

Non-Domestic Violence prosecutors

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Offense	Cases Referred	Cases Filed	% Cases Filed	Counts Referred	Counts Filed	% Counts Filed
Theft	715	573	80%	742	596	80%
DUI	337	329	98%	342	333	97%
Assault	253	134	53%	273	145	53%
Obstructing Resisting	235	219	93%	306	287	94%
Criminal Mischief	147	112	76%	150	114	76%

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PFMA	681	337	49%	700	353	50%
VNCO	184	87	47%	251	110	44%
VOOP	175	45	26%	202	53	26%
Sexual Assault	24	10	42%	26	11	42%
Privacy in Communications	15	4	27%	16	5	31%
Stalking	12	7	58%	12	7	58%

The City Attorney's Office hired a new prosecutor in 2022, but contemporaneously lost a veteran prosecutor who retired. The City Attorney's Office previously enjoyed a significant competitive advantage in hiring.

However, both Yellowstone County and the Office of the Public Defender made sizeable adjustments in their compensation packages.

We believe that the City Attorney's Office still holds an advantage in both compensation and work environment. However, that advantage narrowed in this currently tight labor market.

The legalization of marijuana eliminated the modest number of possession and paraphernalia prosecutions filed in the Billings Municipal Court. The City Attorney's Office increased its filings of theft cases with this additional time, and also implemented a streamlined process for charging simple theft cases. This shift in resources and added innovation primarily benefits our big box retailers.

With the legalization of recreational marijuana sales, the City Attorney's Office has heightened its awareness of social host violations and unlawful transactions with minors.

On the civil side of the City Attorney's Office, two recent nuisance cases were filed in the Yellowstone County District Court to address serious code violations alleged to materially contribute to criminal activity in the City of Billings.

During this legislative session, we continue to monitor bills related to the regulation of sober living houses.