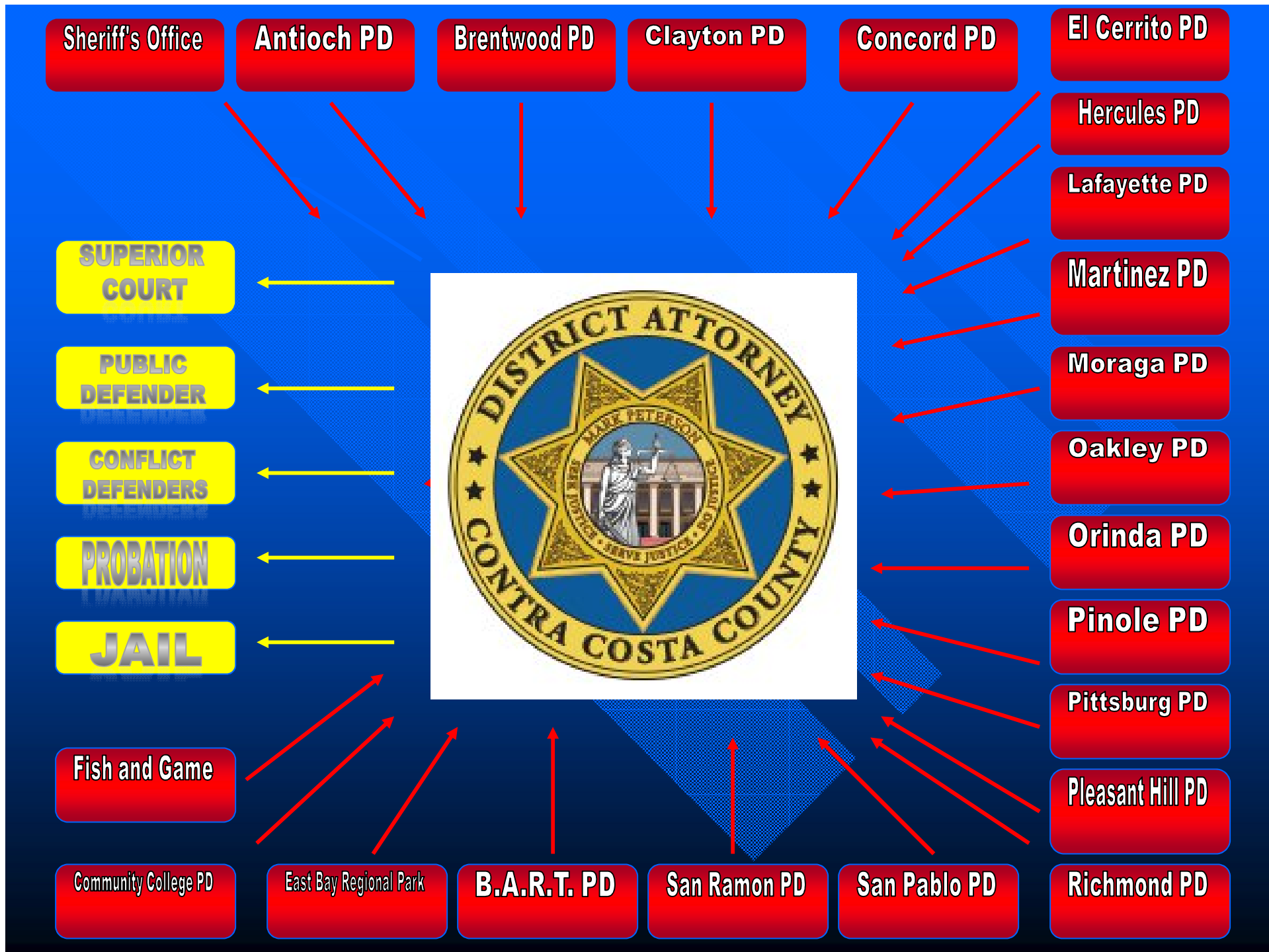


Contra Costa County District Attorney's Office

April 21, 2015

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2014 HIGHLIGHTS

■ Office Totals:

- 17,014 Misdemeanors logged In
- 7,985 Misdemeanors filed
- 7,557 Felonies logged in
- 4,130 Felonies filed

■ Richmond Office

- 59 misdemeanor jury trials

■ 10 Douglas Office

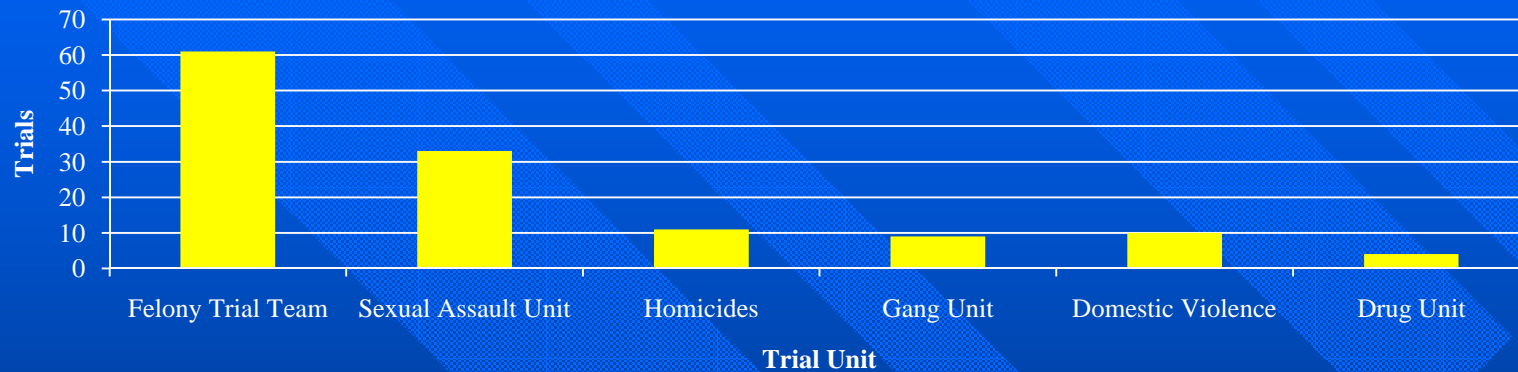
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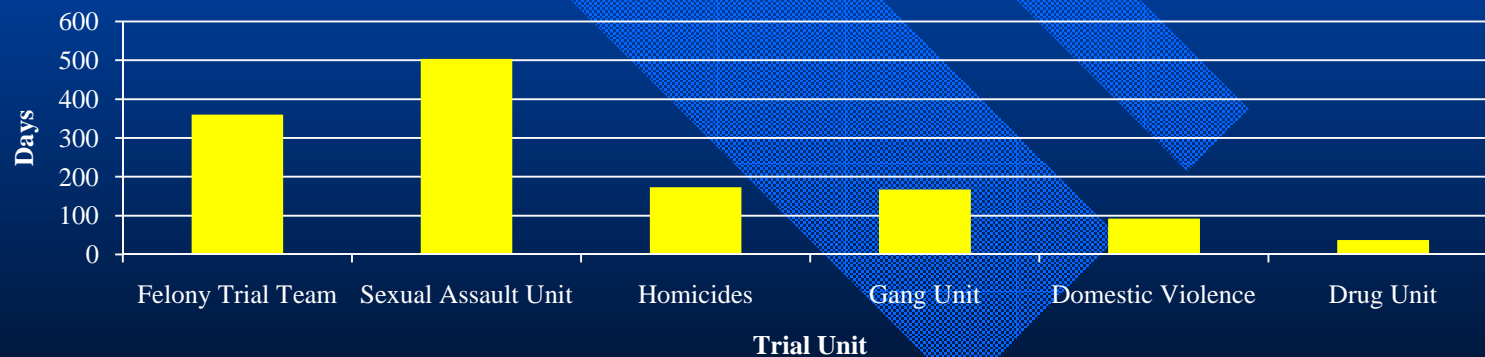
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Jury Trials (2014)



Trial Days (2014)



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Investigative Unit

–2014:

–Responded to 17 LEIF Protocol Incidents

–Investigated 8 Officer Involved Shootings

–Coroner's Inquests

–Other officer investigations:

CNET, WCPD, RPD, CPD, CHP

Investigative Unit

2015:

- Training/sharing information about all officer involved shootings with all law enforcement in county

District Attorney's Office (2014/15)

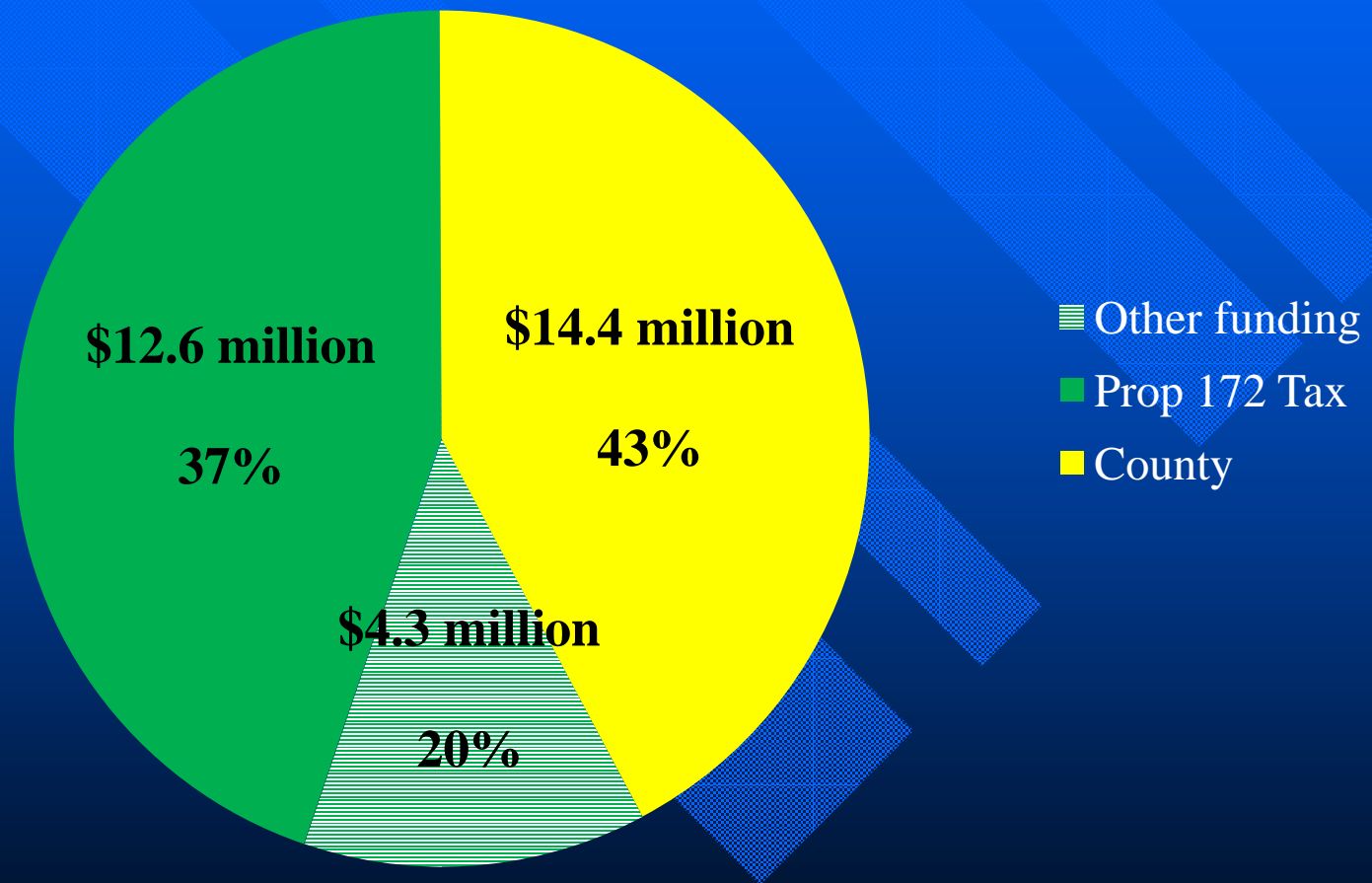
- 97 attorneys authorized
- 22 investigators (FTB) and 3 CPA's
- 13 victim/witness
- 51 support/admin staff
- 186 authorized employees
- \$33.8 million dollar budget
 - \$14.4 M county monies
 - » 4.1% of county GP monies (\$349 million)

District Attorney's Office

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District Attorney's Office

2014-2015 Budget: \$33.8 million



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District Attorney's Office

■ Grants:

- Fund 21 DDAs
 - Fund 12 Inspectors
 - Fund 13 Victim Witness employees
 - Fund 2 paralegals
- » **Total: 50 employees**

Office Priorities

- Always prosecute misdemeanors
- Gang prosecutions and injunctions
 - Ceasefire program
- Realignment
- Crime Prevention
- Change

Richmond Violence Reduction Plan

- Ceasefire
- Coalition meetings with law enforcement
- Deputy District Attorneys at RPD
- Investigative partnership with RPD
- Target List

■ Richmond Violence:

- 2007 – 47 murders
- 2008 – 27 murders
- 2009 – 47 murders
- 2010 - 21 murders (32 in W County)
- 2011 – 27 murders
- 2012 - 18 murders
- 2013 – 16 murders
- 2014 – 11 murders

2011 New Programs

■ Anti-Truancy Program/Truancy court

RODEO SCHOOLS

Parents face charges over kids' truancy

By Karl Fischer

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Two parents of students attending Rodeo Hills Elementary School must appear in criminal court next month because their children were absent from too many classes this year.

The Contra Costa County District Attorney's Office made a public statement announcing the case, the first time in county history parents are facing charges for not ensuring their children attend school.

The two parents each have at least one student at the school, District Attorney Mark Peterson said. Both face a misdemeanor charge for "failing to encourage their truant children's attendance

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in school," referencing a new law dealing with child neglect.

One student, a fifth-grader, missed more than half of the current school year with unexcused absences. The other, a third-grader, missed more than one-third of the school year unexcused.

"Our goal is to get these kids back in school and to get parents to take responsibility for making that happen," Peterson said.

Peterson works closely with school districts around Contra Costa County regarding truancy. Prosecutors filed these two cases Friday be-

cause they were particularly egregious and because the John Swett Unified School District devoted a lot of time and effort to resolving the problem with the parents, without success. Bay Area News Group is not identifying the defendants to protect the identity of their children.

The new law took effect in January 2011. It applies to parents of truant children in kindergarten through eighth grade.

Each parent will receive mailed notices instructing them to appear in court next month, Peterson said.

If convicted, they could face as much as a year in county jail and a \$2,000 fine.

The superintendent of the John Swett district could not be reached for comment.

See TRUANCY

Reduce Truancy

- Working with County Office of Education to increase school attendance
- 10% increase in graduation rates would result in 20% reduction in crime
 - 15 less murders
 - 465 less aggravated assaults

2013 New Programs

- Expanded Victim Recognition program
 - April
- County-wide Gun Buyback Program
 - One day
 - 3 geographically diverse cities

Gun Buyback



2013 New Programs

- Best-practices survey
 - Conducted Statewide survey
 - Report given at CDAA Summer Conference
 - Ongoing implementation of best practices
 - 2015 update
- Mock Trial participation

Ongoing Programs

- City council meetings
- City attorney meetings
- Police Dept. DDA's - RPD, SO, PPD/APD/BPD
- GIFT program – DDA speaks at schools
- Real Estate Fraud Notices (Sales, Notices)
- Gun Buyback program
- Family Justice Center
- Fully staffed Children's Interview Center
- Risk assessment tool
- Expanded diversion program
- Community Correction Partnership

Ongoing Programs/Internal

- Philosophy Statement
- Evaluations
- Progress Reports
- Quarterly Newsletter
- Office Improvement Committee
- Law clerks
- Intern program – high school & college
- Code of conduct policy manual

2013 Internal Goals

- Improve Communication:
 - State of Office
 - Unit Meetings
 - Senior DDA meetings
 - Executive Team Meetings
 - **Evaluations** (Grand Jury Report) (DA)
 - Office Improvement Committee
 - New attorney meetings
 - **Office Survey**

2014 Program -Courthouse Dogs



- National program
- Used with sexual assault victims, domestic violence victims, etc.

2014 New Programs

Human Trafficking Awareness:



Initiatives

■ West County Violence Reduction

– RPD, SPPD, BART PD, Sheriff,
Probation, FBI/ATF/DEA/DOJ

■ East County Violence Reduction (2014)

– Pittsburg PD, Antioch PD, Brentwood PD,
Oakley PD, Probation, CHP,
FBI/DEA/ATF

2015 Initiatives

FBI/DA “Safe Streets” Task Force

- FBI, DA, SO, RPD, PPD, APD
- Respond to, and investigate gun/gang violence anywhere in the county

2015 New Programs

Staffing of Family Justice Centers



2015 New Programs

- Case Management System –Apr. 2015
 - Paperless filing by police
 - Paperless case files
- At-risk Youth Program
 - Still searching

2015 New Programs

■ Cold Case Unit:

- Investigate unsolved murder and rape cases
- Paul Holes –Forensic Services Director
- Just solved 2 cold-case rape/homicides

■ Untested Rape Kits:

- Review/prioritize the 2000 untested rape kits in this county

Will need to utilize county DNA funds

San Pablo man charged

DNA evidence links suspect to two cold case slayings

Newly upgraded technology helps find match in archives

By Gary Peterson

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MARTINEZ — Authorities say that with DNA evidence — and by putting their heads together — they have solved the mystery of two decades-old murder cases and charged the same man for both.

William Lee Huff, 51, of San Pablo, has been charged with murder with special circumstances in the deaths of Deanna Butterfield, 21, in 1987, and Mueylin Saechao, a Laotian immigrant in her mid-50s, in 1993.

Huff was in custody in Solano County but was transferred to the Martinez jail Tuesday, according to Contra Costa District Attorney Chief of Forensics Investigator Paul Holes.

The key was DNA testing, which emerged as a reliable forensic tool in 1985, just two years before the first killing.



Butterfield

Slayings

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According to Holes, Huff's DNA has been in a law enforcement databank since 2006. While San Pablo police had DNA from the two murder investigations, they only recently upgraded their technology to be able to search the databank in which Huff's DNA has been archived. Shortly after the upgrade, the match was discovered.

Both cases were reopened in a collaborative effort by the Contra Costa District Attorney's Cold Case Unit, the East Bay Regional Park District and San Pablo police, Contra Costa District Attorney Mark Peterson said.

Huff was originally a suspect in the killing of Butterfield, who was raised in Livermore and had a 4-year-old daughter. Butterfield's partially clothed body was found in Tilden Park near Orinda on Dec. 5, 1987. She had



This photo of Deanna Butterfield, 20, and her daughter, Melissa Silva, was taken about a year before Butterfield was slain.

been sexually assaulted and suffocated.

In a 2000 story in the Contra Costa Times, Butterfield's daughter, Melissa Silva, said her mother was struggling with drug addiction just before her death. Silva also vowed to find her mother's killer.

"It would be great knowing the person who did this isn't out there and able to

do that to somebody else," Silva said.

Authorities believe Huff killed Saechao in a similar manner six years later. Saechao's partially clothed body was found in the backyard of her boyfriend's San Pablo residence the morning of June 11, 1993. She had been sexually assaulted and strangled with a sock.

DNA evidence collected at the crime scenes linked Huff to the killings.

"We are very pleased with the success of our recently formed Cold Case Unit," Peterson said. "Solving cold case murders and rapes is a priority for our office in order to bring those responsible to justice, and provide closure for victims and their families."

Anyone with information about Huff or with knowledge of unsolved rape-asphyxiation rapes or murders can call Holes at 925-957-8751.

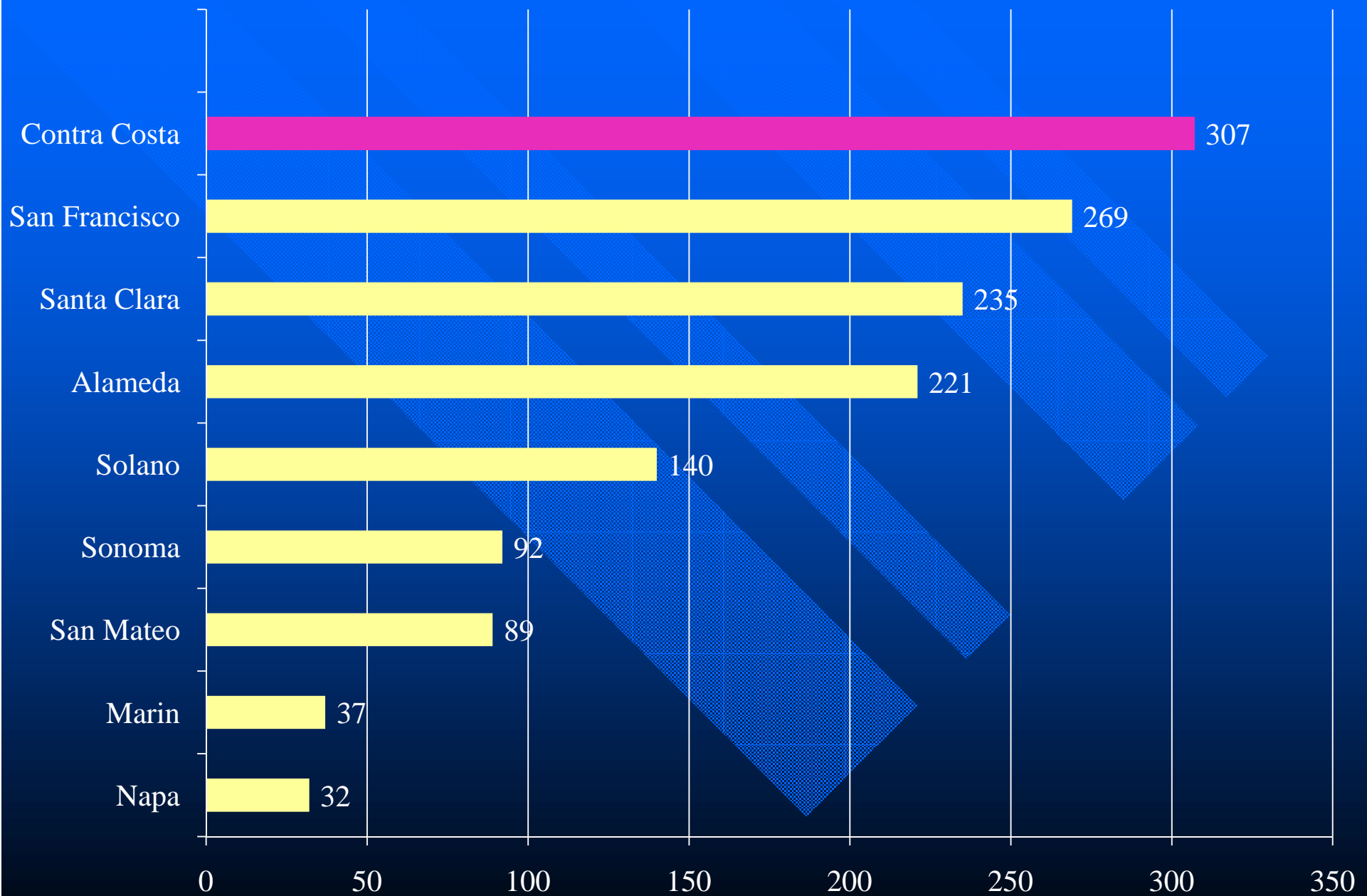
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2015 New Programs

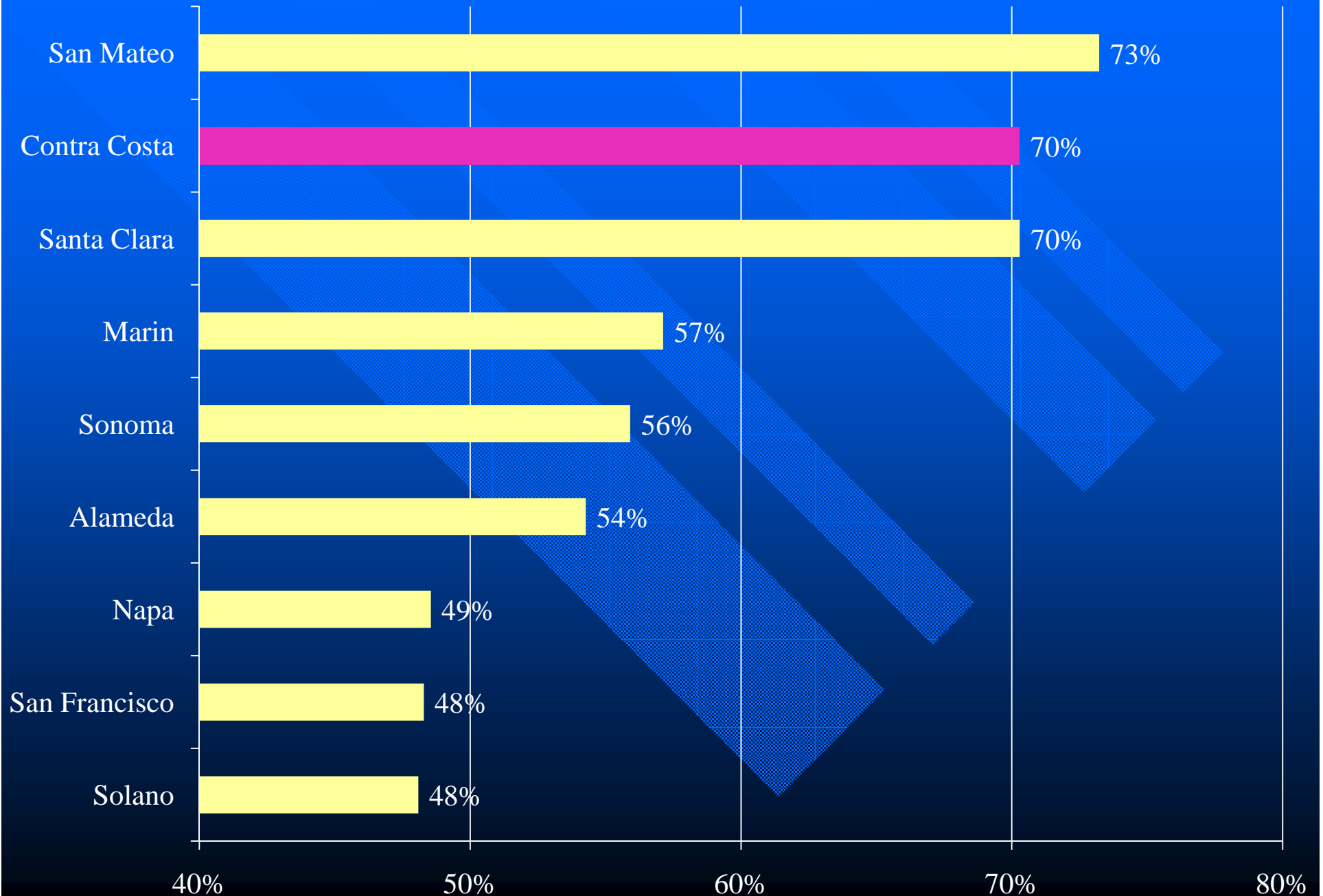
Campus Sexual Assault Training



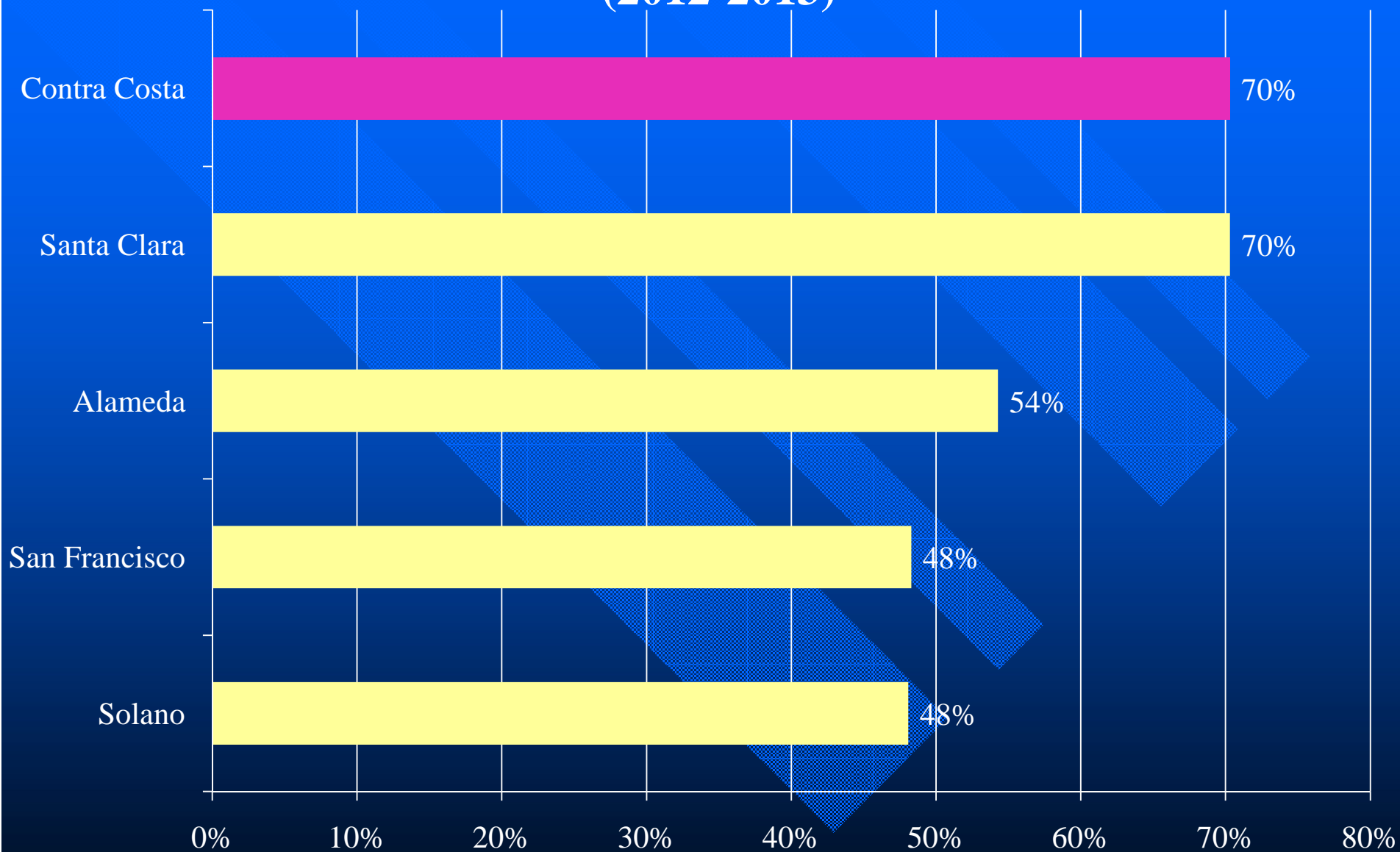
Total Criminal Jury Trials 2012-2013



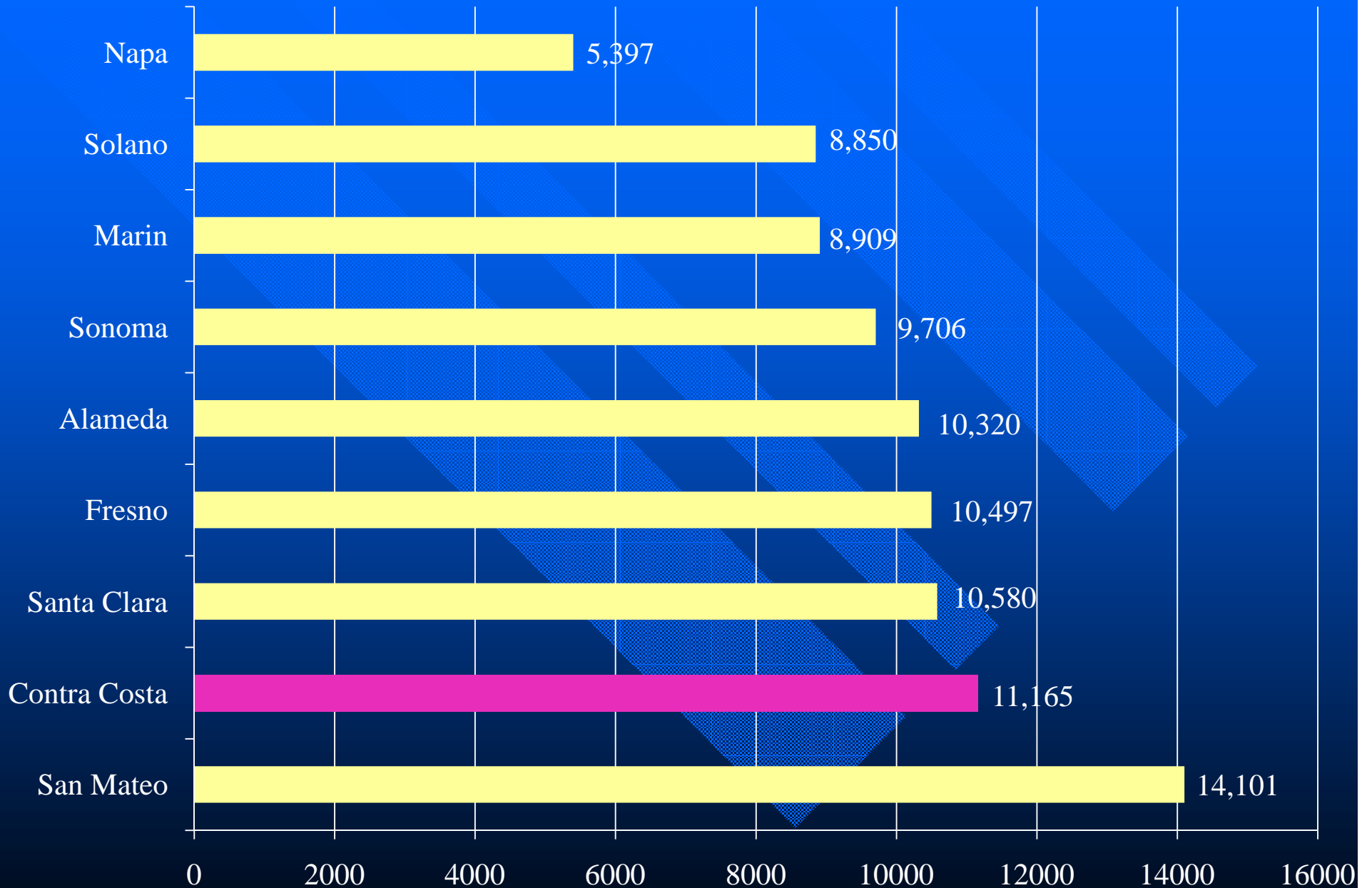
Felony Conviction Rate, 2012-2013



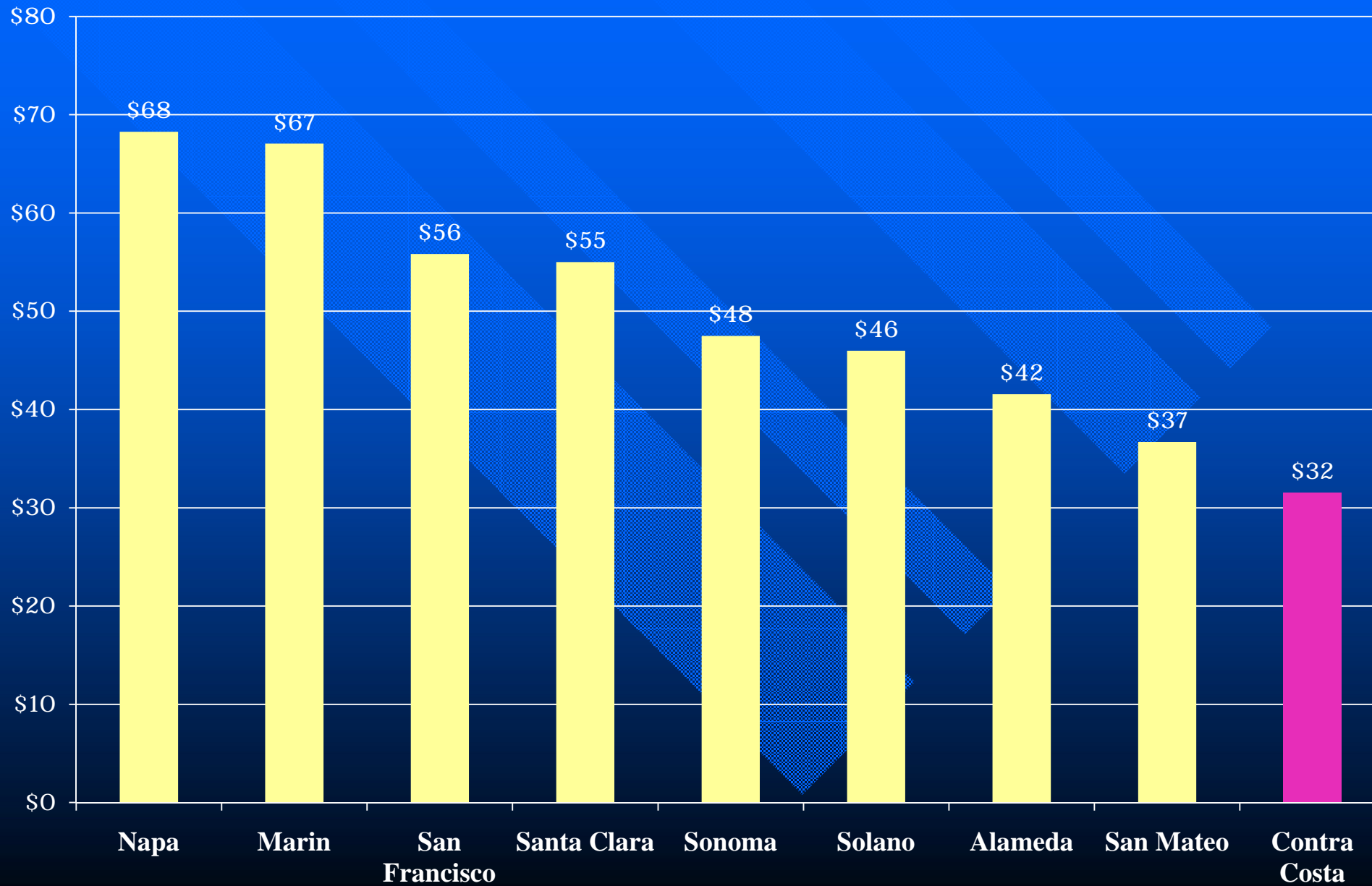
Felony Conviction Rate Amongst the 5 Most Violent Counties (2012-2013)



Number of Citizens Served per DDA, 2013-2014



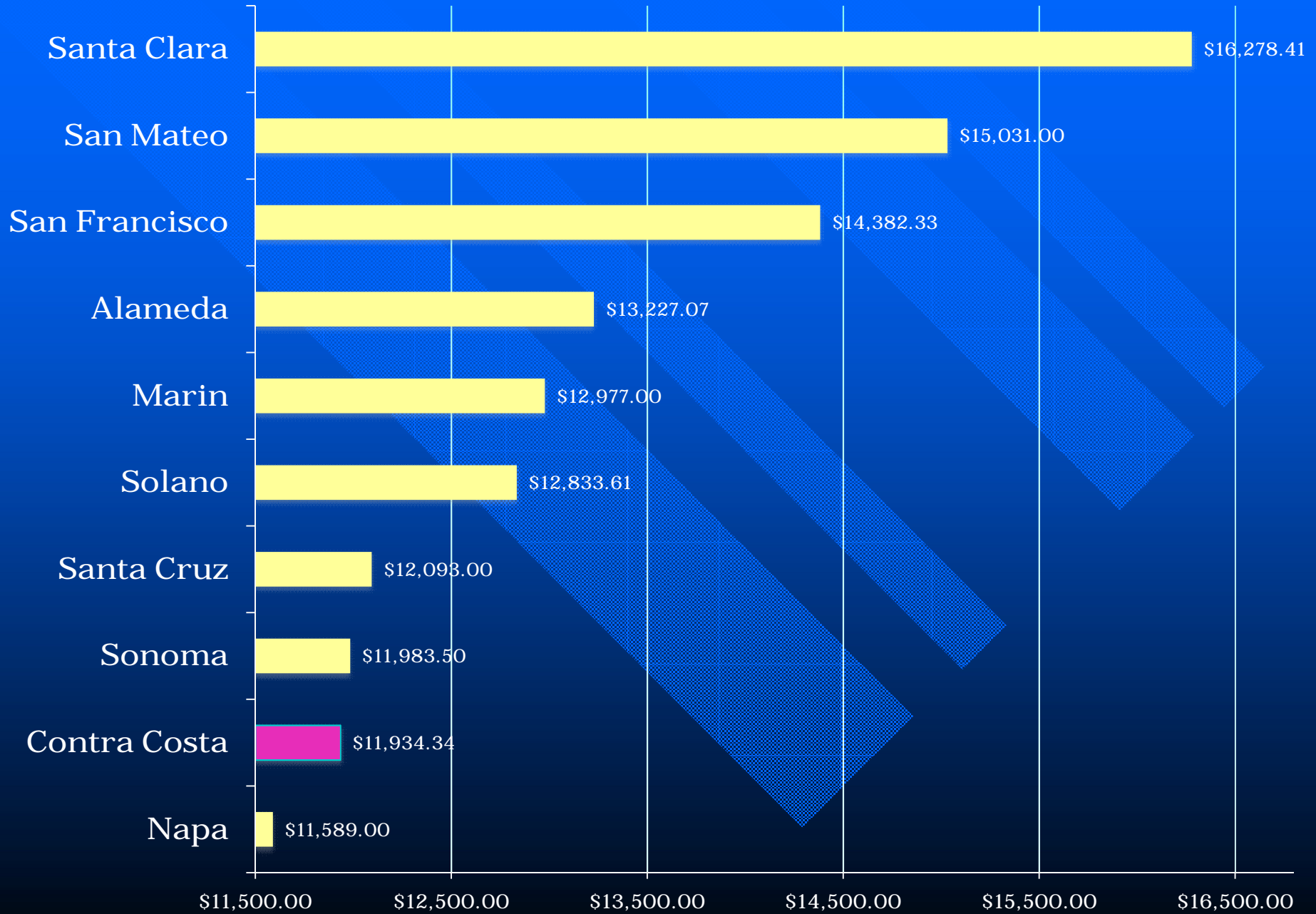
DA Funds per Resident, 2013-2014



Workload / Salary Comparisons for Bay Area Counties

AGENCY	POPULATION ¹	# OF DDAs ² 2014	CRIMINAL JURY TRIALS 2012-2013 FY ³	CRIMINAL JURY TRIALS / DDA	FELONY CONVICTION RATE ⁴	MONTHLY SALARY ⁵
Santa Clara	1,781,642	176	235	1.34	70.3%	\$16,278.41
San Mateo	718,451	53	89	1.68	73.2%	\$15,031.00
San Francisco	805,235	120	269	2.24	48.3%	\$14,382.33
Alameda	1,510,271	153	221	1.44	54.3%	\$13,227.07
Marin	252,409	29	37	1.28	66.4%	\$12,977.00
Solano	413,344	48	140	2.92	48.1%	\$12,833.61
Sonoma	483,878	51	92	1.80	55.9%	\$11,983.50
Contra Costa	1,049,025	98	307 (1st)	3.13 (1st)	70.3% (2nd)	\$11,934.34 (8th)
Napa	136,484	26	32	1.23	48.6%	\$11,589.00
Mean (Average)	794,526	83	158	1.90	59.5%	\$13,359.58
Median	718,451	53	221	1.68	55.9%	\$12,977.00

Monthly Salary, 2012



Current Fiscal Year Budget

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Budget

- 2010/2011: \$1.2 million under budget
- 2011/2012: \$1.3 million under budget
- 2012/2013: \$1.1 million under budget
- 2013/ 2014: \$400,000 under budget

Budget

- Since 2004, Special Prosecutions Unit has obtained \$5.7 million in civil judgments and penalties in Environmental and Consumer Fraud prosecutions that were applied to the General Fund and special prosecution units.
- An average of \$500,000 per year.

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 - Prop 172
 - Other funding
 - County

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 - \$825,000 – COLA's

 - \$1.4 M – Filled vacancies

 - \$2.2 M increase needed

- 2015/2016 Budget: \$36 M

Office Needs:

- 1 Forensic Services Director to help solve:
 - cold cases
 - rapes and murders
 - \$100,000 (Could be funded from DNA fund)
- 1 DDA to prosecute SAU cases
 - 25 cases per DDA currently
- 1 DDA to handle Domestic Violence cases at West County Family Justice Center (WCFJC)
 - 25 cases per DDA currently
- 1 DDA to prosecute Gang cases in East County
 - 35 cases per DDA currently
- 1 DDA to investigate/prosecute Public Corruption

Office Needs

- 1 Grant Writer
- 1 Crime Scene Trial Reconstruction specialist
- 1 Victim Restitution Specialist

Office Needs Costs

■ 4 DDAs

- \$600,000

■ 3 civilian positions

- \$200,000

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Next Fiscal Year Budget to Meet Office Needs

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 - \$800,000 increase – DDAs/employees

District Attorney NCC

■ <u>Year</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>%Incr.</u>
■ 2010/11	\$13.4M		
■ 2011/12	\$14M	\$600,000	4.48%
■ 2012/13	\$13.9M	-\$48K	-0.34%
■ 2013/14	\$13.9M	\$30K	0.22%
■ 2014/15	\$14.4M	\$429,000	3.07%
■ 5 year average increase:			1.86%

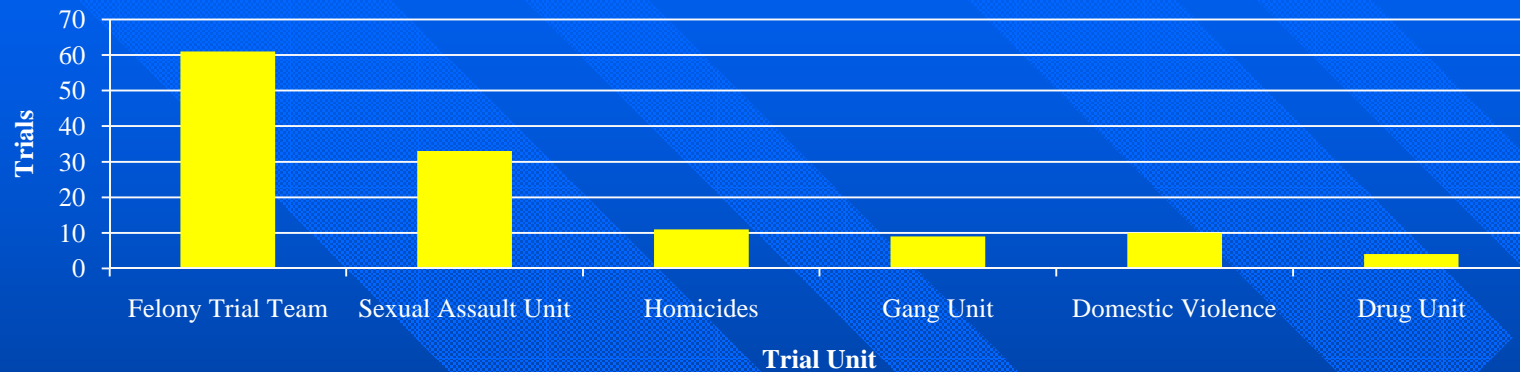
Justice Department's Budget Data (5 year period/ 2010-2015)

Sheriff NCC Budgeted	NCC Incr. Over 5 Yrs.	NCC % Change	Allocated Positions (FTE)	Increase (#)
(2010/11) \$63,948,880			980	
(2014/15) \$74,000,000	\$10,051,120	15.7%	1,033	53
Probation NCC Budgeted	NCC Incr. Over 5 Yrs.	NCC % Change	Allocated Positions (FTE)	Increase (#)
(2010/11) \$36,470,257			330	
(2014/15) \$40,000,000	\$2,529,743	9.7%	339	9
Public Defender NCC Budgeted	NCC Incr. Over 5 Yrs.	NCC % Change	Allocated Positions (FTE)	Increase (#)
(2010/11) \$16,722,134			83	
(2014/15) \$18,800,000	\$2,077,866	12.4%	96	13
Conflicts NCC Budgeted	NCC Incr. Over 5 Yrs.	NCC % Change	Allocated Positions (FTE)	Increase (#)
(2010/11) \$3,847,398				
(2014/15) \$4,500,000	\$652,602	17.0%		
District Attorney NCC Budgeted	NCC Incr. Over 5 Yrs.	NCC % Change	Allocated Positions (FTE)	Increase (#)
(2010/11) \$13,388,579			167	
(2014/15) \$14,400,00	\$1,011,421	7.6%	180	13

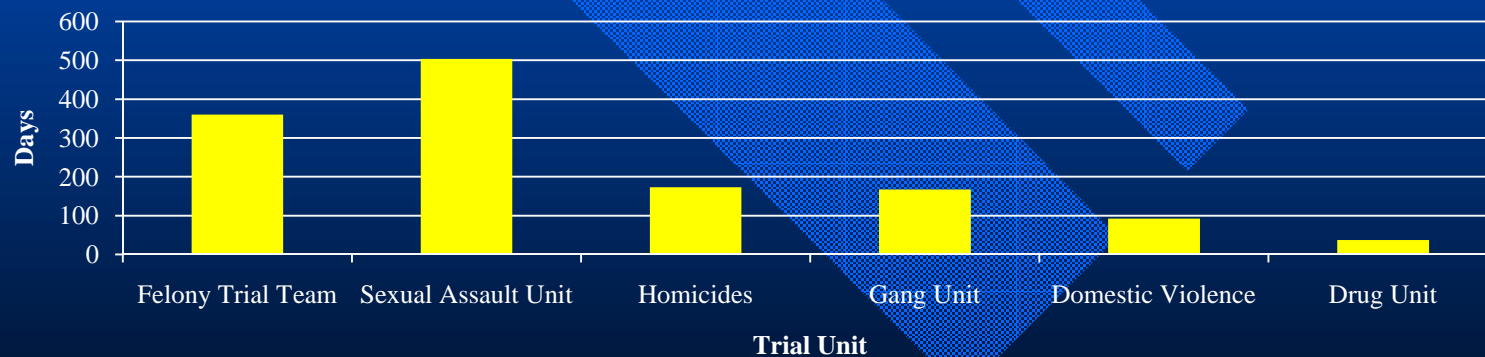
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Questions?