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Spring 2021 Presentations

An Introduction to the Child Abuse & Domestic Violence Bureau (CADVB)

Presented by: ADAs from CADVB

Details: The Child Abuse and Domestic Violence Bureau's primary responsibilities include the prosecution of cases involving allegations of felony child abuse, child homicides, internet crimes against children, unregistered sex offenders where the underlying crime is the abuse of a child or marital partner, and domestic violence. The Bureau includes a Domestic Violence Unit (DVU), which handles all of the misdemeanor and violation cases involving intimate partner violence and family violence. DVU also handles felony cases involving violations of orders of protection.

An Introduction to the Conviction Integrity Bureau

Presented by: Acting Bureau Chief Craig McElwee and Special Counsel Howard Master

Details: The Conviction Integrity Bureau aims to achieve and ensure justice by investigating claims of innocence, remedying identified wrongful convictions, and providing proactive support and recommendations to the Office to prevent wrongful convictions. This presentation will review the process and investigation that led to the exoneration of Keith Bush for a murder and attempted sexual assault that he did not commit, as well as collaborations the Bureau has undertaken in an effort to uncover and remedy more wrongful convictions in Suffolk County.

Discussion on Diversity

Presented by: Deputy Bureau Chief Leslie Anderson

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Details: Learn about the importance of diversity within the criminal justice system. This presentation will explore the meaning of diversity and how awareness of diversity can inform interactions between members of law enforcement and the community.

Diversion Programs and Alternatives to Incarceration

Presented by: TBD

Details: The presenter will discuss the Office's many initiatives to offer defendants and others opportunities to engage in drug treatment programs and mental health programs instead of incarceration.

Environmental Crime Prosecutions

Presented by: Enhanced Prosecution Bureau Chief Nicholas Mauro, ADA Laura Sarowitz, and ADA Adriana Noyola

Details: A hallmark of District Attorney Sini's administration is the commitment to investigate and prosecute individuals' intent on harming the environment. In 2018, this Office undertook the largest illegal dumping investigation in New York State, utilizing cutting edge investigative techniques to target a web of defendants illegally dumping hazardous and acutely hazardous substances on residential properties here in Suffolk County. In this presentation, we will examine the laws as they relate to illegal dumping and related charges and discuss the Special Grand Jury Report highlighting deficiencies in the laws and recommendations for change.

Ethical Considerations in a Prosecutor's Charging Decisions

Presented by: Criminal Investigations Division Chief Megan O'Donnell and Deputy Trial Division Chief Brendan Ahern

Details: The decision of whether to charge a defendant with a crime, and if so what charge, is one of the most consequential decisions in a criminal prosecution. In this presentation, learn about the ethical considerations that were involved in the charging decisions of two homicide prosecutions.

Human Trafficking Prosecutions

Presented by: Enhanced Prosecution Bureau Chief Nicholas Mauro, ADA Veronica McMahon, ADA Elizabeth Moran, and ADA Amanda Scheier

Details: It's happening here: Human trafficking is happening right here in Suffolk County and its victims are Suffolk County residents. This presentation will discuss New York State law as it relates to sex trafficking, take a look at the perpetrators of that crime, as well as their victims, and discuss efforts to highlight this problem and get help for sex trafficking victims. We will also explore a recent successful trial in the *People v. Abi Adeleke*.

Life as a First Year Assistant District Attorney

Presented by: District Court Bureau Leadership Team and First Year ADAs

Details: Learn about the experience of new prosecutors in our District Court Bureau. The District Court Bureau is responsible for prosecuting all violations and misdemeanor crimes in Suffolk County. Most newly hired Assistant District Attorneys begin their careers in the District Court Bureau. It is in this bureau where Assistants learn how to prepare witnesses for hearings and trials, as well as the intricacies of picking a jury, the legal requirements of an opening statement, the importance of a detailed direct examination, the fundamentals of cross examination and the importance of a well thought out summation.

Narcotics Prosecutions & Electronic Eavesdropping

Presented by: Narcotics Bureau Chief Mark Murray and Special Narcotics Bureau Chief Kate Wagner

Details: An Introduction to the Narcotics and Special Narcotics Bureaus: The presentation is divided into two parts, the first given by Mark Murray, Chief of the Narcotics Bureau. Mark will provide an overview of the current drug epidemic facing Suffolk County and then discuss the multi-faceted approach the Narcotics Bureau employs to combat Suffolk County drug dealers and address the needs of drug addicts. Mark will also highlight the Overdose Team and it's work to bring to justice those who recklessly cause the death of Suffolk County residents. The second half of the presentation will be given by Kate Wagner, Chief of the Special Narcotics Bureau. Kate will provide an overview of Electronic Surveillance tools used to dismantle drug trafficking organizations, and also highlight some recent cases of note. Kate will then discuss the role that the Special Narcotics Bureau plays in fugitive and homicide investigations.

Privacy Considerations in a 21st Century World

Presented by: Attorney-in-Charge, ADA Shiry Gaash

Details: This presentation discusses every day technologies and the privacy concerns raised by them. We will examine common and complex technologies in the broad sense of how people use them every day, from the most basic form, such as video surveillance systems to more complex technology such as cell phones. We will additionally cover futuristic technologies such as facial recognition and voice recognition systems. The presentation will cover the privacy concerns that are raised by the usage of such technology by law enforcement and business entities and whether those privacy concerns are legitimate given the current climate. When the presentation is over, the students will have a worldly understanding of the Privacy argument and decide for themselves whether that "Privacy" expectation is valid in their personal and professional life.