

Office of the Commonwealth's Attorney

*Safety for all
Justice for all*

April 8, 2025
Presentation for Civic Federation

The Office of the Commonwealth's Attorney for Arlington County and the City of Falls Church works on behalf of victims, defendants, and all the members of our community for a more accurate and just criminal legal system. We strive to incorporate data-driven practices to inform our policies, while also seeking restoration by engaging with victims of crime and the community to repair harm.



CORE VALUES

Prosecuting Crime Accurately and Fairly

Setting policy and priorities in order to focus on serious crimes, victims, and rational prosecution decisions.

Working for Justice

Upholding the rights of defendants and victims, protecting vulnerable members of the community, and supporting diversion and alternative programs such as drug and mental health courts and restorative justice.

Fighting for reform

Transformative Justice through a holistic view that includes community engagement, public education, transparency, and advocacy.

Measures of Justice: Trials

Conviction Rate at Trial On Top Charge



Cases With a Guilty Conviction on One or More Charges



Measures of Justice: Transparency

Why We Do What We Do: tracking for transparency

Div	Disp	Charge	Mod	Event Date
CRIM	DIS	FRD-2743		02-18-2025
CCDISP Case Closed - Disposition				
DISAS Dismissal pursuant to accord and satisfaction/Diversion				
DISDD Dismissed Deceased				
DISEXTRA Dismissal - Extradition				
DISIOJ Dismissed with Interest of Justice				
DISTDO Dismissed TDO				
DISUTPE Dismissed with Unable to Use physical Evidence				
DISWP-RJ Dismissed with Prejudice- Restorative Justice				
DISWP251 Dismissal with prejudice pursuant to 251/Diversion				
DISWP298 Dismissal with prejudice pursuant to 298.02/Diversion				

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CRIM	GUI	FRD-2743		02-18-2025
DPAMEND Guilty Of Amended Charge				
DPGAC Guilty As Charged				
DPGLF Guilty Of Lesser Felony				
DPGLM Guilty Of Lesser Misdemeanor				
DPGP Guilty Plea				
DPGPAG Guilty plea agreed sentence				
DPGPLO Guilty-Plea-Lesser Offense				
DPGPNO Guilty Plea No Contest				
DPGTIA Guilty after Trial in Absence				
DPGUBE Guilty After Bench Trial				

Measures of Justice: Innovations

Conviction Integrity

- Most successful Expungement Clinic to date and future clinics regularly scheduled
- First exoneration based on actual innocence in January 2025
- Regularly scheduled meetings with law enforcement on 201(c) disclosures
- Systematic review of bad actor cases



Measures of Justice: Innovations

Diversion

Restorative Justice: Partnership with RA

- 2024 was a big year of program building
- 9 cases completed successfully in 2024 (including flag case)
- We expect to have more than 9 cases completed just within the first 3 months of 2025.
- Currently 11 participants

Rehabilitation: Partnership with OAR

- Personal assessments and connection to services
- 45 current participants
- 9 completed successfully in 2024, anticipate significant more just in the next few months



03/23 charged with robbery using force (pending)
02/23 charged with insulting a judge. Sentenced : 10 days
02/23 charged with trespassing (pending)
07/22 charged with violating probation. Sentenced: 2 years 2 months with 1 year six months suspended.
07/22 charged with shoplifting. Sentenced: 6 months in jail with 5 months suspended
07/22 charged with drunk in public. Charges dropped
07/22 charged with drunk in public. \$25 fine
06/22 charged with simulated masturbation. Sentenced: 12 months with 10 months suspended.
06/22 charged with trespassing. Sentenced: 60 days with 55 suspended
03/22 charged with failure to appear. Sentenced: 10 days
01/22 charged with failure to appear. Sentenced: 10 days with 10 suspended
12/21 charged with petit larceny <\$1k. Sentenced: 90 days all suspended. 1 year probation.
12/21 charged with trespassing. Sentenced: 90 days all suspended 1 year probation. (Concurrent with previous entry)
12/21 charged with assaulting police. Sentenced: 180 days with 170 suspended.
12/21 charged with shoplifting <\$1k. Sentenced: 12 months with 11 months suspended.
12/20 charged (X2) with violating probation. Probation revoked for 6 months.
07/20 charged (X2) with violating probation. Probation revoked for 2 years 8 months, with 2 years 2 months suspended.
07/20 charged with Larceny 3rd+ conviction (felony). Sentenced: 365 days with 183 days suspended, plus 2 years unsupervised probation



06/20 charged with failure to appear. Sentenced: 30 days with 25 days suspended.

06/20 charged (x2) with contempt of court, Dismissed.

05/20 charged with failure to appear. Dismissed. 03/20 charged with DWI (2nd). Sentenced: 6 months with 5 months 20 days suspended. Driver's license suspended for 3 years.

09/16 charged with violating probation. Probation revoked for 4 years 8 months with 2 years 8 months suspended. Plus 5 years supervised probation.

09/16 charged with attempted bank robbery. Sentenced: 10 years with 8 years suspended, plus 5 years supervised probation (This docket entry includes a mental health examination)

09/16 charged with shoplifting <\$200. Dismissed.

12/15 charged with grand larceny. Sentenced: 5 years with 4 years 8 months suspended plus 5 years supervised probation.

11/15 charged with petit larceny. Sentenced: 6 months with 4 months suspended plus 2 years unsupervised probation.

10/15 charged with marijuana possession. Sentenced: 10 days all suspended.

10/15 charged with marijuana possession. Sentenced: \$200 fine.

10/15 charged with driving on suspended license. Sentenced: \$100 fine.

10/15 charged with auto theft. Dismissed

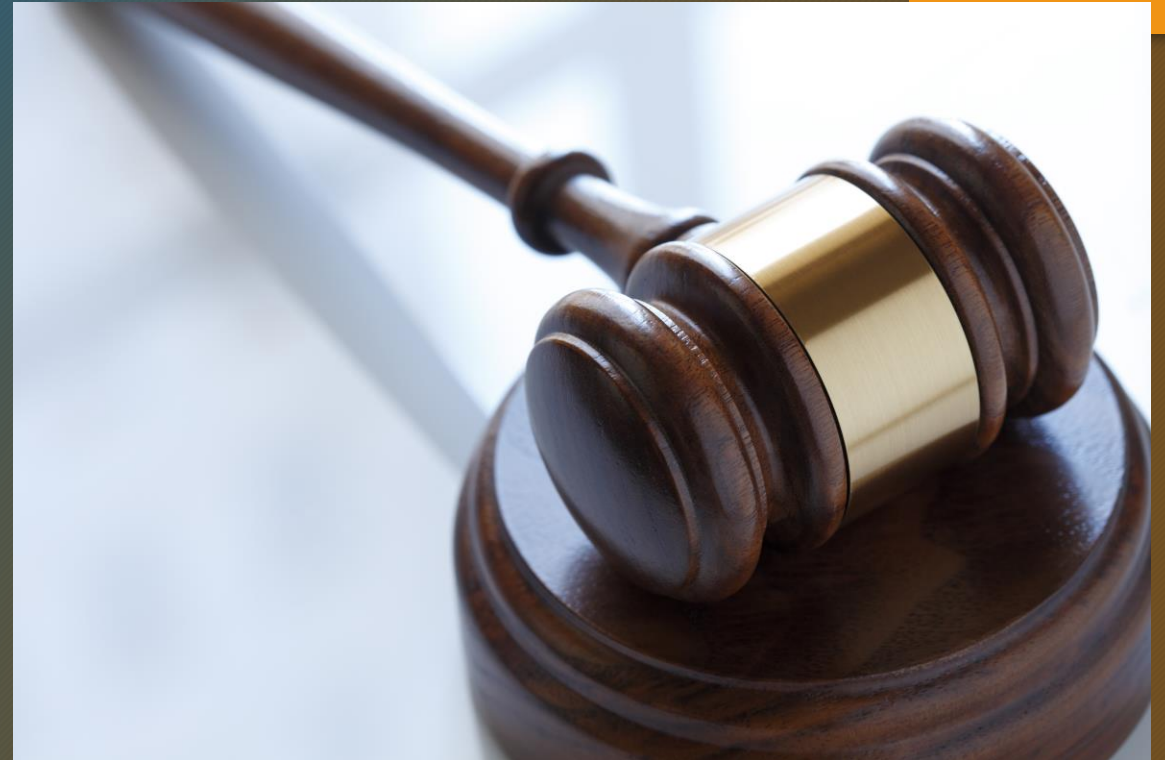
09/15 charged with in the market square. Sentenced: \$10 fine

08/15 charged with drunk in public. Sentenced: \$15 fine

04/14 charged with marijuana distribution. Sentenced: 12 months with 6 months suspended plus 1 year supervised probation (docket shows mental health examination)

04/14 charged with DWI (1st). Sentenced: 12 months with 9 months suspended plus probation (concurrent with above) sleeping

02/14 charged with violating probation. Sentenced: 12 months with 8 months suspended.



FY 2026 Budget Requests

- **Effective Prosecution:** Create permanent Commonwealth Deputy Attorney position (\$236,602).
 - Currently, three CWA deputies supervise 15 attorneys, but disproportionately low compared to neighboring counties. Prince William County: 1 deputy to 3.7 attorneys and nearly half of the attorneys are supervisory attorneys.
- **Support Vulnerable Communities:** Create permanent Investigator position (\$145,000 - \$170,000)
- **Community Engagement:** Create permanent Community Engagement Director position (\$150,000- 185,338), building and maintaining trust for reporting and cooperation, communicating *accurate* information to the community
- **Enable Transparency:** Contract Temporary Data Entry Personnel to strengthen data analysis (\$300,000)
- **Sustainable Restorative Justice:** Contract case facilitation services through the Heart of Safety Program (\$250,000)
- **Restorative Arlington and OAR:** BJA grant frozen, 1.5 million to RA frozen, 1 million to OAR frozen. Need to provide infrastructure for these programs now here, rather than relying on fed government

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Thank you