



OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY
SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT
STATE OF NEW MEXICO
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The Bernalillo County District Attorney’s Office receives over 16,000 cases a year, including nearly 130 felony cases each week. Due to the nature, volume, and complexity of the cases this office handles, we have made it a priority to provide as many resources as possible and specialty support for our attorneys and staff, which is reflected in the FY26 appropriation requests.

Vacancy Rate	
January 3, 2023	22%
November 18, 2024	10%
Attorneys hired since January 3, 2023	73
Support Staff hired since January 3, 2023	92

Pre-Prosecution Diversion Since January 3, 2023	
Successful Completions	438
Total Clients	825

Homicide Convictions

Successful recruitment and retention efforts have made it possible for our office to reduce caseloads and ensure more justice for victims of crime. Since January 3, 2023, we have **convicted over 250 people of homicide** by trial or by plea agreement.

The homicide division had nearly 50 homicide cases per attorney at the beginning of 2023. Now, they have less than 24 homicide cases per attorney.

Cold Case Rapes – SAKI
 Convicted 18 people, who were linked to 37 rapes dating back to the 80s.

Operating Budget Request
 (dollars in thousands)

Operating Budget Appropriation Request Variance				
	FY25	FY26	Differences	%
General Fund	\$34,046.8	\$39,568.9	\$5,522.1	16%
Grant Funds	\$3,510.9	\$3,567.8	\$56.9	2%
Total Base	\$37,557.7	\$43,136.7	\$5,579.0	15%
Zero % Vacancy Rate and Base Expansion of 7 positions				

All Funds by Category				
Category	FY25	FY26	Differences	%
200s	\$34,182.2	\$39,219.7	\$5,037.5	
300s	\$1,194.9	\$1,080.8	-\$114.1	
400s	\$2,180.6	\$2,836.2	\$655.6	
Total	\$37,557.7	\$43,136.7	\$5,579.0	15%

Domestic Violence Team Expansion			
9 Positions			\$981.3
IT Equipment, training, HCM assessment			\$38.7
		Total	\$1,020.0

The Domestic Violence Team specialize in victimless prosecution, cases filed under the Family Violence Protection Act, and on Extreme Risk Firearm Protection Orders.

Special Appropriation Request – Organized Crime Commission (OCC)

FY26 Special Appropriation Request - OCC	
Salary and Benefits	\$2,877.1
Contractual	\$350.0
Other Category	\$1,224.4
Total Funding Requested	\$4,451.5
Funded FTE	10

FY25 through FY26 funding for OCC will be used to maintain current operations, expand staff, continue supporting intelligence efforts against criminal organizations throughout the state. In the last two months, the OCC has conducted major operations in northern, southern, and central New Mexico, disrupting dozens of stash houses and rescuing over 200 migrants.

Supplemental Request

FY25 Supplemental	
Retention	\$1,000.0
Expert Witness and Transcription Fees	\$500.0
Supplemental	\$1,500.0

The supplemental request seeks to address funding shortfalls, ensuring that the Office has the resources needed to recruit and retain skilled prosecutorial staff, secure expert testimony when needed, and ensure timely and accurate documentation through transcription services—all of which are critical to the success of prosecution efforts.



Bernalillo County District Attorney's Office Crime Strategies Unit (CSU)

Warrant Enforcement Fund (WEF)

During the 2023 Regular Legislative Session, the New Mexico Legislature appropriated ten million dollars (\$10,000,000) for felony warrant enforcement statewide. Of the ten million dollars, Bernalillo County was allocated five million dollars (\$5,000,000) to pay for law enforcement overtime hours needed for the warrant enforcement operations. The Second Judicial District Attorney's Office (DA's Office) developed a method of tracking and distributing the funds to law enforcement partners.

Warrant Enforcement Funds	
Budget	\$5,000,000.00
Expense	\$2,469,602.78
Balance	\$2,530,397.22

- Collaboration between the DA's Office, Albuquerque Police Department, the Bernalillo County Sheriff's Department, New Mexico State Police, and New Mexico Department of Corrections.
- Project began on July 1, 2023, with 5,620 active felony warrants in Bernalillo County. As of November 1, 2024, there were 5,535 active felony warrants.
- Law enforcement has stabilized a steady decrease of felony warrants, despite new felony warrants issued daily.
- 776 warrants have been cleared by arrest; 497 arrests made; 131 warrants cleared for deceased defendants.
- **CSU has over 200 felony arrests and has participated in over 40 operations with law enforcement partners.**

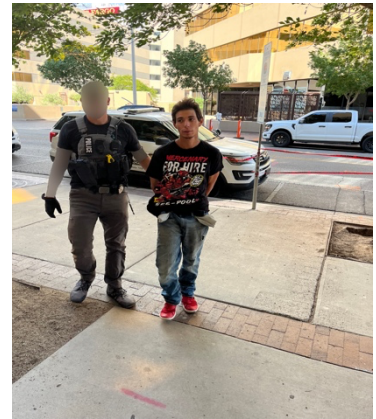
CSU Warrant Enforcement Arrests



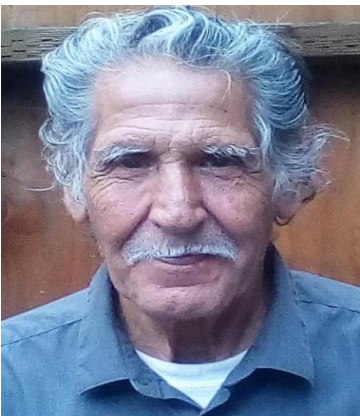
Jayde Lucas. **Murder (1st Degree)**. Tied to a 2018 triple homicide.



Michael Baker. **Robbery; Aggravated Battery with a Deadly Weapon**.



Zaenan Chiamonte; **Criminal Sexual Penetration of a Child under 13; Trafficking Controlled Substance**.



Santos Aguilar. **Criminal Sexual Contact of a Minor**.



Kristopher Darling. **Murder (1st Degree); Shooting at or from a Motor Vehicle**.



Falon Cole. **Shooting at an Occupied Building**



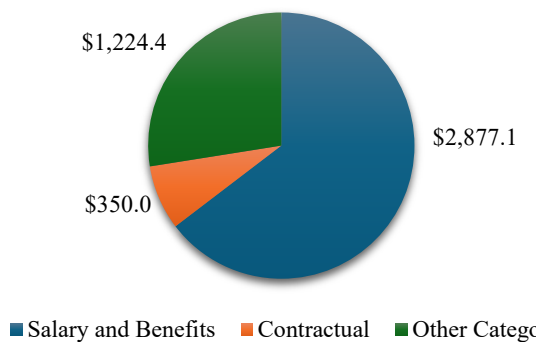
NEW MEXICO ORGANIZED CRIME COMMISSION

*Chairman Sam Bregman
John Allen
Jason Bowie
Sonya K. Chavez
Eddie Flores
Marcus Montoya
Judith K. Nakamura*

The Organized Crime Commission (OCC) has been tasked by the Governor to assess and to evaluate current efforts by law enforcement throughout New Mexico to combat organized crime in the areas of Human Trafficking, Drug Trafficking, and Gun Smuggling. This appropriation will allow agents and analysts to continue to lead and expand efforts against criminal organizations throughout the state. The Organized Crime Commission will continue to use its unique position to act as a bridge between international, federal, state, and tribal law enforcement partners to create and distribute intelligence on criminal organizations to the agencies that need the information the most.

The original OCC budget from the 63rd Legislative session in 1974 was \$358.6 thousand. Based on inflation, the equivalent in 2024 is \$1.6 million, however the original budget did not account for equipment, vehicles, weapons, computers and licensing. Thus, in order to modernize and fully re-establish the division will require approximately \$4.5 million dollars for the next two years. This funding will sustain the division through FY27.

Special Appropriation Request



2025 Special Appropriation Request (\$4.5 Million)

- Personal Services and Benefits (200s) for ten (10) FTE to include OCC Division Director, Deputy Director, Data Analysts, Lead Investigator, Senior Investigators, Attorney, Intelligence Analysts and support staff.
- Contractual Services (300s) to include consulting, specialized training, and field experts all related to organized crime.
- Other (400s) to include vehicles, equipment for law enforcement staff, furniture, information technology equipment, software applications necessary for intelligence operations and business functions.

2024 Successes

- Rescued over 200 migrants and disrupted dozens of stash houses as a part of Operation Disruption with New Mexico State Police.
- Dismantled multiple dangerous gangs in New Mexico with the Federal Bureau of Investigation.
- Destroyed 160,000 pounds of illegal cannabis with Cannabis Control Division and New Mexico State Police in San Juan County.
- Shut down a cannabis dispensary with alleged ties to Cartels.
- Co-drafted Human Trafficking legislation with the New Mexico Department of Justice.
- Closed 9 sex trafficking massage parlors and seized \$89,995 with Albuquerque Police Department.
- Opened investigations on illegal labor trafficking exploitation of Mexican migrants in New Mexico.
- Current investigations on the dangerous gang Tren De Aragua in cooperation with Homeland Security Investigations.