## WESTSIDE NEIGHBORS UNITED \$\alpha \alpha \al

## 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
SpecialVictims Unit



Mr. Jeremy Raines
RISE Director





- 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.





- 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.

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



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	Domestic	Serious Violent	l la vala i da a	Crimes against	Tatal
2019	Victims <b>53</b>	Violence	Felonies <b>199</b>	Homicides	Administration  175	Total
		60		20	175	507
1/2 2023 Data as of 06/30/23	48	62	215	22	118	465

2019: 42.25 cases closed/month

2023: 77.5 cases closed/month



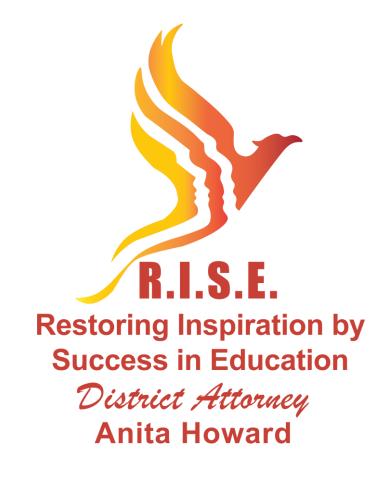


#### R.I.S.E. Initiative

"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.







#### 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





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## 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 or scan the QR Code to the right









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## Our office is here for you.

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