

PROSECUTION DIVISION



Chief Prosecutor Phillip J. Tydingco

THE MISSION

The Office of the Attorney General, through its Prosecution Division, plays a vital role in Guam's criminal justice system as part

of its mission is to seek justice and enhance public safety. It is responsible for prosecuting all adult felony, misdemeanor, and traffic criminal offenses that include, but are not limited to: criminal sexual conduct crimes, drug crimes, domestic violence crimes, property crimes, firearms crimes, homicides, white collar or public integrity crimes, government corruption crimes, and other violent crimes in the Superior Court of Guam.

Since the onset of the administration of Attorney General Alicia Limtiaco in January of 2007, through calendar year 2008, the Division has maintained nearly 12,000 cases. It has been a busy

and productive 2008 for the Prosecution Division. This marked the second consecutive year that there have been increases in prior year statistics. Chief Prosecutor Phillip J. Tydingo leads a team of both young and seasoned but dedicated and dynamic prosecutors in seeking justice through and by prosecuting criminals and bringing closure for many victims of crimes and their families. The Prosecution Division continued to improve its operations in pursuit of justice for crime victims and to increase its efforts to meet the demands of a steadily increasing case load in 2008 in spite of limited personnel and other resources.

THE CRIMINAL CASELOAD

The Prosecution Division received more criminal case referrals in 2008 as compared to the previous years 2007 and 2006. There were a total of 1,831 cases filed in court last year, up from 1,702 in 2007, and from just 1,604 in 2006. Of the total number filed in 2008, 618 were felony cases and 1,213 were misdemeanor cases.

Referrals of Cases/Complaints

<i>Total # Cases Received from Law Enforcement Agencies/Others in 2008:</i>	3,423
<i>Total # Cases Received from Law Enforcement Agencies/Others in 2007:</i>	3,069
<i>Total # Cases Received from Law Enforcement Agencies/Others in 2006:</i>	3,362

Cases Charged/Filed

Misdemeanors:

<i>Total # of Misdemeanor Cases Charged/Filed in Superior Court in 2008:</i>	1,213
Total # of Misdemeanor Cases Charged/Filed in Superior Court in 2007:	1,084
Total # of Misdemeanor Cases Charged/Filed in Superior Court in 2006:	1,040

Felonies:

<i>Total # of Felony Cases Charged/Filed in Superior Court in 2008:</i>	618
Total # of Felony Cases Charged/Filed in Superior Court in 2007:	618
Total # of Felony Cases Charged/Filed in Superior Court in 2006:	564

<i>Total # of Cases (Misdemeanors & Felonies) Filed in Superior Court in 2008:</i>	1,831¹
Total # of Cases (Misdemeanors & Felonies) Filed in Superior Court in 2007:	1,702
Total # of Cases (Misdemeanors & Felonies) Filed in Superior Court in 2006:	1,604

SIGNIFICANT DETAILS OF THE CRIMINAL CASELOAD

Driving While Under the Influence (DUI/DWI) Cases:

<i>Total # of Misdemeanor DUI/DWI Cases Received from GPD in 2008:</i>	761
Total # of Misdemeanor DUI/DWI Cases Received from GPD in 2007:	616
Total # of Misdemeanor DUI/DWI Cases Received from GPD in 2006:	894

<i>Total # of DUI/DWI Felony Cases Received from GPD in 2008:</i>	44
Total # of DUI/DWI Felony Cases Received from GPD in 2007:	50
Total # of DUI/DWI Felony Cases Received from GPD in 2006:	43

<i>Total # of Misdemeanor DUI/DWI Cases Charged/Filed in 2008:</i>	554
Total # of Misdemeanor DUI/DWI Cases Charged/Filed in 2007:	349
Total # of Misdemeanor DUI/DWI Cases Charged/Filed in 2006:	427

<i>Total # of DUI/DWI Felony Cases Charged/Filed in 2008:</i>	39
Total # of DUI/DWI Felony Cases Charged/Filed in 2007:	32
Total # of DUI/DWI Felony Cases Charged/Filed in 2006:	28

<i>Total # of DUI/DWI Misdemeanor Convictions Filed in 2008:</i>	336
Total # of DUI/DWI Misdemeanor Convictions Filed in 2007:	234
Total # of DUI/DWI Misdemeanor Convictions Filed in 2006:	286

¹It is important to bear in mind that the filing of criminal cases in any given year, and which is not uncommon with felony cases, does not necessarily correspond to the year the offense was alleged to have occurred nor necessarily to the year that the Guam Police Department or other law enforcement referred the case to the Prosecution Division. This is due in part to the duration of time to conduct the investigation, the limited personnel resources of both the law enforcement agencies and Prosecution Division, and other variables.

<i>Total # of DUI/DWI Felony Convictions Filed in 2008:</i>	38
Total # of DUI/DWI Felony Convictions Filed in 2007:	32
Total # of DUI/DWI Felony Convictions Filed in 2006:	17

For calendar year 2008, the Prosecution Division filed a total of **593 DUI/DWI cases** as compared to filing a total of 381 DUI/DWI cases filed in 2007.

Family Violence Cases:

<i>Total # of Misdemeanor Family Violence Cases Received from GPD in 2008:</i>	521
Total # of Misdemeanor Family Violence Cases Received from GPD in 2007:	522
Total # of Misdemeanor Family Violence Cases Received from GPD in 2006:	499

<i>Total # of Felony Family Violence Cases Received from GPD in 2008:</i>	192
Total # of Felony Family Violence Cases Received from GPD in 2007:	118
Total # of Felony Family Violence Cases Received from GPD in 2006:	109

<i>Total # of Misdemeanor Family Violence Cases Charged/Filed in 2008:</i>	405
Total # of Misdemeanor Family Violence Cases Charged/Filed in 2007:	366
Total # of Misdemeanor Family Violence Cases Charged/Filed in 2006:	342

<i>Total # of Felony Family Violence Cases Charged/Filed in 2008:</i>	138
Total # of Felony Family Violence Cases Charged/Filed in 2007:	77
Total # of Felony Family Violence Cases Charged/Filed in 2006:	79

<i>Total # of Misdemeanor FV Convictions/Diversions/Deferrals Filed in 2008:</i>	360
Total # of Misdemeanor FV Convictions/Diversions/Deferrals Filed in 2007:	258
Total # of Misdemeanor FV Convictions/Diversions/Deferrals Filed in 2006:	155

<i>Total # of Felony FV Convictions/Diversions/Deferrals Filed in 2008:</i>	104
Total # of Felony FV Convictions/Diversions/Deferrals Filed in 2007:	49
Total # of Felony FV Convictions/Diversions/Deferrals Filed in 2006:	92

For calendar year 2008, the Prosecution Division filed a total of **543 family violence cases** as compared to a total of 443 family violence cases filed in 2007.

Criminal Sexual Conduct (CSC) Cases:

<i>Total # of Misdemeanor CSC Cases Received from GPD in 2008:</i>	15
Total # of Misdemeanor CSC Cases Received from GPD in 2007:	22
Total # of Misdemeanor CSC Cases Received from GPD in 2006:	27

<i>Total # of Felony CSC Cases Received from GPD in 2008:</i>	96
Total # of Felony CSC Cases Received from GPD in 2007:	123
Total # of Felony CSC Cases Received from GPD in 2006:	126

<i>Total # of Misdemeanor CSC Cases Charged/Filed in 2008:</i>	10
Total # of Misdemeanor CSC Cases Charged/Filed in 2007:	13
Total # of Misdemeanor CSC Cases Charged/Filed in 2006:	16
<i>Total # of Felony CSC Cases Charged/Filed in 2008:</i>	75²
Total # of Felony CSC Cases Charged/Filed in 2007:	95
Total # of Felony CSC Cases Charged/Filed in 2006:	90
<i>Total # of Misdemeanor CSC Convictions Filed in 2008:</i>	8
Total # of Misdemeanor CSC Convictions Filed in 2007:	5
Total # of Misdemeanor CSC Convictions Filed in 2006:	4
<i>Total # of Felony CSC Convictions Filed in Superior Court in 2008:</i>	44
Total # of Felony CSC Convictions Filed in Superior Court in 2007:	51
Total # of Felony CSC Convictions Filed in Superior Court in 2006:	36

For calendar year 2008, the Prosecution Division filed a total of **85 CSC cases** as compared to a total of 108 CSC cases filed in 2007.

Child Abuse Cases:

<i>Total # of Misdemeanor Child Abuse Cases Received from GPD in 2008:</i>	14
Total # of Misdemeanor Child Abuse Cases Received from GPD in 2007:	20
Total # of Misdemeanor Child Abuse Cases Received from GPD in 2006:	14
<i>Total # of Felony Child Abuse Cases Received from GPD in 2008:</i>	11
Total # of Felony Child Abuse Cases Received from GPD in 2007:	29
Total # of Felony Child Abuse Cases Received from GPD in 2006:	34
<i>Total # of Misdemeanor Child Abuse Cases Charged/Filed in 2008:</i>	6
Total # of Misdemeanor Child Abuse Cases Charged/Filed in 2007:	13
Total # of Misdemeanor Child Abuse Cases Charged/Filed in 2006:	3
<i>Total # of Felony Child Abuse Cases Charged/Filed in 2008:</i>	10
Total # of Felony Child Abuse Cases Charged/Filed in 2007:	22
Total # of Felony Child Abuse Cases Charged/Filed in 2006:	9

²The decrease in the filing of cases for 2008 among certain categories of crimes or offenses as compared to previous years are subject to a host of variables which include, but are not limited to, the need for further investigation due to the nature and complexity of the case; law enforcement agencies making less case referrals or lower rates of reporting by victims of crimes; determinations of insufficient evidence to charge at the time of referral; discovery of statute of limitation problems; legal obstacles from constitutional or statutory procedural due process issues; insufficient personnel to complete case referral reviews and charging determinations; inability to proceed due to unavailable key witnesses or inability to have available certain physical evidence including the testing and analyses thereof; and other variables.

<i>Total # of Misdemeanor Child Abuse Convictions Filed in 2008:</i>	1
Total # of Misdemeanor Child Abuse Convictions Filed in 2007:	4
Total # of Misdemeanor Child Abuse Convictions Filed in 2006:	1
<i>Total # of Felony Child Abuse Convictions Filed in 2008:</i>	4
Total # of Felony Child Abuse Convictions Filed in 2007:	5
Total # of Felony Child Abuse Convictions Filed in 2006:	4

For calendar year 2008, the Prosecution Division filed a total of **16 child abuse cases** as compared to 35 child abuse cases filed in 2007.

Drug Cases:

<i>Total # of Misdemeanor Drug Cases Received from GPD in 2008:</i>	28
Total # of Misdemeanor Drug Cases Received from GPD in 2007:	24
Total # of Misdemeanor Drug Cases Received from GPD in 2006:	52
<i>Total # of Felony Drug Cases Received from GPD in 2008:</i>	125
Total # of Felony Drug Cases Received from GPD in 2007:	153
Total # of Felony Drug Cases Received from GPD in 2006:	194
<i>Total # of Misdemeanor Drug Cases Charged/Filed in 2008:</i>	5
Total # of Misdemeanor Drug Cases Charged/Filed in 2007:	11
Total # of Misdemeanor Drug Cases Charged/Filed in 2006:	7
<i>Total # of Felony Drug Cases Charged/Filed in 2008:</i>	92
Total # of Felony Drug Cases Charged/Filed in 2007:	149
Total # of Felony Drug Cases Charged/Filed in 2006:	123
<i>Total # of Misdemeanor Drug Convictions Filed in 2008:</i>	2
Total # of Misdemeanor Drug Convictions Filed in 2007:	5
Total # of Misdemeanor Drug Convictions Filed in 2006:	3
<i>Total # of Felony Drug Convictions Filed in 2008:</i>	109
Total # of Felony Drug Convictions Filed in 2007:	81
Total # of Felony Drug Convictions Filed in 2006:	62

For calendar year 2008, the Prosecution Division filed a total of **97 drug cases** as compared to 160 drug cases filed in 2007.

Firearms/Weapons Violation Cases

<i>Total # of Misdemeanor FAID Cases Received from GPD in 2008:</i>	2
Total # of Misdemeanor FAID Cases Received from GPD in 2007:	15
Total # of Misdemeanor FAID Cases Received from GPD in 2006:	2

<i>Total # of Felony FAID Cases Received from GPD in 2008:</i>	10
Total # of Felony FAID Cases Received from GPD in 2007:	23
Total # of Felony FAID Cases Received from GPD in 2006:	27

<i>Total # of Misdemeanor FAID Cases Charged/Filed in 2008:</i>	3
Total # of Misdemeanor FAID Cases Charged/Filed in 2007:	3
Total # of Misdemeanor FAID Cases Charged/Filed in 2006:	1

<i>Total # of Felony FAID Cases Charged/Filed in 2008:</i>	5
Total # of Felony FAID Cases Charged/Filed in 2007:	15
Total # of Felony FAID Cases Charged/Filed in 2006:	20

<i>Total # of Misdemeanor FAID Convictions Filed in 2008:</i>	1
Total # of Misdemeanor FAID Convictions Filed in 2007:	2
Total # of Misdemeanor FAID Convictions Filed in 2006:	1

<i>Total # of Felony FAID Convictions Filed in 2008:</i>	7
Total # of Felony FAID Convictions Filed in 2007:	11
Total # of Felony FAID Convictions Filed in 2006:	8

For calendar year 2008, the Prosecution Division filed a total of **8 firearms cases** as compared to a total of 18 firearms cases filed in 2007.

Property Crimes (Theft and Related Offenses) Cases:

<i>Total # of Misdemeanor Property Cases Received from GPD in 2008:</i>	142
Total # of Misdemeanor Property Cases Received from GPD in 2007:	168
Total # of Misdemeanor Property Cases Received from GPD in 2006:	158

<i>Total # of Felony Property Cases Received from GPD in 2008:</i>	187
Total # of Felony Property Cases Received from GPD in 2007:	208
Total # of Felony Property Cases Received from GPD in 2006:	285

<i>Total # of Misdemeanor Property Cases Charged/Filed in 2008:</i>	36
Total # of Misdemeanor Property Cases Charged/Filed in 2007:	26
Total # of Misdemeanor Property Cases Charged/Filed in 2006:	43

<i>Total # of Felony Property Cases Charged/Filed in 2008:</i>	121
Total # of Felony Property Cases Charged/Filed in 2007:	109
Total # of Felony Property Cases Charged/Filed in 2006:	108

<i>Total # of Misdemeanor Property Convictions Filed in 2008:</i>	20
Total # of Misdemeanor Property Convictions Filed in 2007:	30
Total # of Misdemeanor Property Convictions Filed in 2006:	35

<i>Total # of Felony Property Convictions Filed in 2008:</i>	70
Total # of Felony Property Convictions Filed in 2007:	59
Total # of Felony Property Convictions Filed in 2006:	40

For calendar year 2008, the Prosecution Division filed a total of **157 property cases** as compared to 135 property cases filed in 2007.

Burglary Cases:

<i>Total # of Felony Burglary Cases Received from GPD in 2008:</i>	59
Total # of Felony Burglary Cases Received from GPD in 2007:	93
Total # of Felony Burglary Cases Received from GPD in 2006:	24

<i>Total # of Felony Burglary Cases Charged/Filed in 2008:</i>	49
Total # of Felony Burglary Cases Charged/Filed in 2007:	57
Total # of Felony Burglary Cases Charged/Filed in 2006:	56

<i>Total # of Felony Burglary Convictions Filed in 2008:</i>	34
Total # of Felony Burglary Convictions Filed in 2007:	44
Total # of Felony Burglary Convictions Filed in in 2006:	26

For calendar year 2008, the Prosecution Division filed a total of **49 burglary cases** compared to 57 burglary cases filed in 2007.

Aggravated Assault Cases:

<i>Total # of Felony Aggravated Assault Cases Received from GPD in 2008:</i>	126
Total # of Felony Aggravated Assault Cases Received from GPD in 2007:	109
Total # of Felony Aggravated Assault Cases Received from GPD in 2006:	90

<i>Total # of Felony Aggravated Assault Cases Charged/Filed in 2008:</i>	70
Total # of Felony Aggravated Assault Cases Charged/Filed in 2007:	62
Total # of Felony Aggravated Assault Cases Charged/Filed in 2006:	39

<i>Total # of Felony Aggravated Assault Convictions Filed in 2008:</i>	35
Total # of Felony Aggravated Assault Convictions Filed in 2007:	28
Total # of Felony Aggravated Assault Convictions Filed in 2006:	23

For calendar year 2008, the Prosecution Division filed a total of **70 aggravated assault cases** as compared to 62 Aggravated Assault cases filed in 2007.

Robbery Cases:

<i>Total # of Felony Robbery Cases Received from GPD in 2008:</i>	13
Total # of Felony Robbery Cases Received from GPD in 2007:	35
Total # of Felony Robbery Cases Received from GPD in 2006:	24

<i>Total # of Felony Robbery Cases Charged/Filed in 2008:</i>	11
Total # of Felony Robbery Cases Charged/Filed in 2007:	29
Total # of Felony Robbery Cases Charged/Filed in 2006:	56
<i>Total # of Felony Robbery Convictions Filed in 2008:</i>	34
Total # of Felony Robbery Convictions Filed in 2007:	14
Total # of Felony Robbery Convictions Filed in 2006:	26

For calendar year 2008, the Prosecution Division filed a total of **11 robbery cases** as compared to 29 robbery cases filed in 2007. However, a total of 34 robbery cases from both this year and previous years resulted in convictions during 2008.

Homicide (Murder, Attempted Murder, Manslaughter, Vehicular Homicide, Negligent Homicide) Cases:

<i>Total # of Felony Homicide Cases Received from GPD in 2008:</i>	11
Total # of Felony Homicide Cases Received from GPD in 2007:	13
Total # of Felony Homicide Cases Received from GPD in 2006:	26
<i>Total # of Felony Homicide Cases Charged/Filed in 2008:</i>	10
Total # of Felony Homicide Cases Charged/Filed in 2007:	13
Total # of Felony Homicide Cases Charged/Filed in 2006:	26
<i>Total # of Felony Homicide Convictions Filed in 2008:</i>	18
Total # of Felony Homicide Convictions Filed in 2007:	9
Total # of Felony Homicide Convictions Filed in 2006:	10

For calendar year 2008, the Prosecution Division filed a total of **11 homicide cases** as compared to 13 homicide cases filed in 2007.

White Collar/Public Integrity Crimes Cases:

The Property Crimes and White Collar/Public Integrity Crimes Unit of the Prosecution Division, is responsible in part for not only prosecuting traditional property crimes, but also for investigating and prosecuting white collar, government corruption, and public integrity offenses.¹ In 2007, a total of 61 white collar/public integrity criminal cases were filed, and in that same year there were 11 white collar criminal convictions. For **2008**, a total of **55** white collar/public integrity criminal cases were filed, and there were a total of **23** white collar/public integrity criminal convictions.

THE PERSONNEL

The ideal staffing of attorneys for the Prosecution Division, given its caseload, should be no less than 20. Indeed, the Division during most of the 1990s operated with between 20 and 25 attorneys. In 2007, there were only 14 attorneys or prosecutors within the Division and by the end of calendar year 2008, the Prosecution Division had 15 attorneys or prosecutors. Many of the prosecutors in the Division may carry average caseloads of between 400 and 500 cases since the vast majority of cases will not completely resolve within a year of the filing in court.



*Chief Investigator
James Cruz*

The Division also has a **Criminal Investigators Unit** comprised of only 10 investigators responsible for conducting independent criminal investigations and for providing follow up investigations in support of on-going prosecutions.

In addition, the Division has a **Victim Witness Ayuda Services (VWAS) Unit** which is comprised of only seven (7) VWAS advocates who play a vital role by providing support services to victims and witnesses of crimes in accordance with the Crime Victim's Rights Act. VWAS helps crime victims restore their sense of dignity, self-esteem, and coping mechanisms while the Division pursues criminal charges against the perpetrators. As a victim of crime, a person may experience feelings of fear, helplessness, anger, and confusion. Anxiety and frustration may also occur because of the judicial process or the lack of information regarding the case or suspect's status.



Victim Advocate Chris Duenas

VWAS assists victims with the following services:

- Provide information and referral;
- Provide emotional support;
- Provide court accompaniment;
- Refer victims to counseling, if necessary;
- Provide transportation for victims, if necessary, to court or appointments related to their cases;
- Assist in filing claims with the Criminal Injuries Compensation Commission;
- Provide childcare while victims are in court or meeting with prosecutors;
- Notify victims regarding trial dates, case related information, and case dispositions;
- Restitution advocacy; and
- Assist victims in their requests for parole notification.

The **Crime Victim's Rights Act** can be found in Title 8 of the Guam Code Annotated Chapter 160.

Victims and/or surviving immediate family members shall have the following rights:

(a) To be immediately informed by the Office of the Attorney General of the final disposition of the case. If the crime charged is a felony, the victim or a surviving immediate family member shall be notified of major developments in the case, whenever appropriate, in order to avoid jeopardizing an investigation. The victim or surviving immediate family member shall be immediately notified whenever the defendant or perpetrator is released from custody. The victim or the surviving immediate family member shall also be consulted and advised about plea-bargaining.

(b) To be notified by the prosecuting attorney if a court proceeding to which they have been subpoenaed will not proceed as scheduled in a timely manner.

(c) To receive protection from threats or harm in accordance with local witness and victim protection program guidelines.

(d) To be promptly informed by the victim witness counselor and the probation officer when the defendant has violated a criminal restraining order, a court-imposed stay-away order, terms or condition of release, terms of probation, or terms of a plea agreement.

(e) To be informed by the police, victim witness, or other criminal justice personnel of financial assistance and other social services available as a result of being a victim of crime, including information on how to apply for the assistance and services.

(f) The court shall provide a waiting area for the victim separate from the defendant, defendant's relatives, and defense witnesses if such an area is available and the use of the area is practical. If a separate waiting area is not available or practical, the court shall provide other safeguards to minimize the victim's contact with defendant, defendant's relatives, and defense witnesses during court proceedings.

(g) To have any stolen property or other personal property expeditiously returned by law enforcement agencies when such property is no longer needed for evidence, and the court or the Attorney General has approved its release. If feasible, all such property, except weapons; currency; contraband; property subject to evidentiary analysis; and property, the ownership of which is disputed, shall be returned to the person within ten (10) days of being taken, and the court or Attorney General has approved its release.

(h) To be informed as provided in this Chapter of escapes and changes planned in the custodial status of the offender that allow or result in the release of the offender into the community, including furlough, work release, placement on supervised release, release on parole, and final discharge at the end of a prison term; and to be informed by the Office of the Attorney General of changes in the custodial status of the offender as a result of release on bail bond, or release on appeal bond.

(i) To be informed by the Parole Board through the Department of Correction's Parole Services Division when the offender is seeking early release and/or parole, and to be afforded a right to submit letters, and to appear and testify at a release hearing subject to the provisions of § 160.92 herein.

(j) To be promptly informed by the Department of Correction's Parole Services Division when the offender has violated that person's parole subject to the provisions of § 160.92 herein.

(k) In cases charged and pled to as a felony, to be informed by the prosecutor, by telephone, facsimile or mail, of all trials, changes of pleas, sentencing and other major developments at least three (3) working days in advance.

(l) To testify as to the actions of the defendant and their effect upon the victim and the victim's family, to be represented by retained counsel, and to call witnesses at sentencing, reduction of sentence or parole hearing, subject to relevance; and at the discretion of the court, to testify at any change of plea or hearing to consider acceptance of a plea agreement.

(m) To be notified by *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan* upon submission of request relative to the pardon of the defendant or the perpetrator, subject to the provisions of § 160.92 herein.

(n) Upon written request, witnesses of crime shall be provided the same protections afforded in this Section.

(o) The right to be treated with fairness and respect for their dignity and privacy throughout the criminal justice process.

(p) The Office of the Attorney General shall provide post-conviction information to victim's, to include information concerning availability social services, counseling programs, and financial assistance programs.

(q) The Office of the Attorney General is to provide a special hotline for victims to assist them in obtaining notification and information before and after conviction.

Last, but certainly not least and without whom the Prosecution Division could not properly function, the Division's **Support Staff** is comprised of one administrative legal secretary supervisor, five legal secretaries, four record clerks, two paralegals, and two process servers who are critical to meeting its mission.

“A special shout-out to the legal support, secretary, and records staff, and to the prosecutors and paralegals,” Phil Tydingco said. “And a great big shout-out goes to Chuck Kinnunen for carrying the grand jury felony load.”

Prosecution Division
Administrative Supervisor
Vivian Nisperos, who has
been with the Office for 28
years, was also a big part of
the Division's continued
success. Showing no signs
of slowing down, Vivian attributes her longevity to the fast paced



Administrative Supervisor Vivian Nisperos

and rewarding work that she performs “behind the scenes.” The drive to “come to work each day, every day, is still there,” she said.

NEW INITIATIVES FOR THE PROSECUTION DIVISION

The Prosecution Division, while continuing its efforts to prosecute criminals for traditional crimes, has also embarked on a number of new initiatives to develop task forces that include both local and federal law enforcement agencies, public and non-profit social service agencies and other community organizations, in order to raise the public’s awareness of, promote new legislation for, and improve the investigation and prosecution of criminal offenses in the areas of internet crimes against children, child pornography, cyberbullying, and human trafficking, to name a few.