

Priority:	Safety	Lead Agency:	District Attorney
Program Offer Type:	Existing Operating	Program Contact:	Scott Marcy
Related Programs:			
Frameworks:			

Executive Summary

The Felony Trial Unit A or theft unit holds offenders accountable by prosecuting fraud, auto theft, forgery, identity theft, white collar crime and theft crimes that target the elderly. These are mid-level offenders within the public safety system.

Program Description

This program works in co-operation with local law enforcement agencies and other public safety partners to provide aggressive prosecution of persons arrested and charged with serious property and theft crimes. The work of this unit includes reviewing and prosecuting cases from the auto theft task force, commercial burglaries, fraud and theft crimes against the elderly. This program also reviews and prosecutes crimes involving theft of identity which has been one of the fastest growing areas of crime. The program reviews and prosecutes offenders who commit crimes against the businesses in the community. These crimes, which are commonly referred to as white collar crimes, include forgery, aggravated theft and theft by deception.

Program Justification

The District Attorney's Office is the gatekeeper for the public safety system. Without sufficient prosecution services offenders would not be held accountable for the crimes they commit and would be free to continue their criminal behavior, victimizing citizens, businesses and communities.

Performance Measures

The performance measures for this program will be a statistical tracking of the number of Cases Reviewed by the unit and the number of Cases Issued by the unit. "Cases Reviewed" is defined as the total number of cases that have been submitted to the unit. "Cases Issued" is defined as the number of cases for which a charging document has been created in that unit.

Summary of last year's program results and this year's expected results

In calendar year 2004 the program reviewed a total of 3,138 cases and issued a total of 2,167 cases. These numbers include white collar crime cases reviewed and issued during the year. The number of cases reviewed increased by 3.5% over the previous year, while the number of cases issued increased by 12.6% over the previous year.

Program Mandate: 2 Mandated Program with Funding/Service Level Choice

ORS 8.660 Attending court and prosecuting offenses. (1) The district attorney shall attend the terms of all courts having jurisdiction of public offenses within the district attorney's county, and, except as otherwise provided in this section, conduct, on behalf of the state, all prosecutions for such offenses therein.

ORS 8.665 Prosecuting violations. Upon the issuance of a citation by any person authorized to issue citations for violations, a district attorney shall prosecute the case if it appears that a violation has occurred.

ORS 8.670 Proceedings before magistrates and grand jury. The district attorney shall institute proceedings before magistrates for the arrest of persons charged with or reasonably suspected of public offenses, when the district attorney has information that any such offense has been committed, and attend upon and advise the grand jury when required.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
	2005	2005	2006	2006
Program Expenses				
Personnel	\$1,222,949	\$0	\$1,495,028	\$0
Contracts	\$16,905	\$0	\$21,905	\$0
Materials & Supplies	\$1,747	\$0	\$1,789	\$0
Internal Services	\$19,540	\$0	\$44,329	\$0
Subtotal: Direct Exps:	\$1,261,141	\$0	\$1,563,051	\$0
Administration	\$0	\$0	\$112,747	\$0
Program Support	\$0	\$0	\$243,264	\$0
Subtotal: Other Exps:	\$0	\$0	\$356,011	\$0
Total GF/non-GF:	\$1,261,141	\$0	\$1,919,062	\$0
Program Total:	\$1,261,141		\$1,919,062	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	16.00	0.00
Program Revenues				
Program Revenue for Admin	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Revenue:	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Explanation of Revenues**Significant Program Changes**