#### District Attorney's Office for the 26<sup>th</sup> Judicial District

#### **ARPA REQUEST**



## Total Felony Cases

2019 - 5,939

2020 - 4,475

2021 - 4,977

2022 - 5,774

2023 - 5,192

### **Felony Clearance Rate**

2019 - 117%

2020 - 89%

2021 - 90%

2022 - 126%

2023 - 130%

Information provided by the Office of Court Administration

#### **Cost Per Capita for DA's Offices**

San Diego, CA - \$58

Miami-Dade Co, FL - \$33

Maricopa Co, AZ - \$25

Harris Co, TX - \$19

**Travis Co, TX - \$23** 

**WILCO - \$8** 



#### Felony Prosecutor Workload

In 2022, a report was issued by PFM Group assessing Prosecutorial Workload in the first meaningful way in almost two decades. In that report, they found that the weighted case time to dispose of a felony case was 6.6 hours of work. Violent felonies took more time at 8.5 hours. However, <u>SVU cases</u> took vastly more time at <u>48.6 hours</u> of work.

Currently, each prosecutor assigned to the three trial courts clears approximately 530 cases per year. This allows for less than 4 hours per case.

Without the SVU, the SVU cases would be reassigned to the court prosecutors, giving those prosecutors even *less* time per case.

# ARPA Prosecutors Create Special Victims Unit

The ARPA prosecutors have allowed the District Attorney's Office to take SVU cases (child abuse and sexual assault) from the 9 trial court prosecutors caseloads and assign them to specially trained and experienced SVU prosecutors.

If the ARPA prosecutors are not absorbed in the 2024-2025 budget, Williamson County victims of sexual abuse, adult and child alike, would no longer reap the benefits of this specialized unit.



Felony Jury Trials
Conducted Since 2017:

**21 Child Sexual Abuse Cases** 

**14 Capital Murder/ Murder** 

**13 Aggravated Assault** 

**8 Adult Sexual Assaults** 

**8 Aggravated Robbery** 

# **Total Felony SVU Cases**

2019 - 285

2020 - 294

2021 - 372

2022 - 427

2023 - 417

(These numbers <u>do not</u> include physical abuse cases)