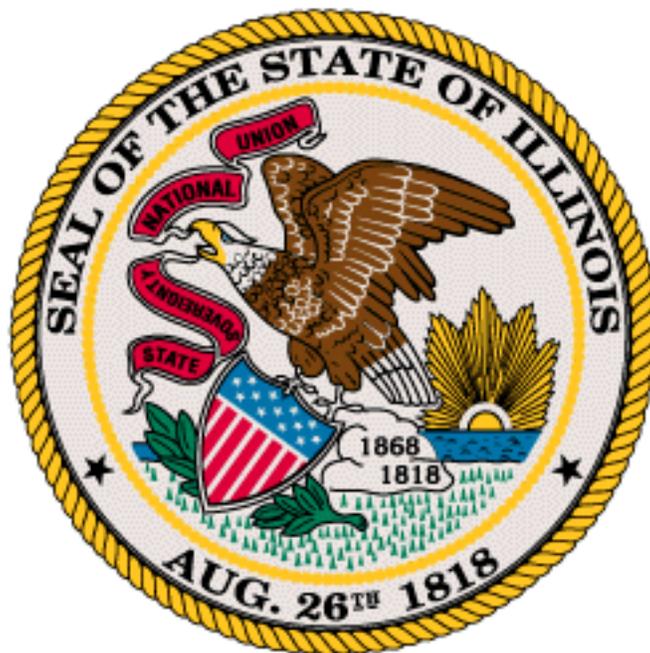


**Office of the State's Attorney
Union County, Illinois**

2015 Annual Report



**Tyler R. Edmonds,
State's Attorney**

A Letter from the State's Attorney

It is truly an honor to serve as your State's Attorney and I am again pleased to present the State's Attorney's Annual Report for your review. Since 2009, annual publication of this report has promoted transparency and accountability while also updating elected officials, law enforcement and social service agencies, and the citizens of Union County on efforts of the State's Attorney's Office.

This Annual Report provides information regarding the structure, staffing, funding and expenditures of the State's Attorney's Office as well as a breakdown of cases filed, fines and restitution to crime victims.

The services provided by the State's Attorney's Office are only possible because of a dedicated staff and the efforts of law enforcement and other agencies such as the Department of Children and Family Services and the Child Advocacy Center. I hope this Annual Report increases public awareness of the hard work of these individuals while also providing important information regarding the efforts of this office in 2015.

Sincerely,



Tyler R. Edmonds
Union County State's Attorney

Office Overview

The Union County State's Attorney's Office is responsible for prosecuting all violations of criminal law occurring within Union County on behalf of the People of the State of Illinois. Additionally, the office serves as legal counsel to Union County government including the Board of County Commissioners and other elected officials. The State's Attorney's Office also prosecutes violations of Union County ordinances and represents the County in civil court proceedings.

The State's Attorney's Office consists of three full-time attorneys and three full-time legal assistants. The office's Victim Advocate Unit provides services to crime victims and consists of one full-time Victim Advocate and a part-time Victim-Witness Coordinator.

The guiding principle for the Union County State's Attorney's Office is found in Illinois Supreme Court Rule 3.8:

The duty of a public prosecutor . . . is to seek justice, not merely to convict.

In each individual case, the office seeks to ensure that justice is served for all parties involved and for the People of the State of Illinois.

Significant Office Accomplishments

- Murphysboro man sentenced to 15 years for Predatory Criminal Sexual Assault of a Child

- Two Anna men each sentenced to maximum term of 20 years for Second Degree Murder in 2014 beating death of Anna man; one co-defendant sentenced to additional consecutive term of 6 years for Domestic Battery in unrelated case

- Jefferson County man and woman sentenced to 10 years and 7 years respectively for 2013 Armed Robbery of Jonesboro nursing home

- Jonesboro man sentenced to 10 years for Home Invasion and Methamphetamine Manufacturing

- Johnson County man sentenced to 10 years for Methamphetamine Conspiracy

- Two Anna men sentenced to 7 years and 4 years respectively and ordered to pay nearly \$10,000 in restitution for string of church burglaries in 2014

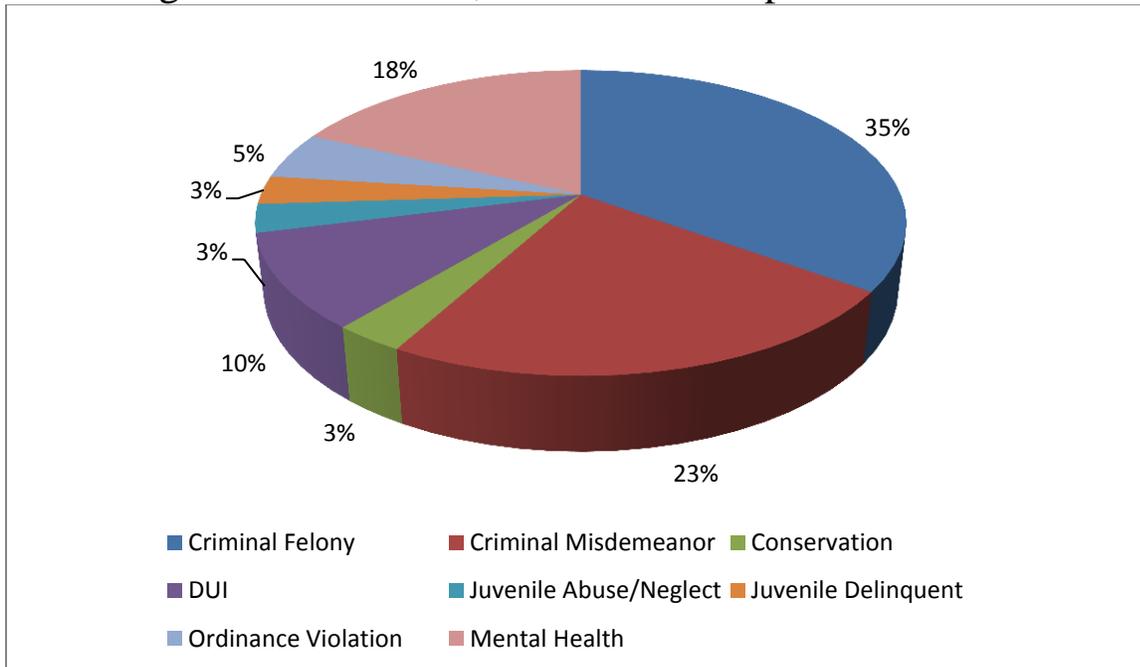
- Arkansas man sentenced to 6 years for Aggravated Driving a Vehicle While Under the Influence of Drugs

Criminal Prosecution

The State's Attorney's Office is responsible for prosecuting all crimes that occur within Union County and pursuing certain civil matters including Juvenile Abuse and Neglect cases and involuntary mental health commitments. During 2015, **3858** cases were opened with the following breakdown:

<u>Case Type</u>	<u>Filings</u>
Criminal Felony	265
Criminal Misdemeanor	171
Conservation	20
DUI	76
Juvenile Abuse/Neglect	23
Juvenile Delinquent	27
Ordinance Violation	36
Mental Health	136
Traffic	3104
Total	3858

Excluding Traffic Citations, these cases compare as follows:



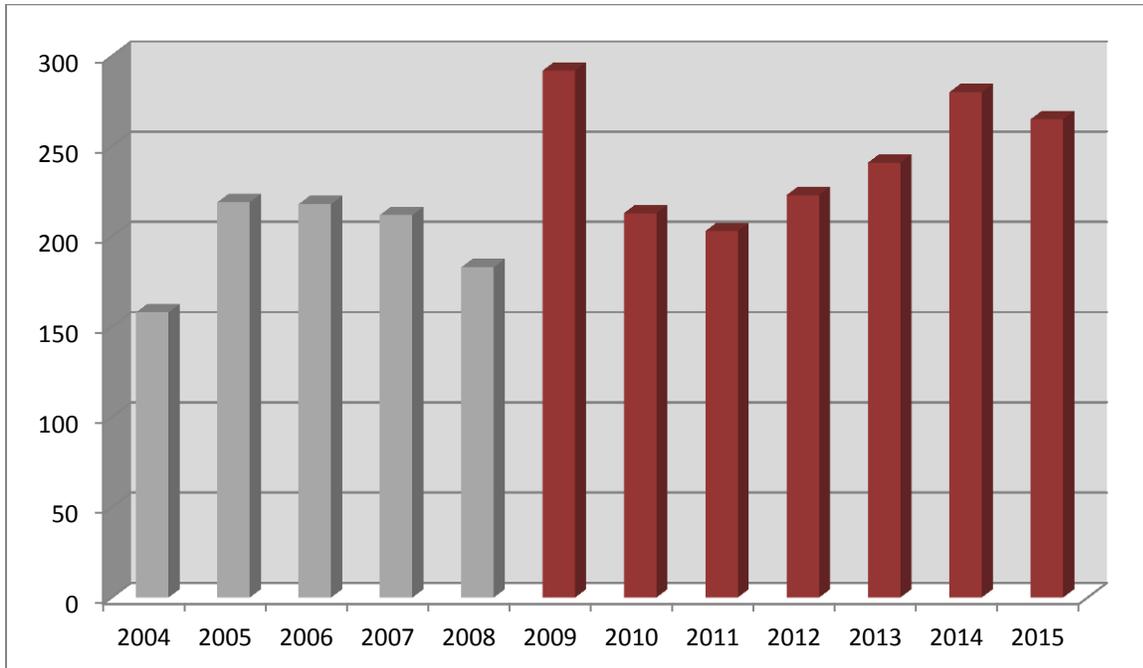
Felony Cases

Felonies Filed

During 2015, the State's Attorney's Office filed **265** felony cases.

Year	Felony Cases Filed
2004	158
2005	219
2006	218
2007	212
2008	183
2009	292
2010	213
2011	203
2012	223
2013	241
2014	280
2015	265

These numbers can be compared as follows:

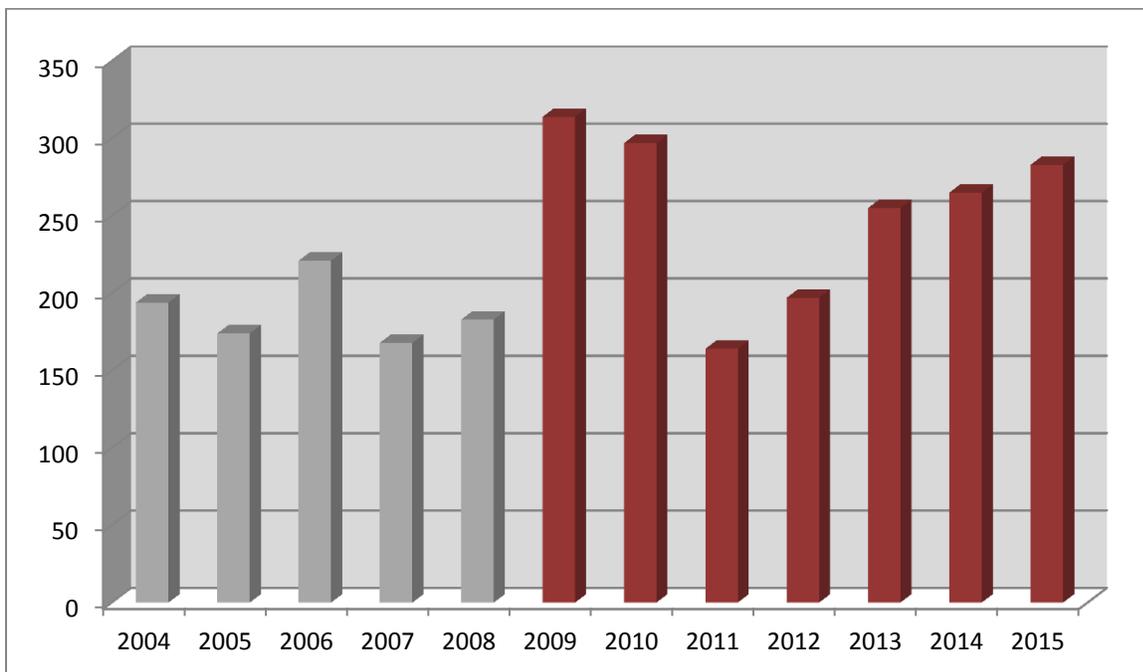


Felony Dispositions

Beginning in 2009, the State's Attorney's Office undertook a concerted effort to reduce the backlog of open cases and achieve dispositions in as timely a manner as possible. Moving cases quickly and efficiently through the court system results in better outcomes at trial, protects the public from repeat offenders and provides certainty and closure for victims and the community. During 2015, dispositions were achieved in **283** felony cases, a number significantly higher than the pre-2009 average.

Year	Felony Dispositions
2004	194
2005	174
2006	221
2007	168
2008	183
2009	314
2010	297
2011	164
2012	197
2013	255
2014	265
2015	283

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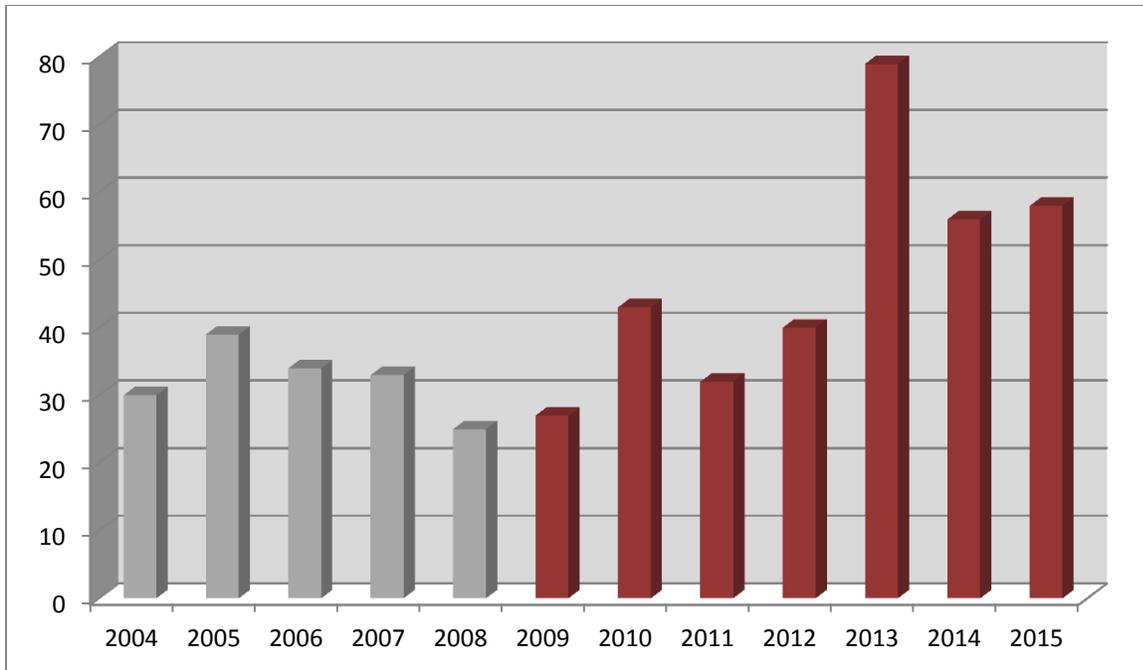


Department of Corrections Sentences

In certain felony cases, sentences to the Illinois Department of Corrections (IDOC) are necessary to protect the public. In 2015, the State's Attorney's Office obtained convictions resulting in **58** IDOC sentences.

Year	IDOC Sentences
2004	30
2005	39
2006	34
2007	33
2008	25
2009	27
2010	43
2011	32
2012	40
2013	79
2014	56
2015	58

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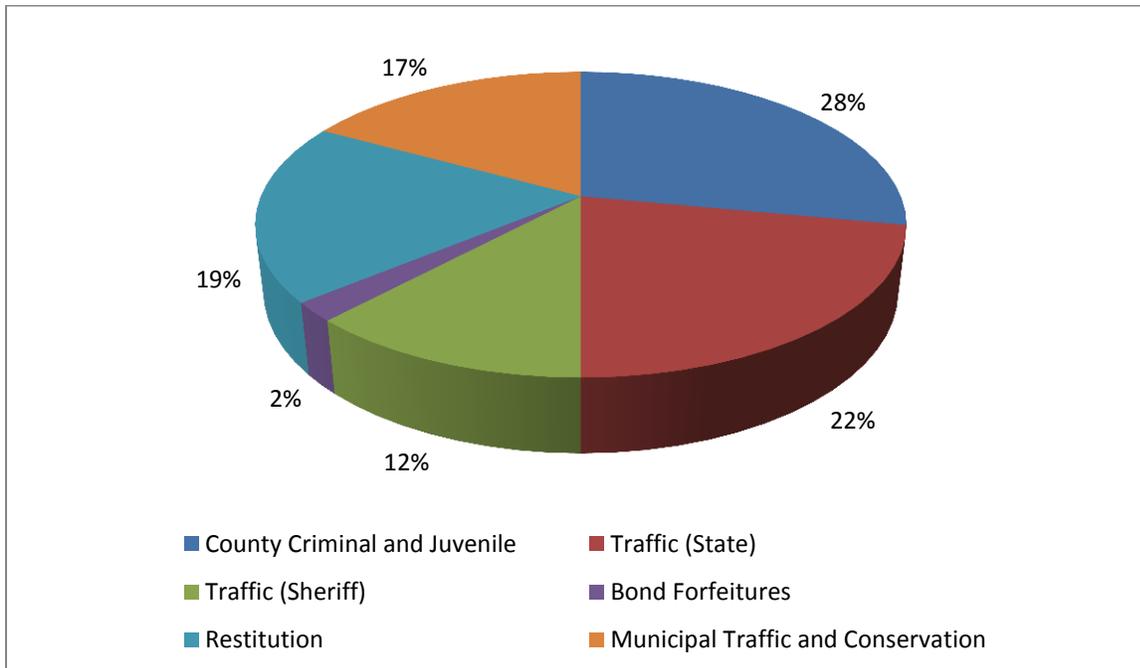


Fines and Restitution

During 2015, the State's Attorney's Office collected over **\$388,000** in fines, forfeitures, and other costs to criminal defendants. This amount includes over **\$72,000** in restitution to crime victims.

Type of Fine / Judgment	Amount
County Criminal and Juvenile	\$107,106.25
Traffic (State Police)	\$85,211.98
Traffic (Sheriff)	\$48,051.70
Bond Forfeitures	\$9,157.00
Restitution	\$72,685.65
Municipal Traffic and Conservation	\$65,968.72
Total	\$388,181.30

These numbers can be compared as follows:



Victim's Advocate Unit

The State's Attorney's Office's Victim's Advocate Unit (VAU) provides a variety of services to crime victims to help lessen the trauma associated with victimization. The VAU consists of one Victim's Advocate and one Victim-Witness Coordinator providing a variety of services including:

- Assistance in seeking orders of protection
- 24-hour crisis intervention
- Orientation to court process and procedure
- Regular updates regarding case status and disposition
- Personal, legal, and medical advocacy as well as emotional support
- Referrals to appropriate social service agencies
- Assisting in applying for victim compensation through the Illinois Attorney General's Office
- Enrollment in Illinois Automated Victim Notification System providing victims with automatic updates regarding case and custody status

During 2015, the VAU provided services to **542** crime victims.

Civil Practice

The State's Attorney's Office is responsible for legal representation of the County of Union as well as Union County elected officials. The office provides a variety of services in fulfilling these obligations including pursuing and defending civil litigation, negotiating collective bargaining agreements, real property transactions and contracts, and representing the County in grievance and administrative proceedings.

Asset Forfeiture

The State's Attorney's Office, under appropriate circumstances, takes legal action to seize and forfeit property used to facilitate crime or which constitutes the proceeds of crime. During 2015, judgment was awarded to the People of the State of Illinois on ten vehicles, one residential property, and over \$8000 cash used in the commission of qualifying offenses.

Budget and Expenditures

During Fiscal Year 2015 (December 1, 2014 to November 30, 2015), expenditures of the State's Attorney's Office were **\$6741.28 under budget** with total expenditures of \$411,726.72 and total budget of \$418,468.00.



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