

# WESTSIDE NEIGHBORS UNITED



# Monthly Meeting

Monday, September 11th  
*Greater Zion Hill Baptist Church*

With the  
Macon Judicial Circuit District Attorney's Office



# Macon Judicial Circuit District Attorney's Office Representatives



**ADA Amber Cook**  
*Domestic Violence Unit*



**ADA Breanna Foster**  
*Special Victims Unit*



**Mr. Jeremy Raines**  
*R.I.S.E Director*

# Specialized Prosecution Units

- New Initiative from DA Howard
- Began on January 1, 2023
- Major crimes division split into *focused* prosecution teams.
- Based on the idea that prosecutors who were focused in certain areas could
  - be more educated in that area,
  - have a greater connection with the law enforcement who is also typically focused by crime type, and
  - the recommendations/resolutions of the cases would be more consistent.

# Specialized Prosecution Units

- **Homicide Unit**

*all crimes involving death*

- Lead ADAs: Tony May & Dawn Baskin

- **Special Victims Unit**

*all crimes against children and all adult sex offenses*

- Lead ADA: Breanna Foster

- **Domestic Violence Unit**

*all crimes involving crimes between domestic partners or family members*

- Lead ADA: Amber Cook

- **Serious Violent Felony Unit**

*crimes involving firearms, weapons, violent thefts and gang prosecutions*

- Lead ADAs: Tommy Williams & Kyle Owenby
- Gang Violence Lead ADA: Taylor Wilson

- **Crimes against Administration**

*status offenses (failure to register/possess firearm by CF) and terroristic threats*

Specialized Prosecution  
Units have helped our office  
improve community safety  
by closing more cases, year  
over year.

# Specialized Prosecution Units

Compared to the year before, our Specialized Units are projected to have increased their closed cases significantly:

- **Special Victims**
  - 2019: 53
  - 2023: 96
  - 81.1% increase
- **Domestic Violence**
  - 2019: 60
  - 2023: 125
  - 108.3% increase
- **Serious Violent Felony**
  - 2019: 199
  - 2023: 425
  - 113.6% increase
- **Homicide**
  - 2019: 20
  - 2023: 44
  - 120% increase
- **Crimes against Administration**
  - 2019: 175
  - 2023: 240
  - 37.1% increase
- **Total**
  - 2019: 507
  - 2023: 930
  - 83.4% increase

# Specialized Prosecution Units

Compared to years prior to DA Howard's election, our office has already met/exceeded an entire years of work in half a years' time.

|                 | Special<br>Victims | Domestic<br>Violence | Serious<br>Violent<br>Felonies | Homicides | Crimes against<br>Administration | Total      |
|-----------------|--------------------|----------------------|--------------------------------|-----------|----------------------------------|------------|
| <b>2019</b>     | <b>53</b>          | <b>60</b>            | <b>199</b>                     | <b>20</b> | <b>175</b>                       | <b>507</b> |
| <b>1/2 2023</b> | <b>48</b>          | <b>62</b>            | <b>215</b>                     | <b>22</b> | <b>118</b>                       | <b>465</b> |

Data as of 06/30/23

**2019: 42.25 cases closed/month**

**2023: 77.5 cases closed/month**

# R.I.S.E. Initiative

“You cannot prosecute your way to a safer community” – DA Anita Howard

R.I.S.E. is improving public safety through protecting the most vulnerable.

With R.I.S.E., we match children who are impacted by the secondary victimization of violent crime with resources and positive experiences including mentorship, counseling, and summer camps.



**Restoring Inspiration by  
Success in Education**  
*District Attorney*  
**Anita Howard**



# Become a R.I.S.E. Ambassador

1. Help Spread the Word
2. Refer a Child to R.I.S.E.
3. Prepare Informational Packets
4. Assist in Outreach Events



Scan to sign up

# Stay Informed

- Regular Publications from Macon Judicial Circuit District Attorney's Office:
  - Justice Journal (Every 2 years)
  - The Brief (Every quarter)
- Sign up to get our newsletters on public safety and community events on our website: [www.maconjudicialcircuitda.com](http://www.maconjudicialcircuitda.com) or scan the QR Code to the right



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