

State's Attorney's Summary

	Actual FY 06	Original Budget FY 07	Adjusted Budget FY 07	Recomm Budget FY 08	% Change From Orig. FY 07	% Change From Adj. FY 07
State's Attorney's Office	\$1,705,605	\$1,836,100	\$1,816,015	\$1,965,920	7.07%	8.25%
Victim Witness Assistance	152,044	164,530	164,530	170,910	3.88%	3.88%
Total State's Attorney	\$1,857,649	\$2,000,630	\$1,980,545	\$2,136,830	6.81%	7.89%

Budget Changes

- Differences between the FY 07 Original Budgets and the FY 07 Adjusted Budgets are primarily due to salary adjustments.
- The 8.06% increase in the State's Attorney's Office budget in FY 08 is primarily due to the addition of an Assistant State's Attorney position and fees for outside consulting.

Highlights, Changes and Useful Information

- Total cases continue to increase each year.

Court	CY 04	CY 05	CY 06
Circuit Court	1,454	1,247	1,238
District Court	4,122	3,792	5,124
Juvenile Court	506	399	457
Totals	6,082	5,438	6,819

- Over 16,836 written and 3,053 telephone court notifications have been provided to victims and witnesses by Victim Witness Assistance Unit staff during 2006. Court accompaniment has been provided to approximately 684 victims and witnesses in over 650 cases.
- More than 290 victim interviews have been conducted and over 866 referrals have been given to victims in need of counseling.

State's Attorney's Office

Description	Actual FY 06	Original Budget FY 07	Adjusted Budget FY 07	Recomm Budget FY 08	% Change From Original FY 07	% Change From Adjusted FY 07
Personnel	\$1,630,560	\$1,741,635	\$1,721,550	\$1,864,010	7.03%	8.28%
Operating	74,854	93,350	93,350	100,710	7.88%	7.88%
Capital Outlay	192	1,115	1,115	1,200	7.62%	7.62%
Total	\$1,705,605	\$1,836,100	\$1,816,015	\$1,965,920	7.07%	8.25%
Employees FTE	33.50	33.50	33.50	34.50	-----	-----

Note: The Adjusted Budget includes budget changes made during the year. On-going mid-year changes have been annualized for comparison purposes.

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Mission and Goals

It is the mission of the State's Attorney's Office (SAO) to aggressively and effectively prosecute those who break the law, while pursuing appropriate punishment and providing services and resources to victims of crimes.

Goals include:

- Prosecute criminal cases effectively while showing compassion and providing services to those who find themselves victims of crime.
- Seek restitution to attempt to make victims whole.
- Secure incarceration for individuals who commit crimes.
- Enhance the security of our community.

Description

The Carroll County SAO is a governmental entity responsible for the prosecution of all crimes that occur in Carroll County which represent violations of either State or local law. The SAO prosecutes all criminal misdemeanor and felony cases, including assault, child abuse, malicious destruction, theft, robbery, rape, sexual offenses, burglary, murder, automobile manslaughter and various other criminal activities. The SAO also prosecutes individuals charged with serious traffic offenses, such as driving while intoxicated or with a suspended license.

The State of Maryland Constitution and the Annotated Code of Maryland mandate the SAO. These obligations are expanded and defined further by the Maryland Rules of Criminal Procedure, as well as State, Federal and Supreme Court decisions. The SAO specialized units are either responsible or assist in the prosecution of certain cases. State's Attorney's Specialized Units include Domestic Violence, Drug Enforcement, Drug Education/Awareness, White Collar Crimes, Mediation, Child Advocacy, Victim Services, Juvenile Crime, Child Support Collection Unit and Career/Specialist Prosecution.

Program Highlights

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Budget Changes

- The difference between the FY 07 Original Budget and the FY 07 Adjusted Budget is primarily due to salary adjustments.
- The 8.07% increase in personnel in FY 08 is primarily due to the planned 5% increase in salaries and the addition of an Assistant State's Attorney.
- The 7.88% increase in operating is primarily due to the addition of outside consulting and analytical assistance for economic crimes.

Positions

Title	Type	FTE
<i>Assistant State's Attorney I</i>	Full-time	2.00
<i>Assistant State's Attorney II</i>	Full-time	4.00
<i>Chief Investigator</i>	Full-time	1.00
<i>Chief Deputy State's Attorney</i>	Full-time	1.00
<i>Deputy State's Attorney</i>	Full-time	1.00
<i>Investigator</i>	Full-time	4.00
<i>Law Clerk</i>	Full-time	1.00
<i>Office Administrator</i>	Full-time	1.00
<i>Prosecution Aide</i>	Full-time	1.00
<i>Prosecution Aide</i>	Part-time	0.50
<i>Prosecution Assistant</i>	Full-time	11.00
<i>Senior Asst. State's Attorney</i>	Full-time	5.00
<i>Specialty Unit Supervisor</i>	Full-time	1.00
<i>State's Attorney</i>	By-law	1.00
Total		34.50

See the Grants page for funding details of SAO Child Support function and other SAO grant information.

Victim Witness Assistance

Description	Actual FY 06	Original Budget FY 07	Adjusted Budget FY 07	Recomm Budget FY 08	% Change From Original FY 07	% Change From Adjusted FY 07
Personnel	\$142,750	\$150,540	\$150,540	\$158,020	4.97%	4.97%
Operating	9,293	13,990	13,990	12,890	-7.86%	-7.86%
Capital Outlay	0	0	0	0	0.00%	0.00%
Total	\$152,044	\$164,530	\$164,530	\$170,910	3.88%	3.88%
Employees FTE	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	-----	-----

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Mission and Goals

It is the mission of the Victim Witness Assistance Unit to provide crime victims with improved treatment, assistance and services necessary to speed their recovery from the criminal act, to support and aid victims as they move through the criminal justice process and ensure that all victims receive all rights and benefits afforded them under the laws and the State of Maryland Constitution.

Goals Include:

- Promote an integrated community system of victim assistance thereby increasing coordination and networking of all appropriate agencies, organizations and groups that provide services to victims of crime.
- Provide consideration and personal attention to victims and witnesses that ultimately aid in the healing process.
- Assure all victims and witnesses are informed on the progress of their cause.
- Expand the victim's opportunity to participate in appropriate stages of the criminal justice process and ensure consideration of the impact of the crime upon the victim in major criminal justice decisions.
- Aid in the successful prosecution of crimes perpetrated upon the citizens of Carroll County.
- Ensure compliance with Victim's Rights legislation enacted to protect and enforce the statutory rights of victims.

Description

Victim Witness Assistance is a specialized unit of the State's Attorney's Office that assists victims and witnesses in dealing with the emotional, social, physical, financial and legal consequences of crime.

Victim Witness Assistance provides a full range of services to victims of both felony and misdemeanor crimes. Services include the provision of on-going information regarding the status of criminal cases and explanation of and orientation to the judicial process, referrals to social service and mental health agencies, intercession to victims/witnesses with crime related employer problems, aid with filing victim compensation claims

and assistance with court appearance problems on an as needed basis. In addition, help is provided in the preparation of Victim Impact Statements and assistance is rendered to persons requesting post conviction court and inmate status notifications.

Program Highlights

- 16,836 written and 3,053 telephone court notifications have been provided to victims and witnesses by Victim Witness Assistance unit staff during 2006.
- More than 290 victim interviews have been conducted and over 866 referrals have been given to victims in need of counseling or support services.

Budget Changes

- Generally, salaries were planned to grow at 5% between FY 07 and FY 08. Most budgets, including this one, were held at or near that level.
- The 7.86% decrease in operating expenses in FY 08 is primarily due to budgeting postage through the State's Attorney Budget.

Positions

Title	Type	FTE
<i>Administrative Assistant</i>	Full-time	1.00
<i>Director</i>	Full-time	1.00
<i>District Court Coordinator</i>	Full-time	1.00
<i>Family Violence Coordinator</i>	Full-time	1.00
Total		4.00