



8th Judicial District Attorney's Office

Office of the District Attorney

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8th Judicial District

Serving Larimer and Jackson Counties

Fort Collins City Council



Who Are We?

The 8th Judicial District Attorney's Office serves Larimer and Jackson counties, representing more than 360,000 residents in Northern Colorado.

Elected District Attorney, Gordon P. McLaughlin leads a team of more than 100 dedicated public servants working tirelessly to protect the community while improving the criminal justice system.

Mission

The District Attorney's office serves to seek justice and ensure the safety of our community in an equitable manner. Every day we work to thoughtfully prosecute crime, protect victims of crime, address systemic bias, rectify injustice, and provide transparency about our work. We are zealous advocates for the truth and fair practitioners of justice.

Vision

To protect and serve Larimer and Jackson counties, while creating a stronger community where the application of criminal justice is more equitable and no longer at odds with social justice.

What is the 8th Judicial District?

Larimer County

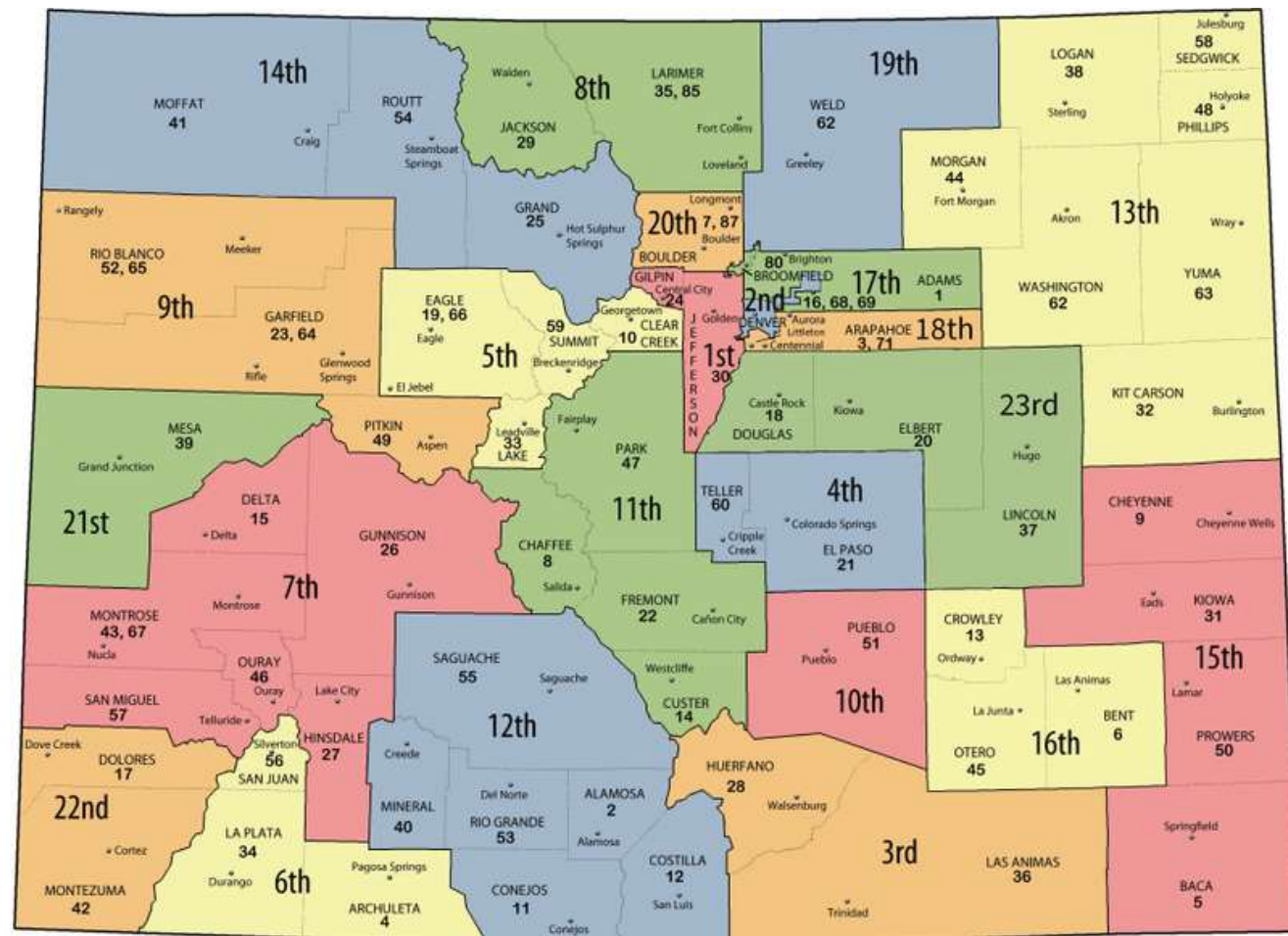
- 370,000 residents
- 2,634 square miles

Jackson County

- 1,400 residents
- 1,621 square miles

How are we funded?

- Larimer and Jackson Boards of County Commissioners
- Grant funding (local, state, federal)

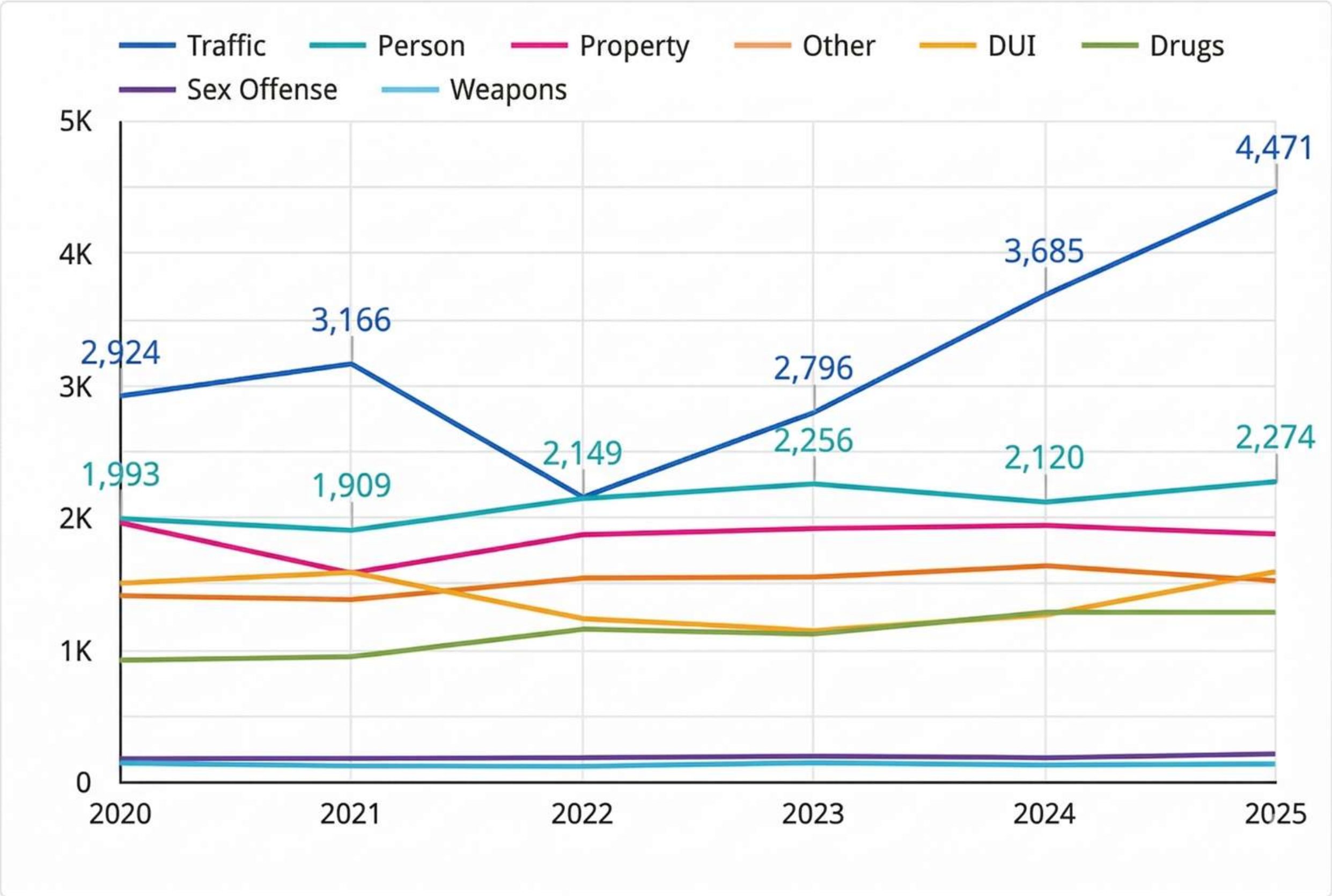


The 8th Judicial District covers more square miles than the states of Rhode Island and Delaware combined!



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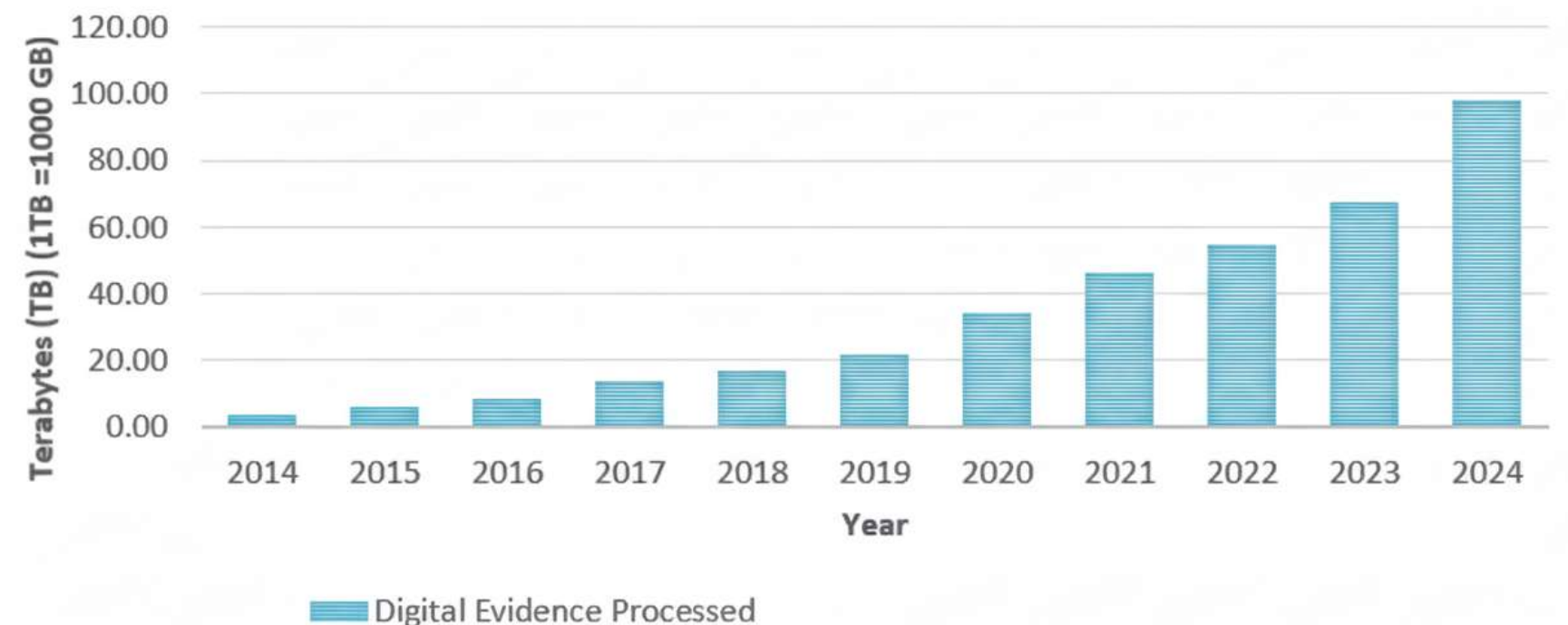
How Many Cases Does the DA's Office Handle?



Office Workload

- Paid out over \$700K in Crime Victim Compensation in 2024, a 29% increase from the year prior
- Served over 5500 victims in 2025
- Juvenile Diversion had a 90% success rate in 2024
- Adult Diversion had a 98% success rate last year

COMPARISON DATA OF DIGITAL EVIDENCE PROCESSED BY DA INVESTIGATIONS TECHNICIANS



- More than 1.2 million pages of documents processed

In 2024, our team processed **98 Terabytes** of digital evidence.



A 45% INCREASE OF FROM 2023



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Life of a Case

SUMMONS

An order to appear before a judge or magistrate.

OR

ARREST

The action of taking someone into custody.

BOND HEARING

A hearing where a judge sets the accused's bond

CASE FILING

The opening filing in a felony case.

FIRST APPEARANCE

The initial court appearance for a defendant in a criminal case.

MOTIONS HEARING

A hearing to resolve legal issues.

ARRAIGNMENT

A plea of guilty or not guilty is entered.

DISPOSITION

A hearing on the status of a case where a resolution can occur.

PRELIMINARY HEARING

A hearing to determine if sufficient evidence exists for a case to continue.

APPEARANCE OF COUNSEL

A hearing where a defendant's attorney will enter the case.

TRIAL

The presentation of the evidence to a judge or jury in order to make a determination of guilty or not guilty.

SENTENCING

The judge's decision as to the penalties a defendant will face.

APPEAL

Petition to a higher court to reverse decisions made in the trial court.

REVOCAATION

A hearing to determine if a defendant is abiding by the terms of their sentence.

RESENTENCING

To impose a new or revised sentence.

The criminal justice process can be lengthy and sometimes difficult to understand. This diagram walks through the many steps of a case and our office's role in them.

Current Programs and Projects

Domestic Violence Unit

In July 2024, the 8th Judicial District Attorney's Office Domestic Violence Unit launched.

- Includes 1 prosecutor, 1 victim advocate & 1 investigator
- Screens for highest risk cases to provide extra expertise

Legislative Updates

For the 2025 Legislative Session, the following criminal justice bills **were passed** into law:

- **SB 281** - Careless Driving Penalties
- **SB 304** - CBI SANE Kits
- **SB 106** – Theft of Firearms

Upcoming **2026** Legislation Discussion and Approval:

- Penalties surrounding vehicular traffic fatalities
- Improving the competency system

Passed SB11: Social Media Accountability, signed March 2026



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Veterans Court

- Launched in Spring 2025
- Offers jail diversion for military veterans
- Currently 16 participants

Participants receive community based support while taking accountability.

Bias and Hate Crime Motivated Hotline

Earlier this year, we launched a hotline as an additional reporting tool for Bias and Hate Crime Hotlines.

Works with law enforcement to try and reduce potential barriers for underserved populations.

970-498-7150



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Fort Collins Cases of Note

2025CR5105

Max Bondrescu

The defendant is alleged to have kidnapped a girl in Missouri and kept her in his closet.

Charged with:

- 2nd Degree Kidnapping (F2)
- Human Trafficking (F2)
- Sex Assault on a Child (F3)
- Plus additional charges

- Case was in Comptency Docket and now ruled competent to proceed
- Mr. Bondrescu has his next court apperance on April 16th.

For any case that remains open, charges are merely an accusation by law enforcement, and the suspect must be presumed innocent until proven guilty in court.

2025CR198

Ethan Campbell

The defendant is alleged to have attacked broke into and beaten a woman in her Fort Collins apartment. He was a juvenile at the time.

Charged with:

- Attempted First Degree Murder (F2)
- 1st Degree Assault- Serious Bodily Injury w/ Deadly Weapon (F3)
- 1st Degree Burglarly
- Plus additional charges

- We filed Mr. Campbell's case in adult court due to the serverity of the crime.
- Successfully litigated a reverse transfer hearing - the Judge ruled he would be tried as an adult.
- His next court apperance is April 14th.



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Fort Collins Cases of Note

2026CR152

Andrew Cirone

The defendant, a former Fort Collins Police Officer, is charged with soliciting sexual photos from a minor during the course of an investigation.

Charged with:

- Sexual Contact while on Duty (F4)
- Attempt to Possess Sexual Exploitation of a Child (F6)
- Official Misconduct (M1)
- Invasion of Privacy for Sexual Gratification (M1)
- Case charged beginning of February and Mr. Cirone's next court appearance is set for April 16th.

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2025CR588

Bryan Gallegos

The defendant is charged with the murder of two individuals at the Foothills Mall in April 2025.

Charged with:

- 2 Counts 1st Degree Murder (F1)
- 2 Counts Attempted 1st Degree Murder (F2)
- Plus additional charges
- We filed Mr. Gallegos' case in adult court due to the severity of the charges
- A Reverse Transfer Hearing, for a judge to determine where the case remains in adult court, will occur June 16th.



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Fort Collins Cases of Note

2024CR1313 Tylen Grays

The defendant is with a shooting outside Tony's Bar that killed one victim and injured another.

Charged with:

- 1st Degree Murder (F1)
- 3 counts of Attempted 1st Degree Murder (F2)
- Plus additional charges

Mr. Grays jury trial is set for May 11th.

2025CR1942 Brody Jason-Michael Hill Jr.

The defendant is charged with driving up from the metro area and shooting a man at an apartment complex in December of 2025.

Charged with:

- 1st Degree Murder (F1)
- Possession of an Unserialized Gun (M1)
- Large Capacity Magazine- Prohibited (M1)

Mr. Hill's preliminary hearing is set for May 4th.

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Fort Collins Cases of Note

2024CR397

Adrian Pacheco

The defendant is alleged to shot and killed a man in North Fort Collins in March 2024.

Charged with:

- 1st Degree Murder (F1)
- Plus additional charges

A decision affecting Mr. Pacheco's case is currently pending in front of the Colorado Supreme Court, the case remains paused until that decision is made.

2025CR1271

Cassandra Poncelow

The defendant, a former Poudre School District counselor who is alleged to have sexually assaulted a student multiple times.

Charged with:

- Sexual Assault on a Child Position of Trust (F3)
- Attempt to Induce Sexual Exploitation of a Child (F4)
- Sexual Assault on a Client by a Psychotherapist-Aggravated (F4)
- Sexual Assault-Overcome Victim's Will (F4)
- Violent Crime- Sex Offense Sentence Enhancer.

Ms. Poncelow's preliminary hearing is set for May 22nd.

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The homicide that occurred March 2026 near the Drake King Soopers has **three** co-defendants.

2026CR337 Zackary Worrell

Charged with:

- 1st Degree Murder (F1)
- Plus additional charges

Charged in March of 2026, Mr. Worrell's next hearing is set for June 1st.

2026CR344 Anthony Mack

Charged with:

- 2nd Degree Murder (F2)
- Aggravated Robbery (F3)
- Aggravated Robbery- Weapon (F4)
- Accessory to a Crime (F4)
- Destroying Physical Evidence (F6)
- Criminal Mischief-\$300-\$1000 (M2)

Mr. Mack's next hearing is set for May 28th.

2026CR331 Brittany King

Charged with:

- 2nd Degree Murder (F2)
- Aggravated Robbery (F3)
- Aggravated Robbery- Weapon (F4)
- Accessory to a Crime (F4)
- Destroying Physical Evidence (F6)
- Criminal Mischief-\$300-\$1000 (M2)

Ms. King's next hearing is set for May 28th.

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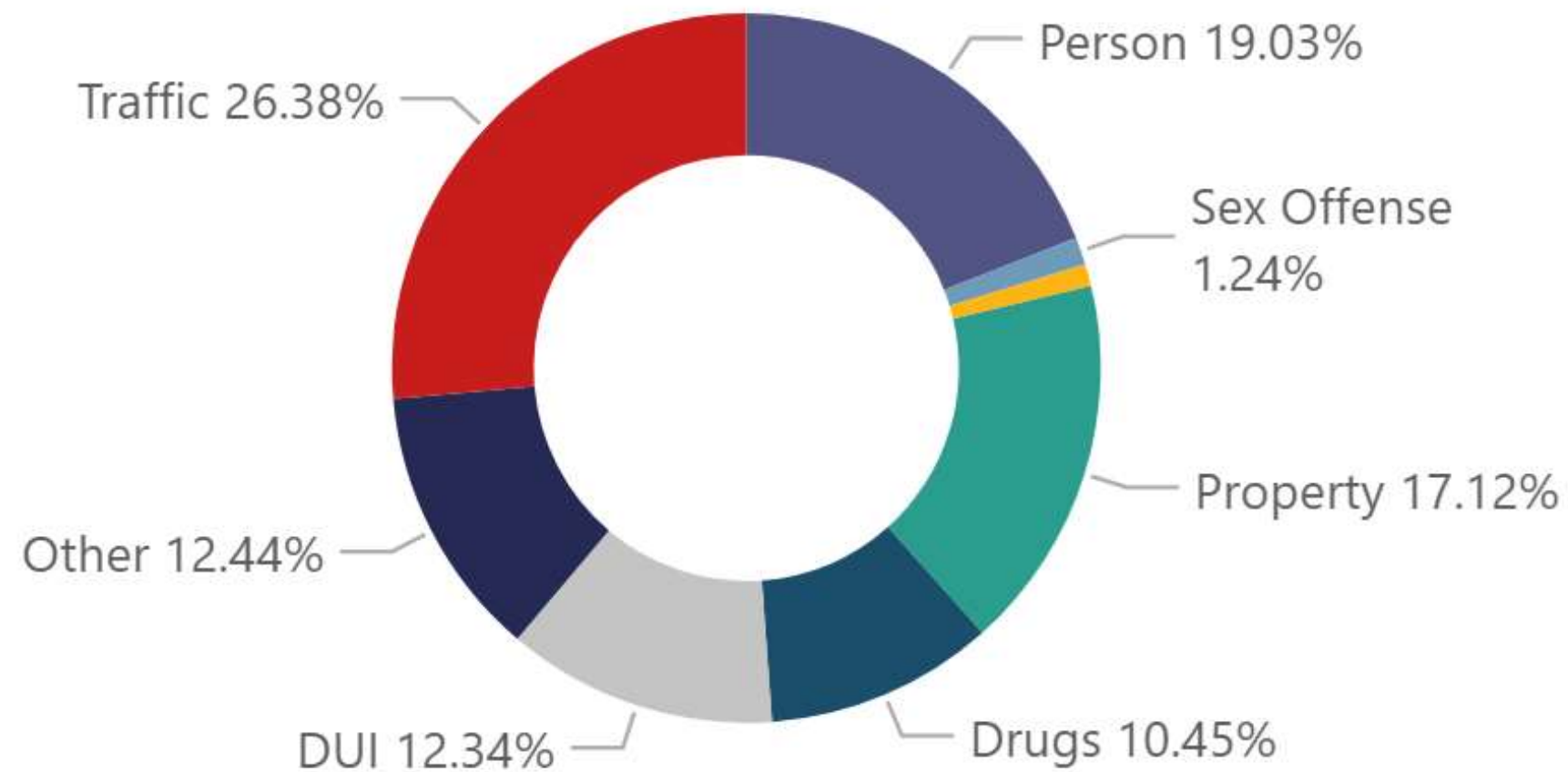


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Case Filings by Type

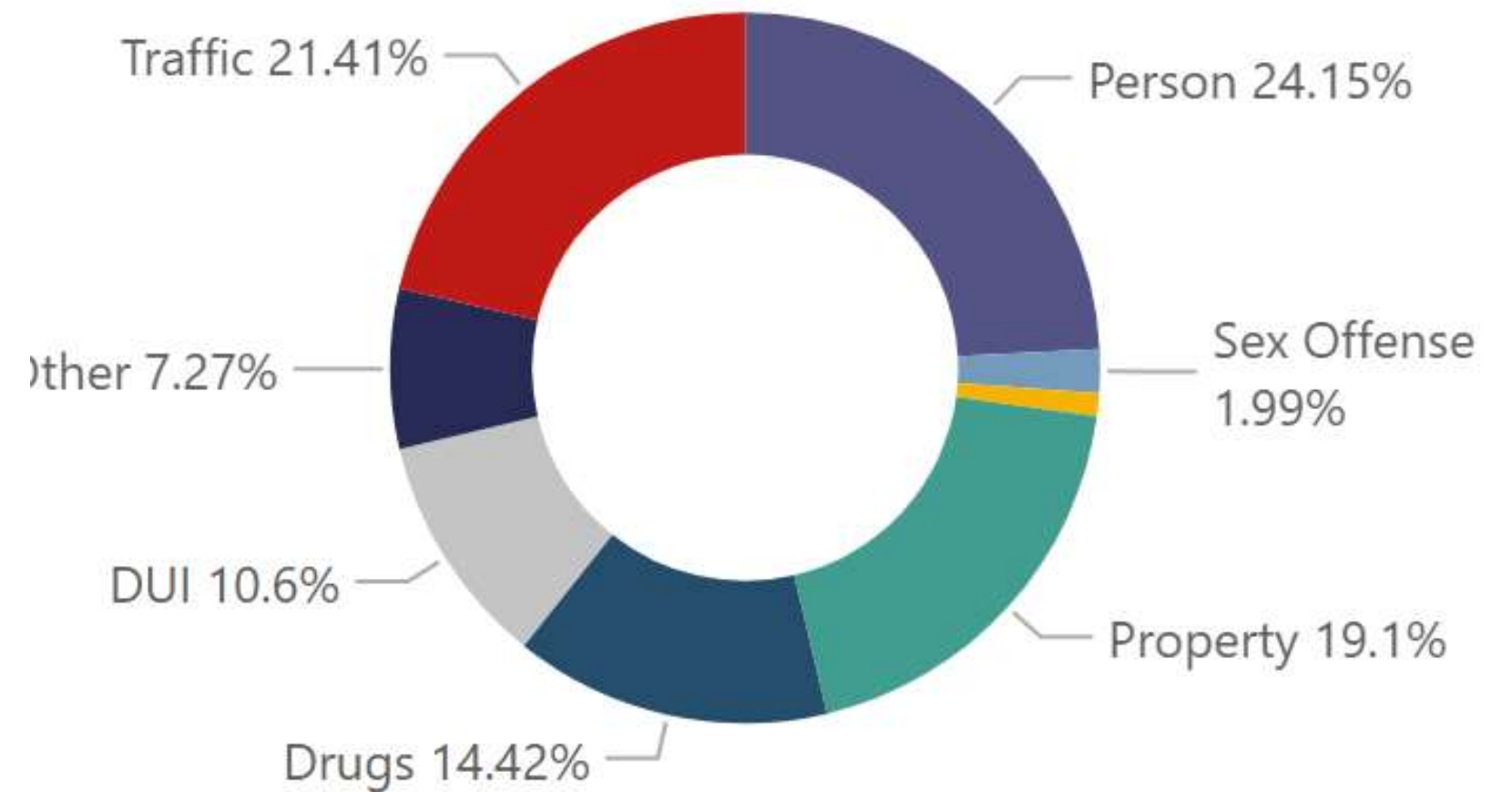
2017-2025

Percent of Cases Filed
(8th Judicial District)



2017-2025

Percent of Cases Filed
(Fort Collins Police Department)



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Sentencing in the 8th JD (2025)

Felony Sentences Imposed

- 0.63% (Fine, Fee, Community Service)
- 0% (Credit for Time Served)
- 42% (Probation)
- 11% (Probation + Jail)
- 2% (Jail)
- 21% (Community Corrections)
- 22% (Department of Corrections)

(Youth Corrections account for less than 1 percent)

2025

Misdemeanor Sentences Imposed

- 37% (Fine, Fee, Community Service)
- 8% (Credit for Time Served)
- 41% (Probation)
- 4% (Probation + Jail)
- 9% (Jail)

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2025



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