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***FROM THE DESK OF CHRISTINE A. HOFFMAN,
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A Year of Excellent Team Work: I am pleased to highlight some of the many initiatives' that we have accomplished this year.

The Gloucester County Chaplain Program was initiated to provide an overall better quality of service to the citizens of the County of Gloucester. In 2022 this Program continued to grow as we now have 32 chaplains and we are the first in the state to have on-call chaplains. The on-call chaplains are available 24 hours a day / 365 days a year. Within this Program Chaplains assist our office, local police, fire and EMS in times of need. They provide support not just for civilians, but also for police officers.

The GCPO participates in the Attorney General's Initiative to integrate law enforcement with the community in order to help those with addiction or disorders. GCPO has successfully implemented a program where individuals can walk into a police department and ask for immediate help and be connected to a treatment provider. This program is called, "Straight to Treatment." GCPO also successfully implemented a program inside of the municipality where offenders can also receive help for their addiction or disorder through the court system and be connected to a provider. This program is called, "Road to Recovery." GCPO is the first office in the state to effectively open both initiatives in all of the 21 policing jurisdictions within Gloucester County and continue the goal under the Attorney General's Initiative to link law enforcement with those who need help by offering individuals care and assistance with any disorder or addiction to place him or her on the path to recovery.

GCPO proudly celebrated Juneteenth hand in hand with Gloucester County NAACP and our community members. The Third Annual Juneteenth Celebration featured music, food, vendors, fun and a softball game wherein, GCPO was once again crowned champions! Congrats!

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INVESTIGATION DIVISION

Crime Scene Investigations Unit (CSIU)

The Crime Scene Investigation Unit provides various crime scene processing services to federal, state and county law enforcement agencies, as well as all municipal police departments within the County of Gloucester. The primary responsibility of the CSIU is the documentation, collection and preservation of evidence. The CSIU responds to a large variety of calls ranging from burglaries to homicides. Additional duties performed by the CSIU include fingerprint classification and comparison, courtroom testimony, blood spatter interpretation, shooting reconstruction, preparing charts and other courtroom presentations, photographic processing, photograph lineups, and police academy instruction Crash Investigations.

High Tech Crimes Unit (HTCU)

The Gloucester County Prosecutor's High Tech Crimes Unit is comprised of Assistant Prosecutors, Superior Officers and Detectives. The HTCU maintain a successful working relationship with the New Jersey State Police Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Taskforce, the United States Secret Service Electronic Crimes Taskforce (ECTF), and the Federal Bureau of Investigation Crimes Against Children and Human Trafficking Taskforce. These professionals are responsible for investigating and prosecuting crimes against children that are alleged to have been committed in Gloucester County, including the online sexual exploitation of children, luring/enticing, endangering, and human trafficking. They are also responsible for cyber crime investigations, including network intrusion, cyber harassment/bullying and cyber fraud.

The HTCU Detectives also provide investigative and technical assistance to other investigative units in the GCPO, as well as local law enforcement agencies in Gloucester County. HTCU Detectives conduct examinations of seized cellular phones, computers, surveillance systems, and other pieces of digital media for evidence of criminal activity.

Internet safety programs are presented to civic, business and educational organizations by members of the HTCU. HTCU Detectives also provide training to municipal police officers on topics such as the seizure and preservation of electronic evidence.

Major Crimes Unit (MCU)

The Major Crimes Unit investigates, either solely or in cooperation with officers from municipal police departments, any criminal allegation of a serious nature. These include but are not limited to death investigations (homicide, suicide, drug related or any suspicious death), missing persons, robberies, assaults, thefts, frauds, and firearms related cases. The MCU works closely with the municipal offices in conducting interviews with victims, suspects and potential witnesses, while also following through

with other aspects of an investigation. Additionally, the MCU works closely with the CSIU in securing evidence and submission of the evidence in the laboratory for analysis.

Additionally, the Major Crimes Unit provides investigative assistance in the form of personnel and recommendations to all local police departments and many state and federal agencies operating within the County of Gloucester.

The MCU also provides instruction to other agencies and organizations concerning various aspects of investigations and tips on crime prevention and detection.

Insurance Fraud Unit operates as both a reactive and proactive investigative entity. The goal of the IFU is to identify, investigate and prosecute violations of New Jersey's criminal statutes as they pertain to insurance fraud.

Crash Investigation Unit provides resources and personnel to properly investigate traffic related crime. THE CIU will handle all traffic cases referred to the Prosecutor's Office.

Elder Abuse Unit assists with municipalities and senior service providers to address and educate Gloucester County residents. Abuse can be a single, or repeated act, or lack of appropriate action, occurring within any relationship where there is an expectation of trust, which causes harm or distress to an older person.

Arson Unit primarily responsible for assisting in the investigation of all arson fires, suspicious fires, explosions, and the manufacturing of explosives. The investigation is often coordinated with the Gloucester County Fire Marshal's Office.

Bias Crimes Unit addresses reported acts of prejudice, hate or violence directed against individuals, groups or institutions because of race, color, religion, gender, disability, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, national origin or ethnicity. These incidents may result in physical or emotional injury, or property damage. A person who is convicted of a bias-motivated crime is subject to extended terms of imprisonment.

Special Victims Unit (SVU)

The Special Victims Unit coordinates a multi-disciplinary team approach to allegations of interpersonal violence to include physical and sexual assault of both adults and children, domestic violence, and human trafficking. The multi-disciplinary team is comprised of law enforcement, assistant prosecutors, victim advocates and medical personnel each committed to serve the most vulnerable victims of Gloucester County. The needs of the victim and offering support services is the priority of the Special Victims Unit. SVU works both independently and in cooperation with the other agencies to include the

local municipalities in the county, state and federal law enforcement agencies and the Division of Child Protection and Permanency. All of the members of SVU are trained forensic interviewers and have expertise in crimes against children.

The Special Victims Unit also maintains the Gloucester County Child Abduction Response Team (CART), which is a team of approximately 170 resources allocated if a child goes missing in Gloucester County.

The Special Victims Unit further oversees and is housed at the Child Advocacy Center of Gloucester County (CACGC) which provides a safe environment where victims can share their stories. The CACGC was created with funds from the Division of Children and Families. SVU is responsible for the CACGC's compliance with the accreditation standards of the National Children's Alliance.

Megan's Law Unit additionally falls under the Special Victims Unit where we oversee compliance amongst the local agencies who register offenders, verify residences of the offenders, and make community notification when necessary.

Fugitive Investigations Unit (FIU)

The Fugitive Investigations Unit is primarily responsible for the execution of all warrants issued by the Superior Court of Gloucester County with the exception of Violation of Probation warrants which are executed by the Sheriff's Office. FIU actively searches for local and out of state fugitives, coordinates large scale round-ups, and apprehends priority targets fugitives. The primary function is to locate criminal defendants who fail to appear for superior court proceedings. The Unit also prepares interstate agreements on detainees and governors warrants and interstate compact agreements for juvenile defendants.

US Marshalls Task Force - Gloucester County Prosecutor's Office collaborates with the United States Marshall's Service NY/NJ Regional Fugitive Task Force with the mission to apprehend the most dangerous and violent fugitives, exercise custody and transportation of federal prisoners, execute federal court orders and seize assets gained by illegal means.

Gangs, Guns, and Narcotics Task Force (GGNTF)

The primary mission of the Gangs, Guns, and Narcotics Task Force is the investigation of offenders who engage in gang related violence, especially those engaging in gun violence. The GGNTF targets drug enforcement where such enforcement is consistent with the larger mission of suppressing gangs and gun violence. The GGNTF Commander is responsible for reviewing and maintaining control of all manpower assignments, financial expenditures, grant management, and monitoring. The Unit

Commander is also responsible for the final review of daily and specialized tactical operations.

The GGNTF Entry Team is utilized for all search warrant and arrest warrant service. The team is a volunteer assignment and is comprised of Detectives from the Gloucester County Prosecutor's Office investigative units.

High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA)- Gloucester County Prosecutor's Office collaborates with the Liberty-Mid Atlantic High Intensity Drug Trafficking Task Force with the efforts to reduce drug trafficking, drug production, and related violent crimes in southeastern Pennsylvania, southern New Jersey and northern Delaware. The primary mission of this task force is to disrupt the market for illegal drugs by dismantling drug trafficking and money laundering organizations, while also providing treatment and drug prevention programs to help save lives and strengthen our communities.

Professional Standards Unit (PSU)

The responsibilities of the Professional Standards Unit include, but are not limited to, the review and investigation of complaints alleging bias intimidation and police misconduct, as well as the administration of Gloucester County's random drug testing policy for sworn officers.

LEGAL DIVISION

Trial Team

Trial Unit prosecutes indicted matters sent to the Prosecutor's Office by twenty-four (24) municipalities, including municipal court appeals. The Assistant Prosecutors assigned to this section manage all post-indictment litigation, which include arraignment/status conferences, motions, trials, sentencings, restitution hearings, extradition hearings, and post-conviction relief motions.

Special Prosecution

Special Prosecution Unit prosecutes cases that are investigated by the Major Crimes Unit and the Guns, Gangs, Narcotics, Task Force. These cases consist of serious crimes that occur in Gloucester County.

Appellate Unit is responsible for representing the state in appeals from convictions obtained by this office that the state Division of Criminal Justice elects not to handle. The Unit is also responsible for conducting excessive sentence oral arguments before the state Appellate Division and for responding to petitions for certification to the New Jersey Supreme Court. It is the mission of this unit to aggressively defend the convictions obtained by this office, by trial or guilty plea, as well the favorable and legally sound outcomes of motions decided by the trial courts.

Pretrial Unit reviews all complaints charged by the local police departments. Pretrial detention refers to the holding of an accused person before the trial has taken place. Each case will be judged on its own merit before a determination will be made as to whether the accused will be held before trial. A judge will decide whether the protection of the community is compelling enough to deem detention until the conclusion of the trial is appropriate, informed by a Public Safety Assessment (PSA) score.

Special Victims Unit

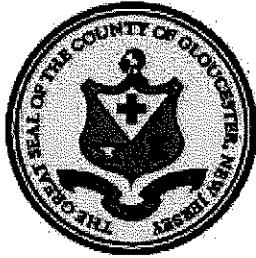
Special Victims Unit (SVU) is responsible for all cases involving the physical abuse of children and the sexual assault of both children and adults referred to the Gloucester County Prosecutor's Office for investigation and prosecution. Assistant prosecutors assigned to the unit screen, indict and prosecute all referred and original investigations.

Family Court Unit is responsible for prosecuting all non-indictable domestic violence contempt complaints.

Juvenile Unit is responsible for prosecuting juveniles for acts of delinquency, which range from petty disorderly persons offenses to first degree offenses. The unit serves as a resource for law enforcement officers and frequently provides legal guidance on juvenile issues to municipal officers. Furthermore, the unit also participates in a number of committees and programs that address juvenile rehabilitation and restorative justice, as well presents to schools and organizations.

Victim/Witness Unit

Victim Witness Unit has professionals throughout the Prosecutor's Office staff specifically trained in helping individuals cope with the aftermath of crime victimization, making their participation in the criminal justice system less difficult, and less burdensome. Advocates explain the criminal justice system and provide literature to crime victims to help them understand it. The Unit is dedicated to ensuring that victims are afforded the protections of the New Jersey Crime Victim's Bill of Rights, N.J.S.A. 52:4B-36.



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