

#### OFFICE OF THE STATE'S ATTORNEY

### Major Accomplishments, Key Objectives, and FY24 Budget

Anne Colt Leitess
State's Attorney for Anne Arundel County



### FY24 SAO Staff

- 60 Attorneys (2 are PT)
- 19 Victim/Witness Advocates (3 are PT)
- 60 Support Staff + 9 part time (1 BWC, 2 Law Clerks,
  - **5 District Court, 1 Circuit Court)**



**Circuit Court - Main Office** 



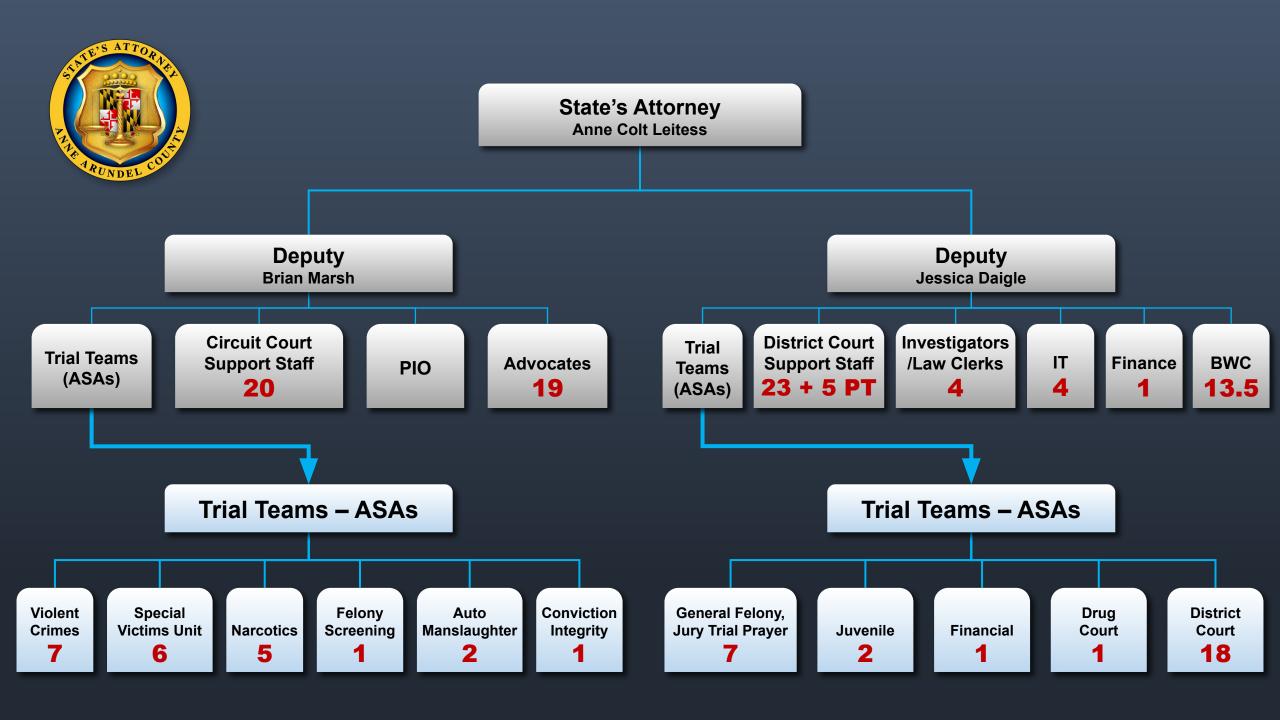
**Annapolis District Court** 



**Glen Burnie District Court** 



**Body Camera Review Office** 





### Awards



Jennifer Doud Anne Arundel Bar Association President's Award



**Marot Williamson:** The Daily Record **Leading Women under 40** 



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**Anne Colt Leitess** Anti Defamation League SHIELD award for Hate Gang Prosecution

Bill Katcef- Md. State's Attorney Attorney Association President's Award



### **Key Objective: Commitment to Community**





National Night Out August 2, 2022



Protecting Places of Worship Forum October 11, 2022



## Major Accomplishment: Juvenile Justice Therapeutic Crisis Intervention Project









Shantae' Elliott-Lucas, Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor-Federal Grant employee at SAO



### Major Accomplishment: Successful Prosecution of Navy Mom murder

Jury finds Angelo Harrod guilty of murder in shooting death of Naval Academy mother Michelle Cummings

By Dan Belson

Capital Gazette • Dec 13, 2022 at 3:00 pm







### Annapolis man sentenced to life in prison for killing Naval Academy mother Michelle Cummings at West Street hotel

By Luke Parker

Capital Gazette • Feb 24, 2023 at 4:04 pm











## Major Accomplishments: Other Notable Successful Prosecutions

Man sentenced to 30 years for stabbing at Glen Burnie restaurant

By Dan Belson Capital Gazette • Apr 11, 2022 at 2:02 pm MS-13 GANG MEMBER

Man sentenced to life for attempted rape of Mayo woman, 75

By Dan Belson Capital Gazette • Aug 30, 2022 at 5:43 pm

Suspect pleads guilty to murder in 2019 Glen Burnie stabbing

By Dan Belson Capital Gazette • May 20, 2022 at 5:52 pm

Former Anne Arundel County school employee gets 45-year sentence in fourth sexual abuse case

By Dan Belson Capital Gazette • Mar 30, 2022 at 10:25 am



#### Major Accomplishment: Fully Staffed Body Worn Camera Review Unit





# Major Accomplishment: Child Survivors Justice Program





The Child Survivors Justice Program enhances the recognition, assessment and investigation of child abuse and neglect cases in the State's Attorney's Office for Anne Arundel County.

Through staff training and direct

trauma-informed support for child survivors and

their families, the program promotes mental health well-being

and limits additional trauma to children involved in the justice system.



Kendall Patterson
Licensed Clinical Professional
Counselor



### Position Control Number for VAWA Advocate: \$0 cost

#### DANGER ASSESSMENT

Jacquelyn C. Campbell, Ph.D., R.N.

Several risk factors have been associated with increased risk of homicides (murders) of women and men in violent relationships. We cannot predict what will happen in your case, but we would like you to be aware of the danger of homicide in situations of abuse and for you to see how many of the risk factors apply to your situation.

Using the calendar, please mark the approximate dates during the past year when you were abused by your partner or ex partner. Write on that date how bad the incident was according to the following scale:

- 1. Slapping, pushing; no injuries and/or lasting pain
- 2. Punching, kicking; bruises, cuts, and/or continuing pain
- "Beating up"; severe contusions, burns, broken bones
   Threat to use weapon; head injury, internal injury, permanent injury
- 5. Use of weapon; wounds from weapon

(If any of the descriptions for the higher number apply, use the higher number.)

Mark **Yes** or **No** for each of the following. ("He" refers to your husband, partner, ex-husband, expartner, or whoever is currently physically hurting you.)

- 1. Has the physical violence increased in severity or frequency over the past year?
- Does he own a gun?
- 3. Have you left him after living together during the past year?
  - 3a. (If have never lived with him, check here\_\_\_)
  - 4 Is he unemployed?
- 5. Has he ever used a weapon against you or threatened you with a lethal weapon?
  - (If yes, was the weapon a gun?\_\_\_)
- Does he threaten to kill you?
- 7. Has he avoided being arrested for domestic violence?
- 8. Do you have a child that is not his?
  - 9. Has he ever forced you to have sex when you did not wish to do so?
- \_\_\_\_\_10. Does he ever try to choke you?
- Does he use illegal drugs? By drugs, I mean "uppers" or amphetamines, "meth", speed, angel dust, cocaine, "crack", street drugs or mixtures.
- 12. Is he an alcoholic or problem drinker?
  - 13. Does he control most or all of your daily activities? For instance: does he tell you who you can be friends with, when you can see your family, how much money you can use, or when you can take the car? (If he tries, but you do not let him, check here:

    )
- \_\_\_\_ 14. Is he violently and constantly jealous of you? (For instance, does he say "If I can't have you, no one can.")
- \_\_\_\_ 15. Have you ever been beaten by him while you were pregnant? (If you have never been pregnant by him, check here: \_\_\_)
- 16. Has he ever threatened or tried to commit suicide?
- \_\_\_\_ 17. Does he threaten to harm your children?
  - \_\_\_\_ 18. Do you believe he is capable of killing you?
- \_\_\_\_ 19. Does he follow or spy on you, leave threatening notes or messages, destroy your property, or call you when you don't want him to?
- \_\_\_ 20. Have you ever threatened or tried to commit suicide?
  Total "Yes" Answers

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Thank you. Please talk to your nurse, advocate or counselor about what the Danger Assessment means in terms of your situation.



Niria Jean-Louis
Victim Witness Advocate
Domestic Violence







## New Case Coordinator Position Combine 2 hourly employees = 1 full time Cost: \$22.6K (approx)













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