to the prosecution of crimes which involve the perpetration of fraud against an unsuspecting person or entity. As has been previously noted, these crimes are limited in scope and detail only by the creativity of the wrongdoer. Oftentimes propinquity is a defendant's best weapon in such cases, leveraging trust to hide in plain sight while committing fraud. This was on stark display in a 2019 Orlando case in which the defendant pitched a phony house flipping investment opportunity to longtime close friends and neighbors, including the father of his godchild. Kept hidden from the victims was the fact that it was the same house being utilized in each individual solicitation. Following a Guilty as Charged verdict at trial last October, the defendant—with no prior criminal record—was sentenced to ten years in prison. Similarly, a Central Florida fire department was victimized by one of its own members and his girlfriend by improper use of a credit card, a case which is still pending resolution. The Office continually stresses, as its members interact with the public and law enforcement, that financial predators can and do lurk in the most unexpected of places.

Assistant Statewide Prosecutors have a bevy of laws available to them, and the nature of white collar crimes lends themselves to being prosecuted in a wide variety of ways. The Jacksonville bureau, confronted with two individuals who lurked in gym parking lots in the early hours of the day so as to break into cars and steal purses, parlayed that ten-victim scenario into Racketeering charges and a decade-long sentence for the first defendant. The

Identity Theft statute remains a highly effective weapon in many of these cases, made more so by the heightened penalties which attach when the victim is an elderly individual. A young woman in Volusia County was charged with Grand Theft and Identity Theft of a victim over sixty after developing a faux relationship with a customer she met—and later moved in with—at the club where she worked as a dancer. In a matter of only months she was able to unlawfully convert nearly \$40,000 to her use. These are but a few examples of the seemingly endless array of fraud-based criminal undertakings brought to OSP by our law enforcement partners throughout the State...and OSP's dedicated efforts to hold wrongdoers accountable.

~ Robert Finkbeiner, Chief Assistant  
Statewide Prosecutor

## **Elder Fraud & Senior Protection Team**

Upon taking office in 2019, Attorney General Ashley Moody declared an agency-wide initiative to investigate and prosecute elder fraud and abuse across the state. On March 4, 2019, Attorney General Moody announced the creation of Florida's Senior Protection Team (SPT); an intra-agency group of experts tasked with combatting elder fraud and abuse. The SPT is comprised of the Attorney General's Office of Statewide Prosecution, Consumer Protection Division, Medicaid Fraud Control Unit, and Office of Citizen Services.

Since the announcement of the SPT in 2019, the Office of Citizen Services received hundreds of complaints from concerned seniors, relatives, and other elder care providers for a variety of issues pertaining to elder fraud, abuse, and neglect. OSP supervised the intake and referral of these

complaints, while specifically reviewing for allegations of criminal conduct which required further law enforcement investigation and involvement. OSP coordinated with local, state, and federal law enforcement investigative agencies to assist in the investigation of countless elder crimes occurring across the state.

In 2019, OSP opened over a dozen separate investigations and prosecutions into charges categorized as "crimes committed against the elderly." OSP also oversaw several case investigations involving various forms contractor fraud and organized fraud affecting elderly victims. Many of these investigations were conducted by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE), which has been a crucial partner for SPT's criminal enforcement and investigative efforts.

Perhaps one of the most complicated and remarkable elder fraud investigations undertaken in 2019 by OSP and FDLE, involved a professional guardian accused of committing fraudulent billing in connection with hundreds of guardianship cases across the state. The guardian's case first drew statewide scrutiny and attention after the guardian obtained a Do Not Resuscitate order against a ward's express wishes, which thereby prevented hospital personnel from performing life-saving measures and ultimately resulted in the death of the ward. This case prompted a closer review of the statutes regulating guardianship, as well as the investigative and reporting tools available to law enforcement in instances of guardianship fraud or abuse.

In response to an increase in reported elder fraud and abuse across the state, SPT identified an overwhelming need and desire for law enforcement and investigative agency trainings regarding crimes against



seniors. In 2019, OSP both provided and participated in numerous trainings and community outreach opportunities, such as the Elder Abuse & Fraud Prevention Summit held in Tallahassee in June 2019 for the purpose of educating Florida seniors on identifying and avoiding fraud, identity theft, and scams. Additionally, in partnership with the Center for Excellence in Elder Law at Stetson University College of Law, OSP presented five webinar trainings in 2019 for law enforcement and prosecutors across the state to learn more about investigating and prosecuting exploitation and elder fraud cases.

The OSP, in connection with the efforts of the SPT, will continue to assist and advocate in the prosecution of crimes against the elderly, while providing law enforcement and other enforcement agencies with the necessary education, training, and support to identify, prevent, and eliminate fraud harming Florida seniors.

~Karen Murillo, Assistant Statewide Prosecutor

## **Human Trafficking**

2019 continued to be an active year in the area of human trafficking for the Office of Statewide Prosecution. Throughout the year, Assistant Statewide Prosecutors served as members of every human trafficking task force throughout the state. In this role, ASPs continue to work with federal, state and local law enforcement partners in the investigation and prosecution of cases across the State. The OSP was involved with and will continue to assist in providing assistance and support to the committees in charge of Human Trafficking relating to the Super Bowls in both the Miami and the Tampa Bay areas. Finally, The OSP continues in its commitment to work with the public in

raising awareness by providing training and presentations to law enforcement, non-governmental organizations, community organizations and the general public.

There were approximately 21 arrests and prosecutions that the OSP took part in during 2019. These arrests included both men and women and involved charges including; the trafficking of minors for commercial sexual activity, traveling to meet minors for sex, online solicitation of minors, deriving support from proceeds of prostitution, promoting sexual performance, unlawful sexual conduct with a specified minor and transporting another for the purpose of prostitution and domestic battery.

The victims who were rescued include both boys and girls, men and women including two 15 year old boys, one of whom had been missing from Louisiana and another missing from Marion County. The children were vulnerable and lured through a video gamers website with promises of a “better life”. What they were introduced into was far from that. When rescued, they were living in deplorable conditions, with no medical care and were subjected to repeated sexual abuse by the defendants.

Additionally, a defendant was arrested after advertising her minor daughter and her daughter’s minor friend online and/or assisted them with advertising themselves. They would travel between Miami and Palm Beach using hotels for prostitution activity. The girls were supplied narcotics and the defendant refused to assist in obtaining medical assistance when one of the girls overdosed. Another example of the work of the OSP includes arrests made in cases involving undercover stings in which law enforcement poses on the internet as minors and defendants would engage in the online

chat, ultimately agreeing to travel for sex with the minors.

In May, 2019, Claude Ramsey was found guilty by a jury for the crimes of human trafficking of a minor, online solicitation, traveling to meet a minor and unlawful use of a two way communications device. A sting operation captured Ramsey responding to an advertisement on backpage.com for commercial sex acts with minor children. The case was based upon an investigation by Homeland Security Investigations and the Largo Police Department who conducted an undercover operation targeting subjects utilizing the internet to pay for and engage in commercial sex acts with minors. Ramsey responded to that advertisement and an undercover agent corresponded through text messaging to negotiate the sex act.

During the text exchange, the undercover agent explicitly stated on more than one occasion that a 14-year-old female would be sold for commercial sex. Despite the repeated notifications, Ramsey proceeded to make the appointment at an undercover location. An hour after the conversation, Ramsey arrived with five condoms and \$278 in cash after which he was placed under arrest. Ramsey was sentenced to eight years in the Department of Corrections to be followed by 15 years of sex offender probation and will be a lifetime registered sex offender.

Finally, in addition to arrests and trials, 2019 saw multiple defendant's enter into guilty pleas, admitting to the crimes of Human Trafficking and or Human Trafficking related charges including the sale of illicit drugs which was being perpetrated by the traffickers to keep the victims under the influence as well as for their own financial gain. Upon acceptance of these pleas, sentences ranged from 300 days in jail for the least culpable, up to 15 years in the

Department of Corrections. All incarceration sentences were followed by supervision, such as probation, and multiple defendants were required to enter into residential human trafficking programs. Almost all were required to register as sex offenders.

The OSP will continue to work with both state and federal law enforcement in proactively pursuing those criminals who thrive on exploiting others for their own financial gain. Not only will the OSP continue their efforts by prosecuting those deserving, but we will continue our efforts to assist in aiding the victims in their recovery and their pursuit of justice.

~Julie Sercus, Assistant Statewide Prosecutor

### **Organized Retail Theft**

Statewide groups of thieves continue to have a significant impact on our retailers. These organized groups often target specific retail products that can be sold quickly on the black market for cash. These criminal groups tend to move from county to county to steal as much of their desired product as possible. Organized retail theft continues to have a dramatic impact on large retailers in our State such as Publix, Wal-Mart, Target, CVS, and Home Depot. According to the National Retail Federation's 2019 Organized Retail Crime Report, retailers continue to sustain losses topping \$700,000 per \$1 billion in sales.

In 2019, the Office of Statewide Prosecution worked diligently with our State and Federal law enforcement partners to combat Organized Retail Theft.

In our Tampa bureau, a large group of individuals stole more than \$200,000 worth of razors, shoes, and personal hygiene items, later delivering the stolen products to a

group organizer for cash. Another Tampa based group stole liquor and baby formula in exchange for cash and drugs.

Our Orlando bureau is currently prosecuting numerous groups for organized retail theft.

One group of thieves stole more than \$140,000 worth of products from Wal-Mart while another group targeted Nest security cameras amounting to a theft of nearly \$70,000 from Home Depot.

Organized retail theft groups typically sell their products to a higher level group organizer that may utilize social media platforms to dispose of the stolen products.

In some cases, the stolen goods are trafficked out of State where they are eventually sold on the shelves of local convenient stores.

As the Office of Statewide Prosecution continues our efforts to hold these groups accountable, we recognize that the organizers of these groups of thieves must be a central focus of our prosecutions.

~ Paul Dontenville, Assistant Statewide Prosecutor

### **The 20<sup>th</sup> Statewide Grand Jury**

As legal advisor to the Statewide Grand Jury, the Statewide Prosecutor empaneled the 20<sup>th</sup> Statewide Grand Jury in Broward County. The grand jury was empaneled following an order from a petition by Governor DeSantis and an order from the Florida Supreme Court. The grand jury is the first since the 19<sup>th</sup> Statewide Grand Jury was empaneled in 2009 and who issued its final report in 2011.

Meeting in secret, the grand jury was directed to investigate matters related to school safety. Following the Florida Supreme Court's order, the grand jury is investigating Florida's public schools in

their compliance with Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Public Safety Act passed in 2018 and amended in 2019; expenditures related to school safety, and; reporting of student related incidents to the Florida Department of Education.

Since it began meeting, the grand jury has issued two interim reports, both aimed at making Florida's public schools safer. Most recently the grand jury made recommendations to the Florida Legislature for consideration in its 2020 session.

The grand jury continues to meet regularly along with the Statewide Prosecutor, The Deputy Statewide Prosecutor and several Assistant Statewide Prosecutors who all act in the capacity of grand jury advisors. The investigation is supported by agents and analysts from the Florida Department of Law Enforcement.

~ Joseph Spataro, Chief Assistant Statewide Prosecutor

### **The Tallahassee Office**

The Office of Statewide Prosecution was pleased to announce the re-opening of its Tallahassee office over the summer. Closed in 2011, the Tallahassee office has been staffed with assistant statewide prosecutors who are dedicated to prosecuting multi-circuit, organized crime affecting the Florida's Capital City and Panhandle. The Tallahassee office is re-building relationships with local, state and federal law enforcement in the region, and is currently focusing on narcotics trafficking and crimes targeting Florida's elderly citizens.

~ Joseph Spataro, Chief Assistant Statewide Prosecutor

## **Closing**

While 2019 showed the continued good work of our prosecutors and staff and an excellent launch of the Attorney General's initiatives, our initial data for the 2019/20 fiscal year, including the first quarter of 2020, show we are already exceeding our performance measures for the first half of the year.

With the clear direction of Attorney General Moody and the hard work of her Statewide Prosecutors, the direction for the coming years has been implemented. Our focus is set as we continue to protect Floridians along with our colleagues at the State Attorneys and United States Attorney's offices. The relationships with law enforcement are stronger than ever and a new vigor to battle organized crime is in place. We look forward to 2020 and the many years to come.

~ Nick Cox, Statewide Prosecutor



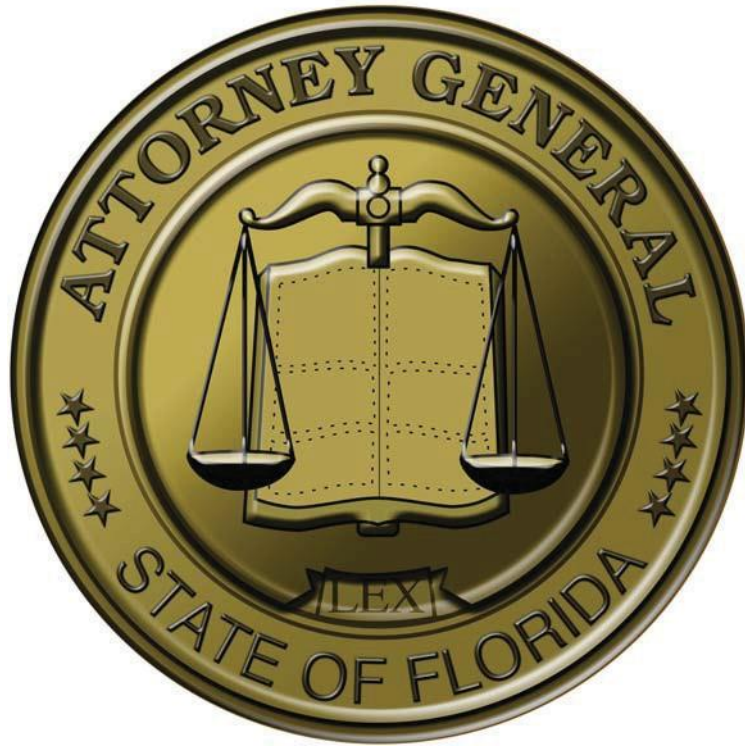
**APPENDIX**

Below is a list of the Assistant Statewide Prosecutors assigned to each Office as of December 31, 2019.

Tallahassee	Jacksonville	Orlando	Tampa	Ft. Myers	Ft. Lauderdale	Miami	West Palm Beach
Joseph Spataro Office Chief	Kelsey Bledsoe Office Chief	Robert Finkbeiner Office Chief	Diane Croff Office Chief	Michael-Anthony Pica Office Chief	Julie Hogan Deputy Statewide Prosecutor	Jeremy Scott, Office Chief	Stephanie Tew Office Chief
Karen Murillo	Richard Mantei	Gary Malak	Joseph Ravelo	Russell Stoddard	Elisabeth Rodriguez	Jennifer Fernandez	Jonathan Bridges
Guillermo Vallejo	Shannon MacGillis	John Roman	Paul Dontenville	Jennifer Gutmore	Cynthia Honick	Jamie Whiteway	Cynthia Irvin
		Jim Schneider, General Counsel	George Bedell		Jessica Nordlund		Justin Chapman
		Nicole Phillips	Julie Sercus		Patricia Abdi		
		David Gillespie	Joseph Spataro		Priscilla Prado		
		Mitchell Cooper	Kelly McKnight		Jeremy Scott		
		Rebecca Smith-Hameroff	Diana Bock		Margery Lexa		
		Mary Sammon	Rita Peters				
			Cass Castillo				
			Marla Ferrera				

Below is a list of support staff assigned to each Office as of December 31, 2019.

Tallahassee	Jacksonville	Orlando	Tampa	Ft. Myers	Ft. Lauderdale	Miami	West Palm Beach
Brandon Greene, Executive Secretary	Christopher Floyd, Criminal Financial Analyst	Sherrie Elmahmoud, Criminal Financial Analyst	Virginia Caswell, Administrative Assistant	Janine Hagerdon, Senior Executive Secretary	Barbara Goodson, Senior Criminal Financial Analyst	Georgina Clinche, Senior Executive Secretary	Lisa Cushman, Administrative Assistant
	Connie Bland, Senior Executive Secretary	Amy Romero, Administrative Assistant	Selfida Aub, Executive Secretary	Megan Lee, Executive Secretary	Thelma Alvarado, Research Associate	Barbara Jauregui, Executive Secretary	Rosemarie Larosa, Executive Secretary
		Lea Whitmer, Executive Secretary	Debra Kersting, Executive Secretary		Omarelis Jimenez, Executive Secretary		
		Katie O'Rourke Victim Services Specialist	Tammy Wade, Executive Director		Rhonda Greene, Administrative Assistant		
					Melissa Cole, Executive Secretary		



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