

City Prosecutor's Quarterly Report

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Introductory Statistics: As in prior reports, this memorandum provides a brief overview of prosecution activity and caseload trends since I assumed the role of City Prosecutor.

Category	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
Police reports received/processed	380	411	341	341	374	473	377	39
Total cases referred	242	290	232	250	262	351	272	28
Total cases charged	184	190	195	175	167	245	160*	17
Jury trials held	8	0	0	2	2	4	2	1

**Some referred cases remain pending further review or additional evidence, so this number is not necessarily indicative of the final total for the year*

Observations: Criminal case volume for 2025 was generally consistent with averages from 2019 through 2023, with 2024 remaining as an outlier year. The number of jury trials held in 2025 was consistent with the same period as well.

Non-Prosecution Work: Recent notable non-prosecution work has included assisting a work group of city staff tasked with streamlining the city's public records request protocol and creating public-facing guidance and standards governing the city's processing of those requests. The volume of court and police-related records requests remains high and has been consistently so for the multiple months during which I've assisted with the processing of those requests.

Closing: Please contact me with any questions regarding this report or other municipal court operations. I appreciate the continued opportunity to serve the City in this capacity.

Respectfully submitted,

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