

Major Narcotics

This unit prosecutes the county's largest drug cases, including clandestine methamphetamine labs as well as asset forfeitures of illegally obtained money and assets.

Mental Health Litigation

Prosecutors use civil procedures to commit individuals to treatment when they complete their prison or hospital commitments, but remain a danger to society.

Misdemeanors

This team prosecutes a wide range of misdemeanor crimes, including DUI, child annoyance, vandalism, and petty theft.

Prison Crimes Prosecution

This unit prosecutes crimes committed at all state prison facilities located in Sacramento County, including those committed by inmates, visitors, and staff.

Public Assistance Fraud

This unit prosecutes instances of public assistance fraud referred by the Sacramento County Department of Human Assistance and from any law enforcement agency in Sacramento County.

Special Assault & Child Abuse (SACA)

SACA handles crimes committed against the most vulnerable of victims: children. The attorneys and support staff help victims survive the crimes committed against them and empower them to be involved in the process of punishing the perpetrator.

Special Investigations and Public Integrity & Real Estate Fraud

This unit prosecutes large financial crimes and highly complicated cases involving the misconduct of public officials and employees. In addition, the attorneys review officer-involved shootings and in-custody deaths. Attorneys in the Real Estate Fraud section prosecute cases that involve recorded real estate documents.

The Targeting Armed Recidivist Gangsters Enforcement Team (TARGET)

A specialized unit dedicated solely to the aggressive prosecution of the most dangerous gun possessing felons.

Vehicle Theft

This unit is responsible for reviewing and prosecuting serious vehicle theft crimes.

Victim/Witness Services

Victims of violent crime may suffer physical and emotional harm, financial loss, or may face retaliation or intimidation, or may be confused by the criminal justice system. Trained and experienced victim advocates provide crisis counseling, information about the criminal justice system, assistance with criminal protective orders, and support during court proceedings.

Community Outreach Programs

Citizens Academy

A 10 week course designed to foster communication, improve relationships, and provide the community with a first-hand look at the criminal justice system. Topics range from the challenges faced by law enforcement, current issues, and an overview of the justice system.



Chronic Offender Rehabilitation Effort (CORE)

A collaboration with law enforcement, Sacramento Steps Forward and Sacramento County Alcohol and Drug Services that focuses on offenders who have repeatedly committed crimes which have a negative impact on public safety and quality of life for a particular community. Working with the court and the above providers, the offender is offered a tailored program in an effort to address substance abuse, mental illness and housing needs to assist in creating a safer community.

Speakers Bureau

Members of the DA's Office are available for community groups and organizations wishing to learn more about the criminal justice system. There are speakers available in various areas of expertise.

Youth Programs

Designed to educate youth about the criminal justice system, increase their engagement with members of public safety, strengthen their trust of law enforcement, and encourage them to pursue careers in the criminal justice field. Programs include:

- Justice and law programs: DA Youth Academy, Youth Shadow Day, and Luther Burbank Youth Academy.
- GIFT (Gun Violence Information for Teens).
- #iSMART (Internet, Social Media Awareness, Resources & Training).

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"Our office is committed to ensuring justice in the courtroom and in the community, while achieving our mission of "Semper Justitia," meaning Always Just."



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District Attorney Thien Ho's team of dedicated professionals work within a number of divisions, special units, and community outreach programs. The following is an overview of how the District Attorney's Office is serving the citizens of this county.

Adult Sexual Assault Prosecution (ASAP)

ASAP is staffed by specially trained attorneys who prosecute sexual offenses involving victims 14 years or older. Most of the cases handled involve forcible sexual assault.

Child Abduction

This team investigates parental child abductions and helps enforce custody rights when a child has been taken, withheld, or concealed in violation of a valid custody order.

Collaborative Courts

The DA's Office, Probation Department, Public Defender's Office, Sacramento Superior Court, and community organizations work together to assist certain offenders and vulnerable populations with unique needs and circumstances. The Courts design programs to provide services rather than jail time. These include Community Realignment Re-Entry Court, Drug Court, Mental Health Court, Reducing Sexually Exploited & Trafficked (RESET) Court, Veterans' Treatment Court, Violation of Probation Court, and Co-Occurring Mental Health Court.

Community & Government Relations (CGR)

This division was created to increase community engagement, maximize the office's prevention and education outreach, and strengthen public trust. The unit also focuses on media relations and proactively addresses legislative issues that impact public safety.



Community Prosecution Unit (CPU)

Prosecutors work in neighborhoods throughout the city and county. Community prosecutors create partnerships with citizens, law enforcement, community groups, and businesses to proactively address quality of life issues including blight, prostitution, graffiti, and homelessness.

Consumer & Environmental Protection Division (CEPD)

CEPD is comprised of a consumer and environmental unit. The Consumer Unit investigates and prosecutes unfair, fraudulent, and dishonest business practices which harm consumers and honest businesses. The Environmental Unit uses civil or criminal prosecution to enforce laws that prohibit illegal disposal of hazardous wastes and other pollutants onto public or private property.

Cyber Crimes

This unit prosecutes crimes committed against children using the Internet or social media, including the possession or distribution of child pornography. The unit also handles financial crimes by use of computer devices.

Domestic Violence (DV)

The DV Unit has a team of attorneys, victim advocates, investigators, and support staff who are all involved in domestic violence cases, which involve physical and sexual abuse, stalking, and restraining order violations.

Elder Abuse

This unit prosecutes felony cases involving elder and dependent adults who have been physically, mentally, or financially abused or neglected.

Felony Bureau

The Felony Bureau handles preliminary hearings, settlement conferences, and trials for a wide range of cases including theft, assaults, narcotics possession, three-strike offenses, robbery, burglary, firearm charges, manslaughter, and attempted murder.



Major Crimes

This unit prosecutes cases involving serious street gang offenders as well as hate and biased-related criminal conduct. The division also focuses on defendants who commit multiple robberies or residential burglaries. The goal is to seek maximum sentences for repeat offenders ensuring community safety.

Homicides

The unit has experienced prosecutors, investigators, and victim advocates who prosecute murderers and work with victims' families to provide support.

Human Trafficking

A prosecutor and victim advocate handle cases involving perpetrators who commercially sexually exploit both minors and adults.

Insurance Fraud

Attorneys and staff investigate and prosecute workers' compensation, automobile insurance, and organized automobile fraud cases.

Investigations Bureau

The Bureau of Investigations is comprised of criminal investigators, investigative assistants, crime scene and equipment technicians, process servers, clerical staff, and interns who provide investigative support.

Justice, Training, & Integrity (JTI)

This unit is dedicated to ensuring justice is carried out with the highest level of integrity. JTI provides deputies with ethical and practical training and advice, creates discovery safeguards, evaluates and responds to allegations of prosecutorial misconduct, and closely examines claims of wrongful conviction.

Juvenile Division

The Juvenile Division files charges against minors (ages 12-17) who engage in delinquent conduct. These cases are handled in Juvenile Court by a team of 10 attorneys who work collaboratively with juvenile justice partners preserving public safety while rehabilitating youth. This division also provides assistance through two collaborative courts. One court program serves the complex needs of Commercially Sexually Exploited Children (CSEC). The other program, Juvenile Trauma Response Court (JTRC), provides enhanced support, treatment and rehabilitation of youth with significant childhood trauma.

Laboratory of Forensic Services

The Crime Lab is one of only a few in California managed by the District Attorney's Office. The lab provides the highest quality service for the recognition, collection, preservation, scientific analysis, and interpretation of physical evidence, with a goal of presenting evidence in court cases.

