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RE: 2025 END-OF-YEAR MESSAGE FROM THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY

Dear Sullivan County residents:

As your District Attorney, I am proud to present the inaugural 2025 End-of-Year Report of the Sullivan County District Attorney's Office. In this report, you will see results of the hard work of our prosecutors, investigators, support staff, and crime victim specialist coordinator working together with our law enforcement partners in the County and throughout the State to secure justice for crime victims, as well as some of our significant achievements beyond the courtroom.

Throughout 2025, this office secured significant case outcomes, innovated criminal investigative strategies, and improved services for crime victims and their families. Additionally, we continued to strengthen our collaboration with local, state, and federal law enforcement partners, community organizations, and governmental agencies.

In pursuit of these endeavors, we are proud to have achieved several notable firsts in the history of the Sullivan County. Specifically, and as further detailed herein:

1. The creation of the Sullivan County District Attorney's Office's Cyber Investigations Unit;
2. The creation and partnership with Sullivan County's Quick Response Team;
3. The employment of this Office's first Crime Victim Specialist Coordinator; and
4. The promotion of Scott Kinne to the Chief Investigator for the District Attorney.

Additionally, this office secured many other remarkable achievements, such as the recruitment of the full complement of Assistant District Attorneys allotted for within our budget. These are noteworthy highlights of a transformed and modernized DA's Office with an eye toward additional goals that I have set for my team in 2026.

Indeed, there is much more to be done. Safeguarding public safety requires adapting to the ever-evolving world of narcotics trafficking and dynamic technological advancements within our community, among others. Nonetheless, as a result of the foregoing achievements, my team and I are likewise evolving and are now better equipped to meet these emerging threats, ensure

dangerous offenders are held accountable, vindicate the rights of crime victims during the judicial process, and support pathways to rehabilitation when appropriate.

Throughout last year, our prosecutors, investigators, victim specialist, and support staff demonstrated exceptional skill and resilience. I am deeply grateful for the professionalism and dedication of every member of this office. Their work reflects not only technical expertise but also a profound dedication to the people of Sullivan County. From complex major criminal investigations and prosecutions, to appellate victories that safeguarded hard-won convictions, each unit contributed to a safer and more just community.

Change comes from more than just re-writing handbooks and changing certain policies and procedures. Change is most meaningfully achieved through the changing of culture. I am confident that many of our changes are now part of the culture of this office.

I am also grateful to our fellow colleagues in law enforcement who have been excellent partners in keeping Sullivan County safe and, most importantly, the residents of Sullivan County. It is an honor to serve as your District Attorney.

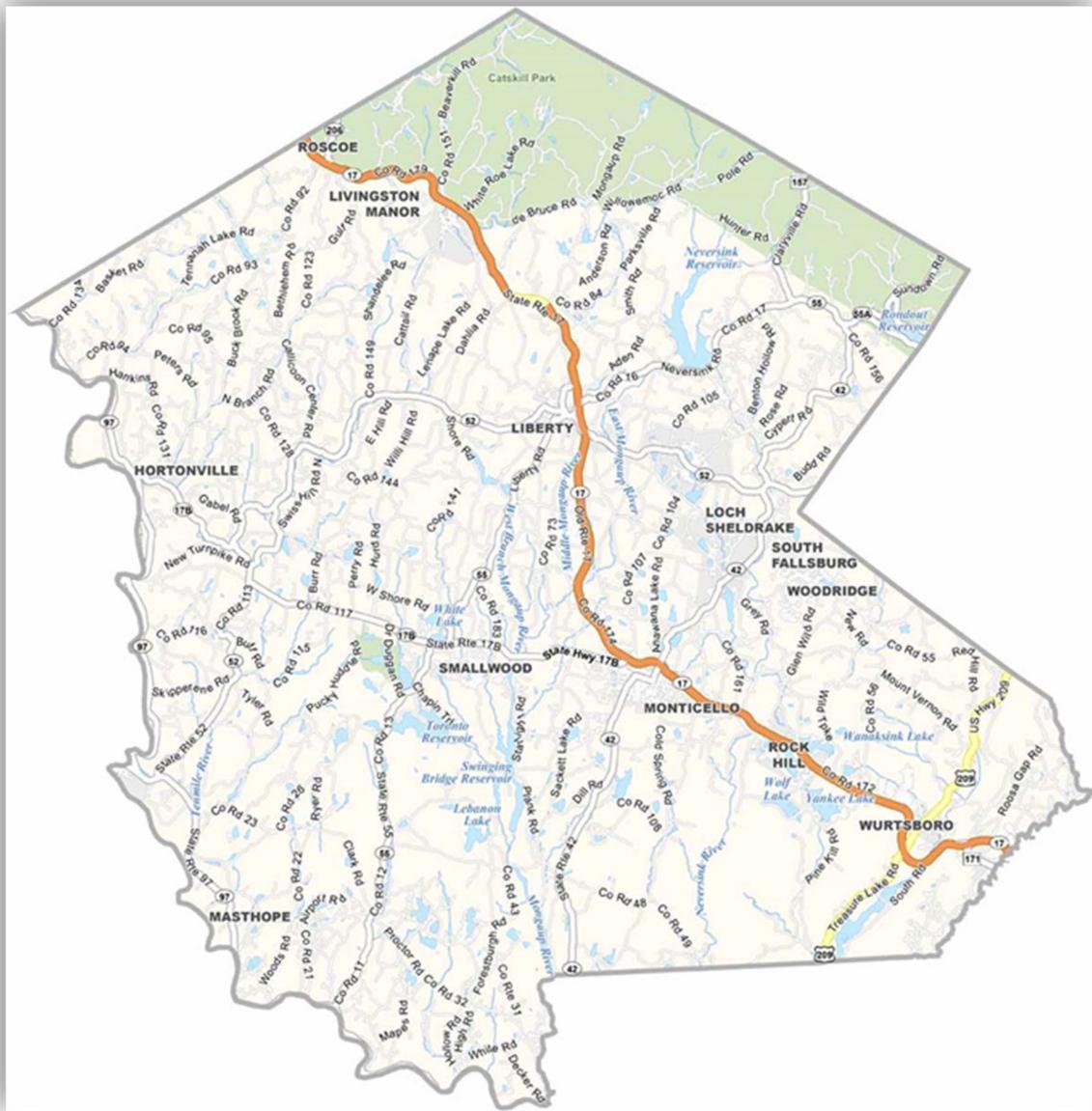
With heartfelt appreciation,

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Brian P. Conaty
District Attorney
Sullivan County

MISSION STATEMENT

The District Attorney serves as the chief law enforcement officer of Sullivan County, responsible for prosecuting all cognizable crimes and offenses in courts of law and ensuring the fair administration of justice. Beyond courtroom advocacy, the office plays a critical role in public safety by preventing crime and reducing recidivism through data-informed strategies and interagency collaboration. Our approach emphasizes accountability, victim protection, and evidence-based solutions that reduce recidivism and strengthen trust in the justice system.



MEET THE EXECUTIVE TEAM

A strong leadership team provides organizational coherence, a clear sense of mission, and instills a value system that guides every aspect of performance. While deep field and frontline experience is essential to success, executive management must also demonstrate open, innovative, and critical thinking to ensure that this office's strategic goals are clearly mapped and effectively achieved.

A culture of respect for individual worth, talent and innovation as well as collective accomplishments permeate every level of this organization, beginning with those on the Executive Team. Our prosecutors, investigators, and our administrative support professionals are among the most elite in their respective fields. The Executive Team provides the necessary tools and resources that allow the members of the office to perform at their highest potential and remain unified in shared successes.

Honorable District Attorney Brian P. Conaty



District Attorney Brian P. Conaty is a lifelong resident of the Village of Monticello and a graduate of Burke Catholic High School. He earned a Bachelor of Arts in Sports Management from West Virginia University, with minors in Business Administration, Communication Studies, and Personal Training. Brian pursued his Juris Doctorate at Touro Law Center graduating Magna Cum Laude.

Brian's career in public service began in the Sullivan County District Attorney's Office as a summer intern under District Attorney James Farrell. He went on to complete an externship with New York State Supreme Court Justice Mark D. Cohen and served as a student intern in Touro Law Center's Low-Income Taxpayer Clinic.

After law school, Brian returned home to Sullivan County to begin his prosecutorial career as an Assistant District Attorney. He was quickly promoted to lead prosecutor for the Family Violence Response Team, which streamlines the investigation and prosecution of child sexual abuse cases through the Child Advocacy Center. His work ensured coordinated collaboration among the New York State Police, Child Protective Services, and medical professionals, thereby reducing re-traumatization of vulnerable victims due to multiple disclosures and improving case outcomes for victims and their families.

Brian's responsibilities expanded to include lead roles in the Sullivan County Court Youth Part where he was responsible for litigating criminal cases involving adolescent and juvenile offenders charged with felony offenses; and the Sullivan County Diversionary Courts where he was responsible for fashioning problem-solving criminal court dispositions for eligible offenders aimed at reducing recidivism by focusing on treatment, community service, and education as an alternative to traditional prosecutions. Additionally, Brian was assigned to both the Prison Task

Force and Welfare Fraud Task Force, reflecting his versatility and commitment to community-centered justice.

On December 9, 2022, Brian was promoted to, and sworn in as, Sullivan County's Chief Assistant District Attorney by then-District Attorney Meagan K. Galligan. On January 3, 2023, Brian was sworn in as Sullivan County's Acting District Attorney and on January 3, 2024, Brian officially began his term as District Attorney of Sullivan County.

Since taking office, he has focused on combating the opioid epidemic, improving services to victims of crime, and strengthening public safety through a coordinated, collaborative approach to criminal investigations and prosecutions. As District Attorney, Brian is primarily responsible for leading all major and complex criminal investigations and prosecutions; offering guidance and professional development opportunities to prosecutors; and ensuring that prosecutors remain current on New York State's evolving criminal justice reforms, including bail, discovery, and raise-the-age legislation.

Every day, District Attorney Conaty leads with a strong commitment to public service focused on protecting the residents of Sullivan County, ensuring justice for victims, and upholding public confidence in the criminal justice system.

Chief Assistant District Attorney Michael Puma



Michael obtained his Bachelor of Arts Degree from Adelphi University and obtained his Juris Doctorate Degree from Touro Law Center, graduating Cum Laude. In July of 2021, Michael began his career with the Sullivan County District Attorney's Office and in 2023, was promoted to the position of Chief Assistant District Attorney. While employed by the Sullivan County District Attorney's Office, Michael has litigated many high-profile cases such as homicides, shootings, armed robberies, burglaries, sex offenses, and domestic violence cases. Michael reports directly to the District Attorney, Brian P. Conaty, and is responsible for litigating major cases and the supervision and development of Assistant District Attorneys.

Michael began his career in public service with the Nassau County District Attorney's Office in September of 2012. While there, Michael litigated several misdemeanor criminal jury trials, handled numerous hearings, and supervised junior attorneys. While at the Nassau County District Attorney's Office, Michael was promoted to the Felony Screening Bureau, the Grand Jury Bureau and finally to the County Court Trial Bureau. After leaving the Nassau County District Attorney's Office in 2016, Michael continued his legal career in civil practice in the field of estate planning and litigation. Soon thereafter, Michael ventured back into his passion for law enforcement by working for the New York City Police Department Legal Bureau. While there, Michael was responsible for advocating against the settlement of frivolous and non-meritorious civil litigation against New York City Police Officers, and for conducting trainings for the New York City Police Officers in police tactics in an effort to prevent civil class action lawsuits against

New York City Police Officers, and for conducting trainings, and modifying policy for the New York City Police Officers in police tactics in an effort to prevent civil class action lawsuits.

As Chief Assistant District Attorney, Michael provides mentorship and guidance to all of the Assistant District Attorneys, supporting their professional development, enhancing their courtroom advocacy, and ensuring the highest standards of excellence in case preparation and prosecution.

Chief Investigator Scott Kinne



Chief Investigator Scott Kinne joined the Sullivan County District Attorney's Office in April 2021, bringing with him nearly three decades of distinguished law enforcement experience. His career began in 1994 with the Village of Liberty Police Department, where he served for 28 years and advanced through increasingly responsible leadership roles, including Patrolman, K-9 Officer, Detective, Detective Sergeant, and ultimately Chief of Police. Throughout his career, he demonstrated a consistent ability to lead complex investigations, manage personnel, and coordinate multi-agency operations.

In July 2025, Investigator Kinne was promoted to Chief Investigator in recognition of his proven leadership, institutional knowledge, and demonstrated effectiveness within the District Attorney's Office. Prior to his promotion, he had already assumed informal leadership responsibilities within the Investigations Unit, serving as a mentor to investigators and newly appointed Assistant District Attorneys, and providing guidance on investigative best practices, case development, and courtroom preparation. His ability to bridge investigative and prosecutorial functions ensured continuity, efficiency, and professional standards across complex criminal matters.

As Chief Investigator, Chief Kinne assigns all cases to investigative personnel and performs administrative functions of the Investigations Unit, ensuring cases are thoroughly, professionally, and consistently investigated from initial inquiry through prosecution with case reviews. He serves as a principal liaison to local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies operating throughout Sullivan County, strengthening interagency coordination, improving communication, and enhancing countywide investigative strategies. His promotion reflects both his demonstrated performance and the critical need for experienced, steady leadership within the District Attorney's Office. His extensive field experience, supervisory expertise, and commitment to public safety continue to play a vital role in advancing the mission of the Office.

Confidential Secretary Susan Landis



Susan Landis has served Sullivan County with distinction since 1989, beginning her public service career with the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office. In 1996, she joined the Sullivan County District Attorney's Office, where she has provided more than three decades of dedicated service. During her tenure with the District Attorney's Office, Susan has served under four different District Attorneys, offering continuity, institutional stability, and unwavering professionalism through multiple administrations.

In her role as Confidential Secretary to the District Attorney, Susan has been responsible for a wide range of critical administrative and operational functions, including schedule management, preparation of subpoenas, orders to produce, restitution orders, coordination of grand jury proceedings and manages administrative staff. She has also served as a primary liaison with law enforcement agencies, and the courts, while overseeing budgetary matters and accounts payable. Her exceptional organizational skills and attention to detail have been instrumental in keeping the Office operating efficiently, on schedule, and within budget.

Susan's extensive institutional knowledge has been an invaluable resource to the Office. She has consistently shared her expertise with newly appointed Assistant District Attorneys, helping them quickly understand office procedures, expectations, and the operational framework of the District Attorney's Office.

After 36 years of dedicated public service, Susan Landis will retire in February 2026. Her contributions to the District Attorney's Office have been significant and lasting, and her commitment and professionalism have played a vital role in the continued success of the Office. We extend our sincere gratitude for her service and wish her every happiness and success in her well-earned retirement.

PROSECUTIONS & COURT OPERATIONS

The Sullivan County District Attorney's Office is responsible for prosecuting a wide range of cases from routine and complex criminal prosecutions to appellate litigation, ensuring that justice is administered efficiently, fairly, and consistently throughout the county.

With a presence in all of Sullivan County's 18 local magistrate courts, as well as the Sullivan County Court, the Sullivan County Diversionary Court, the Sullivan County Court Youth Part, the Sullivan County Supreme Court, and the Appellate Courts, District Attorney Conaty and his team work closely with law enforcement agencies, victims, and community members thereby fostering trust, collaboration, and effective case outcomes. Through professionalism, diligence, and a steadfast dedication to public safety, the office's personnel exemplify the highest standards of public service and reflect the very best of what our community has to offer.

Assistant District Attorneys are assigned to attend local magistrate courts on a daily and nightly basis to prosecute the criminal cases arising out of their respective jurisdictions, with proceedings often extending late into the evening hours depending on the volume of cases. Additionally, ADAs are responsible for presenting serious felony cases to the Grand Jury and litigating such cases in the Sullivan County Supreme Court and the Sullivan County Court. In these venues, ADAs are responsible for handling all aspects of criminal prosecution from meeting with victims and witnesses; drafting search warrants; making bail recommendations; advocating for the issuance of orders or protection for victims of crimes; conducting preliminary hearings; obtaining, reviewing, redacting, and providing discovery to defense attorneys; reviewing hours-long body worn camera footage; responding to pre-trial motions; conducting pre-trial hearings; and, ultimately, prosecuting cases to jury trials, among many other responsibilities.



Pictured: Sullivan County Courthouse

MEET THE TEAM

District Attorney Conaty recognizes and deeply values the commitment made by each Assistant District Attorney when joining the Sullivan County team. Every ADA takes an official oath upon becoming a practicing attorney in New York State, and when they join the District Attorney's Office, they further commit themselves to public service on behalf of the residents of Sullivan County, with the shared goal of protecting the community and upholding justice.

The District Attorney understands the significant demands placed on ADAs. Their work extends far beyond a traditional schedule often requiring working nights, weekends, and traveling throughout the county. Each case demands focused engagement with victims and their families, as well as careful coordination with law enforcement, defense attorneys, judges, court reporters, and Grand Juries to ensure matters are fully prepared for prosecution. The role requires exceptional legal skill, emotional resilience, and unwavering professionalism.

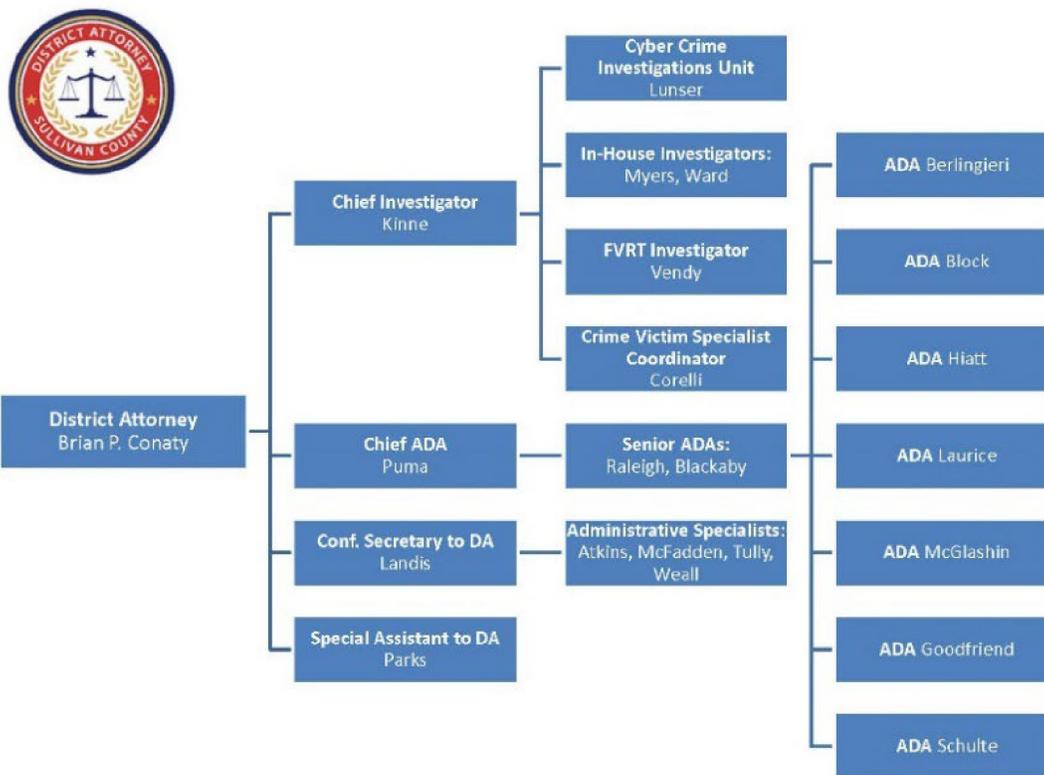
In recognition of these challenges, the District Attorney has worked closely with the Sullivan County Legislature and the County Manager's Office to ensure that staff are fairly compensated through salary adjustments and stipends, as budgets allow. Beyond financial support, the Office places strong emphasis on professional development, mentorship, and fostering a workplace culture where every staff member feels respected and supported. These efforts reflect an experienced approach to retention that not only attracts talented attorneys to the office but also nurtures their growth and encourages long term dedication to serving the people of Sullivan County.

As a result of these efforts, the Sullivan County District Attorney's Office now enjoys the full compliment of 10 ADAs allotted for within our budget a milestone that hasn't been reached in nearly a decade. What is more, the majority of our prosecutors are Sullivan County natives:

1. DA Conaty;
2. Sr. ADA Blackaby;
3. ADA Block ;
4. ADA Hiatt;
5. ADA Goodfriend; and
6. ADA Schulte.

The District Attorney's aggressive recruitment strategy prioritized putting Sullivan County first by hiring from within our own borders and creating career paths for those who already have deep roots within our community.

SULLIVAN COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE



Appellate Unit



Pictured: Senior ADA Raleigh, Senior ADA Blackaby

Senior ADAs Thomas Raleigh and Danielle Blackaby (pictured left to right) achieved significant success throughout 2025 with the Appellate Unit's cases. This specialized litigation focuses primarily on defending trial-level convictions in state appellate courts. Serving as the District Attorney's legal representatives in higher courts, the Appellate Unit works to preserve the integrity of jury verdicts, ensure consistency in the application of the law, and advance legal precedents that shape criminal jurisprudence across New York State.

Appellate litigation is highly complex and time-intensive yet successful outcomes protect the substantial work invested by prosecutors, investigators, and law enforcement partners at the trial level.

Senior ADAs Raleigh and Blackaby also provide specialized training and legal education to Assistant District Attorneys helping them strengthen their legal research, legal writing, and oral advocacy skills to ensure consistent, high-quality representation at all stages of litigation.

2025 New Class



Pictured: ADA McGlashin, ADA Schulte, DA Conaty, ADA Goodfriend

Three new Assistant District Attorneys were officially sworn into the New York State Bar this year. District Attorney Conaty congratulated ADA McGlashin, ADA Schulte, and ADA Goodfriend (pictured left to right) on their admission to the Bar.

Prior to their swearing in, each attorney served under a “Practice Order,” which allows law school graduates to appear in court under the supervision of a licensed attorney as approved by the NYS Appellate Division. Over the past year, the Executive Team has worked closely with the new ADAs, ensuring they were accompanied by a licensed attorney at every court appearance while receiving hands on professional development.

All three ADAs also completed an intensive prosecutorial training program through the New York State Prosecutors Training Institute. With their official admission to the Bar, each now holds a permanent court assignment within the County.



Sullivan County District Attorney Investigators



Pictured: Inv. Myers, Inv. Lunser, Chief Kinne, Inv. Vandy, Inv. Ward

The District Attorney Investigators play a critical role in supporting prosecutors through comprehensive case preparation and proactive investigative strategies. By coordinating with local law enforcement agencies, conducting victim and witness interviews, and gathering and analyzing evidence, investigators ensure that cases are built upon a strong foundation.

Under the guidance of Chief Investigator Kinne the team of Investigators operate across local, county, state, and federal jurisdictions. The Investigators enhance case quality and strengthen public safety outcomes. These efforts demand exceptional investigative skills, precision, and an unwavering commitment to protecting victims while maintaining the integrity of the criminal justice process.

District Attorney Conaty and Chief Kinne have cultivated a specialized Investigative Unit that have provided continuity and expertise in high-stakes investigations, thereby directly contributing to successful prosecutions and improved community safety. Their work reinforces the mission of the District Attorney's Office, to deliver justice across Sullivan County.

INVESTIGATIVE UNIT EXPERTISE

Under the leadership of District Attorney Conaty and Chief Investigator Kinne, the Sullivan County District Attorney's Office has developed a specialized Investigative Unit composed of highly experienced former New York State Police investigators. Each investigator brings decades of service, deep knowledge of Sullivan County, and specialized expertise in high-stakes, sensitive, and complex investigations. Together, this team provides continuity, independence, and advanced investigative capability that directly supports successful prosecutions and enhances community safety countywide.

INVESTIGATOR TIM WARD

Investigator Tim Ward brings more than 21 years of law enforcement experience with the New York State Police, including service as an Investigator assigned to the Forensic Investigation Unit covering Sullivan, Ulster, Orange, and Greene Counties. A Level III Certified Fingerprint Analyst, Investigator Ward possesses extensive expertise in crime scene processing, forensic analysis, evidence handling, and expert testimony. Since joining the District Attorney's Office in 2023, he has applied his deep community knowledge and forensic skill set to homicides, violent felonies, narcotics conspiracies, and other high-risk investigations, strengthening complex prosecutions and public safety.

INVESTIGATOR ERIC LUNSER

Investigator Eric Lunser brings more than 21 years of investigative experience with the New York State Police, having served across Greene, Orange, Rockland, Sullivan, Ulster Counties, and New York City. His background spans patrol operations, crime scene processing, emergency response, and specialized cybercrime investigations, including child exploitation offenses. Investigator Lunser is spearheading the creation of the District Attorney's Cyber Investigation Unit, applying advanced digital forensic training and nationally recognized certifications to support investigations ranging from violent crime and narcotics trafficking to fraud and online exploitation.

INVESTIGATOR JOHN VENDY

Investigator John Vendy brings more than 32 years of law enforcement experience with the New York State Police, including nearly two decades assigned to Sullivan County. His investigative background includes homicide, narcotics conspiracies, fraud, police misconduct, and extensive felony-level sex crime investigations involving child and juvenile victims. A certified ChildFirst Children's Forensic Interviewer, Investigator Vendy is assigned to the Family Violence Response Team/Child Abuse Unit, where his multidisciplinary work and expert testimony have contributed to successful prosecutions and the protection of vulnerable victims.

INVESTIGATOR DAVID MYERS

Investigator David Myers brings more than 20 years of law enforcement experience with the New York State Police, including ten years assigned to the Bureau of Criminal Investigation in Wurtsboro focusing on major crimes. His investigative background includes homicides, gang violence, cold cases, hate crimes, and special victim investigations. Appointed to the District Attorney's Office in November 2025, Investigator Myers leads major crime investigations, leveraging longstanding community knowledge and strong interagency relationships to support complex prosecutions and enhance countywide public safety.

Administrative Support



Pictured: Cynthia Atkins, Natalie Tully, Susan Landis, Danielle McFadden, Nicole Weall

The District Attorney's Office is supported by a highly skilled and dedicated administrative staff whose work is essential to the effective operation of the office. This team plays a critical role in the day-to-day functioning of the criminal justice system, providing the organizational structure and continuity necessary for the prosecution of cases across all courts in Sullivan County.

Administrative staff are responsible for coordinating and preparing weekly Grand Jury proceedings, ensuring the timely and accurate transmission of legal documents, maintaining and updating case files on a daily basis, and managing complex court calendars involving multiple jurisdictions. Their attention to detail and adherence to strict deadlines help safeguard the integrity of the office's proper functioning and ensures compliance with statutory and procedural requirements.

Additionally, the administrative team serves as a primary point of contact for the District Attorney's Office to the courts, law enforcement agencies, defense attorneys, and the public. Their professionalism, institutional knowledge, and commitment to accuracy enable Assistant District Attorneys and Investigators to focus on legal advocacy, investigations, and courtroom responsibilities.

The high level of service provided by the Sullivan County District Attorney's Office would not be possible without the dedication and expertise of its administrative staff. Their behind-the-scenes work is fundamental to the Office's mission of promoting public safety, ensuring fairness, and delivering justice for the residents of Sullivan County.



Crime Victim Services



Pictured: DA Conaty, Crime Victim Coordinator

In 2025, the Sullivan County District Attorney's Office strengthened its commitment to victim services with the addition of Jade Corelli, who joined the team as the Office's Crime Victim Specialist Coordinator. This role is an essential component of DA Conaty's mission to support victims and their families throughout the criminal justice process.

Ms. Corelli serves as a direct resource for individuals impacted by crime, offering guidance, emotional support, and assistance in navigating court proceedings. She plays a key role in connecting victims with critical services, including counseling, crisis intervention, safety planning, and restitution resources.

Her work enhances communication between victims, prosecutors, law enforcement, and community organizations, ensuring that victims' rights are upheld and their needs addressed with compassion and professionalism. Her expertise strengthens the Office's ability to provide trauma-informed, victim-centered support.

The expansion of victim services reflects the District Attorney's ongoing commitment to ensuring that justice includes not only accountability for offenders but meaningful support for those harmed by crime. Ms. Corelli's work contributes to improved victim engagement, enhanced service coordination, and a more responsive, compassionate approach to victim advocacy across Sullivan County.

By ensuring that victims are well-informed, supported, and empowered throughout the legal process, Jade also plays a critical role in supporting successful case outcomes and strengthening prosecutions, as engaged and well-supported victims are better able to meaningfully participate in the pursuit of justice.



Sullivan County District Attorney's Office Internship Program



Pictured: Samuel Sherlock, DA Conaty, David Allison

As the District Attorney continues to strengthen recruitment efforts to meet the Office's staffing needs, he remains committed to investing in the next generation of law enforcement professionals. To attract the best and brightest, both locally and from outside Sullivan County, the District Attorney has established a comprehensive Internship Program designed to immerse students in the full scope of the criminal justice process.

Through firsthand exposure to each stage of a case from the initial contact with a victim of crime through the final adjudication, interns gain a deep understanding of the professionalism, dedication, and passion for public service required in this field. This experience equips future law enforcement professionals with the insight and preparation needed to serve our community with integrity and commitment.

This past summer, District Attorney Conaty proudly recognized Samuel Sherlock, of Goshen, and David Allison, of Woodbourne, for successfully completing the Sullivan County District Attorney's Office Internship Program. Samuel is currently attending Vermont Law School and plans to sit for the New York State Bar Examination in 2027. David is pursuing a degree in Criminal Justice Studies at Mansfield Commonwealth University.

Throughout their internship, Samuel and David made significant contributions to the mission of the District Attorney's Office. Their work included engaging with police officers and victims of crime, researching complex legal issues, supporting discovery compliance, drafting pre-trial motions and appeals, and assisting Assistant District Attorneys in preparing cases for court. Both have expressed a strong interest in pursuing careers within the criminal justice field after completing their studies.

District Attorney Conaty believes the office's Internship Program is an invaluable resource for young professionals seeking to deepen their understanding of the criminal justice system. As a product of the program himself, District Attorney Conaty attests to the unparalleled experience and insight gained from assisting and shadowing prosecutors prior to being admitted to the New York State Bar. This Office was fortunate to recruit two local young professionals as dedicated as Samuel and David, who are motivated by public service. Their commitment to the Internship Program helped to make Sullivan County a safer place.

THE TEAM



Back row from left to right: Danielle McFadden, Nour Goodfriend, Michael Schulte, James McGlashin, Howard Block, Tom Raleigh, Eric Lunser, Michael Puma, Scott Kinne, Jade Corelli, John Vendy, Jeff Laurice, Timothy Ward, Kristopher Berlingieri, David Myers; Front Row: Nicole Weall, Natalie Tully, Susan Landis, District Attorney Brian Conaty, Danielle Blackaby, Cynthia Atkins. Missing from photo: Sheila Parks and Halley Hiatt

2025 CASELOAD

The Sullivan District Attorney's Office operates as a statutorily mandated entity under New York State law, in which the District Attorney must maintain a fully functioning DA's office as established by Article 17 of the New York County Law.

In calendar year 2025, the Sullivan County District Attorney's Office managed a total of 3,562 criminal cases, encompassing 7,735 individual charges. This work was carried out by a dedicated team consisting of the District Attorney, ten Assistant District Attorneys, five Investigators, a Crime Victim Coordinator, and supporting administrative staff. Each case, while unique, often involves complex and time-intensive processes, including careful review, charging decisions, engagement with victims and witnesses, motion practice, hearings, trials, and case resolution.

This substantial caseload highlights the significant demands placed on prosecutorial staff and underscores the Office's ongoing commitment to upholding high standards of justice, public safety, and due process, even with limited staffing resources.

2025 NOTABLE CONVICTIONS

The notable cases outlined below represent a small selection of cases resolved during the 2025 calendar year and do not include cases that remain open at year's end.

District Attorney Conaty is proud of the accomplishments of his Assistant District Attorneys, whose expertise and dedication have strengthened the pursuit of justice in Sullivan County. The following cases highlight a few of the significant trial and court level convictions that demonstrate the Office's commitment to public safety and justice throughout the County.



People V. Wunner: Following a five-day jury trial prosecuted by Chief ADA Puma, Jonte Wunner was sentenced to 33 years to life in state prison for Murder in the Second Degree, Concealment of a Human Corpse, and Tampering with Physical Evidence. Evidence presented by Chief Assistant District Attorney Michael Puma included cell site analysis, video evidence, witness testimony, and DNA evidence that linked Wunner to the murder of Jose Rodriguez, 42, and the location where his body was found.

People V. Weir: Following a three-day jury trial prosecuted by DA Conaty, Lavaun Weir was convicted of Predatory Sexual Assault Against a Child and sentenced to the statutory maximum of 25 years to life in state prison and was ordered to register as a sex offender. The conviction stemmed from the repeated sexual abuse of a child under the age of 13 over an extended period of time. The case was investigated by the Sullivan County Family Violence Response Team in coordination with the District Attorney's Office.

People V. Robinson: Following a 4-day jury trial prosecuted by Chief ADA Puma, Bryan Robinson was convicted of Robbery in the First Degree and related offenses and sentenced to 22 years to life in state prison as a Persistent Violent Felony Offender. These convictions and sentence stem from an armed robbery of a Monticello gas station, during which Robinson threatened the store clerk with a knife and forcibly stole cash and merchandise. The court also ordered \$1,566 in restitution to the victim's business. Robinson's sentence was based in part on his extensive history of violent felony convictions, including multiple prior robbery offenses.

People V. Eck: In 2024, Ollen Eck committed multiple armed robberies at local businesses in Livingston Manor and later committed a burglary in the Town of Thompson. Following his convictions for Robbery in the Second Degree and Burglary in the Second Degree, he was sentenced to 10 years in state prison to be followed by 5 years of post-release supervision. These convictions hold Eck accountable for a series of violent crimes and remove him from the community for a significant period of time. The cases were prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Jeffrey Laurice.

People V. Flood: On May 2, 2025, Joseph Flood was sentenced to a total indeterminate sentence of 8½ to 17 years in state prison for three felony convictions in Sullivan County. He plead guilty to two Grand Larceny in the Third-Degree charges for the theft of trailers and other equipment from small business owners in the county. He was also sentenced on his conviction of Reckless Endangerment in the First Degree for a high-speed pursuit, in which Flood exceeded 110 miles-per-hour on public roads, endangering members of the Sheriff's Office and the public. The case was prosecuted by Sr. Assistant District Attorney Thomas Raleigh.

People V. Reynolds: In 2025, Rawle Reynolds was convicted for aggravated cruelty to animals, a class E Felony, and sentenced to 20 months incarceration in the Sullivan County jail (a 24 month sentence is the maximum permitted by law), ordered to pay \$1,315.71 in restitution, and further order to register under Dean's law thereby barring Reynolds from owning a companion animal for 7 years from the completion of his jail sentence. This prosecution resulted from a domestic violence complaint whereby Reynolds choked "Cassidy" a 3-month-old American Pit Bull Terrier mix, and proceeded to stab her in the head with a knife. Sr. ADA Thomas Raleigh and ADA Jeffrey Laurice handled the prosecution of this case.

People V. Jorge: On June 18, 2025, Jonathan Jorge was found guilty after a jury trial of 2 counts of criminal possession of a large-capacity ammunition feeding device, and criminal possession of a controlled substance in the fourth degree, for possession of cocaine. Jorge was sentenced to 7 years in state prison, plus 5 years of post-release supervision. This prosecution was the result of an undercover investigation by the New York State Police Violent Gang, Narcotics Enforcement

Team which resulted in a search warrant of Jorge's residence, resulting in the discovery of the drugs and other contraband prosecuted in this action. The case was prosecuted by Sr. Assistant District Attorney Thomas Raleigh.

People V. Hiller: On March 7, 2025, Michael Hiller, 46, of Liberty, was sentenced to 12 years' incarceration followed by five years' post-release supervision upon his conviction for Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the Second Degree, a Class C violent felony. He was also sentenced to 12 years' incarceration followed by three years' post-release supervision for Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the Third Degree, a Class B felony. The sentences were ordered to run concurrently.

The convictions stemmed from a lengthy New York State Police investigation that resulted in multiple undercover narcotics purchases and the execution of a search warrant at Hiller's residence in July 2022, where investigators recovered significant quantities of crack cocaine, heroin/fentanyl, and suboxone. While released pending resolution of those charges, Hiller was arrested again in March 2024 following a domestic incident and found in possession of a loaded and operable handgun. Hiller, who had five prior felony convictions, pled guilty to all charges. The case was prosecuted by DA Conaty and Chief ADA Puma.

People V. Holden: On January 16, 2025, Davina Holden, was sentenced to 10 years' incarceration followed by five years of post-release supervision after pleading guilty to Arson in the Second Degree, a Class B violent felony. The conviction stemmed from a July 16, 2024 incident in which Holden intentionally set fire to her residence while knowing her son was inside. The fire was promptly responded to by the Village of Liberty Police and Fire Departments, the Sullivan County Fire Investigation Team, and Emergency Medical Services. The case was prosecuted by Sr. Assistant District Attorney Danielle Blackaby.

People V. Punter: On January 26, 2025, Timothy Punter pled guilty to Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the Second Degree, a Class C violent felony, and Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the Third Degree, a Class B felony, and was sentenced Punter to 12 years' incarceration followed by five years' post-release supervision for the weapon charge and 2½ years' incarceration followed by three years' post-release supervision for the drug charge, with the sentences to run concurrently. This case was prosecuted by Chief ADA Michael Puma and Sr. Assistant District Attorney Thomas Raleigh.

Punter was arrested following the execution of a search warrant by the New York State Police at his Monticello residence, where officers recovered a loaded Glock 40 and approximately two ounces of crack cocaine.

People V. Pafraimy Rosario & Onelfry Rosario: On December 22, 2022, New York State Police stopped a vehicle on State Route 17 in the Town of Rockland, leading to the seizure of approximately 8,525 grams of fentanyl. The occupants, Pafraimy Rosario and Onelfry Rosario, each pled guilty to Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the Second Degree. On January 23, 2024, they were sentenced to state prison terms of 10 years' and 6 years', respectively, followed by 5 years of post-release supervision, consistent with the District Attorney's recommendation. These cases were prosecuted by Chief ADA Michael Puma.

People v. Joseph Powell: On October 28th, 2019, Village of Monticello Police attempted to stop a vehicle on Evergreen Drive, Village of Monticello, and the operator of the vehicle, Joseph Powell failed to stop. The vehicle continued traveling westbound until Joseph Powell jumped out of the moving vehicle and fled on foot. Officers gave chase and observed the defendant throw a firearm. The firearm was recovered and the defendant was placed under arrest. On June 3rd, 2022, the defendant pled guilty to Attempted Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree and then absconded for sentencing while released on bail. On November 27th, 2024, the defendant was returned on the warrant and on January 24th, 2025, the defendant was sentenced as a second felony offender to a prison term of 7 years, followed by 5 years of post release supervision. At sentencing, the People argued to enhance the defendant's sentence for his failure to appear at sentencing. The court agreed and enhanced the defendant's sentence from the prior agreed upon prison term of 5 years to the 7 year prison term requested by the People. The case was prosecuted by Chief ADA Michael Puma.

People V. Blanch: Isaiah "Tall Blood" Blanch, was sentenced to 12 years' incarceration followed by five years of post-release supervision upon his conviction for Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the Second Degree, a Class C violent felony. The conviction followed a three-day jury trial, during which the jury found on June 12, 2023, that Blanch, who had two prior felony convictions, illegally possessed a loaded and operable .380 caliber Cobra ENT of Utah pistol outside his home or place of business. The case was prosecuted at trial by Chief ADA Michael Puma.

In 2025, the Sullivan County District Attorney’s Office managed a substantial caseload consisting of 1,418 felony cases, 3,704 misdemeanors, 2,078 infractions, and 484 violations. During this period, the Office secured over 200 Indictments and Superior Court Information filings for charges ranging from violent felonies and major narcotics offenses to financial crimes, weapons possession, and offenses against vulnerable victims.

Driving While Intoxicated	Possession of prison contraband	Murder	Gang assaults	Arsons
Vehicular Manslaughter	Felonious assaults	Vehicular assault	Sexual abuse	Possession of child pornography
Felony narcotics possession with intent to sell	Illegal weapons possession	Rape	Criminal sale of a controlled substance	Tampering with Physical Evidence
Bail jumping	Grand larceny	Forgery	Attempted murders	Predatory sexual assault against a child
Criminal negligent homicide	Strangulation	Criminal contempt	Criminal mischief	Course of sexual conduct against a child
Kidnapping	Aggravated cruelty to animals	Failure to register as a sex offender	Hindering prosecution	Burglaries & Robberies

To support these prosecutions, the Office drafted and successfully executed in excess of 100 search warrants, encompassing a broad range of investigative categories including residences, vehicles, Blackbox and infotainment centers, clothing, cellular telephones, cell towers, digital devices, social media accounts, financial records, biological evidence, security camera footage, and other critical evidentiary sources.

As a direct result of these court-authorized searches, the Office seized 250 illegal or stolen firearms, including 11 ghost guns, removing dangerous weapons from our communities. In addition, law enforcement recovered a wide spectrum of illegal drugs and controlled substances, including cannabis, hallucinogens, methamphetamine, methadone, ketamine, and cocaine, with an estimated street value of more than \$150,000.00

2025 NOTABLE APPELLATE CASES

The notable cases outlined below represent a small selection of cases resolved during the 2025 calendar year and do not include cases that remain open at year's end.

District Attorney Conaty is proud of his Appellate Unit's accomplishments, recognizing that their expertise and perseverance have strengthened the pursuit of justice in Sullivan County. To showcase the breadth and significance of the Appellate Unit in 2025, the following cases highlight a few of the key victories that reinforce justice within Sullivan County and across the State.

People v. Clark: Sr. ADA Raleigh successfully argued that, following a jury verdict convicting Clark of *inter alia*, Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the Second Degree, a class C violent felony, and Attempted Assault in the First Degree, a class C violent felony, and being sentenced to 22 years in state prison, it was lawful for the sentencing court to impose consecutive terms of incarceration upon such counts as Clark's possession of the weapon preceded his intent to use the same to cause the assault. As a result, this sentence was affirmed.

People v. Archer: Sr. ADA Blackaby successfully argued, in this pair of cases as Special Prosecutor for Orange County, that Archer's waiver of the right to appeal was knowing, voluntary, and intelligently entered and that his sentence was not unduly harsh or excessive upon his 2021 convictions and sentences for Course of Sexual Conduct Against a Child in the First Degree, a class B violent felony, Criminal Sexual Act in the First Degree, a class B violent felony, Use of a Child in a Sexual Performance, a class C felony, and Possession of a Sexual Performance by a Child, a class E felony, for which he was sentenced to 20 years' incarceration in state prison to be followed by 20 years of post-release supervision and was also ordered to register as a sex offender. As a result, these convictions and sentences were affirmed.

People v. Ford: Sr. ADA Raleigh successfully argued that Ford's waiver of appeal and subsequent plea were both knowing, voluntary, and intelligently entered upon his 2022 convictions for Attempted Operating as a Major Trafficker, a class B felony, Conspiracy in the Second Degree, a class B felony, and Criminal Sale of a Controlled Substance in the Third Degree, a class B felony, for which he was sentenced to an indeterminate term of 14 to 15 years incarceration in state prison. As a result, these convictions and sentences were affirmed.

People v. Loadholt: Sr. ADA Raleigh successfully argued that Loadholt’s sentence of a cumulative 9-11 years’ incarceration in state prison upon his 2017 convictions for Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the Third Degree, a class B felony, and for Perjury in the Second Degree, a class E felony, were not unduly harsh or excessive. As a result, these sentences were affirmed.

People v. Griffin: Sr. ADA Blackaby successfully argued that Griffin failed to properly preserve his claim that he should not have been sentenced as a second felony offender for his 2022 sentence and conviction for Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the Second Degree, a class C violent felony, for which he was sentenced to 7.5 years’ incarceration in state prison to be followed by five years of post-release supervision. As a result, this sentence was affirmed.

People v. Olsen: Sr. ADA Blackaby successfully argued that the Sullivan County Court did not impose an unduly harsh or excessive sentence upon Olsen’s 2021 conviction for Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the Third Degree, a class C felony, following a jury trial, for which he was sentenced to 5 years’ incarceration in state prison to be followed by three years of post-release supervision. As a result, this conviction and sentence were affirmed.

Animal Cruelty

Animal cruelty is a serious crime under the New York State Agriculture & Markets Law. District Attorney Conaty firmly believes that prosecuting animal cruelty cases can deter broader violence, as research has shown a link between cruelty to animals and subsequent crimes against people. In this vein, DA Conaty committed himself and his office to protecting the most vulnerable members of our community and addressing crimes that often intersect with broader public safety concerns.

Working closely with law enforcement, veterinarians, and local humane organizations, we continue to strengthen our response to animal cruelty cases to hold offenders accountable while seeking monetary reimbursement to the appropriate humane societies for their dedication and compassion in nurturing abused animals that have been seized by law enforcement.

In 2025, the Sullivan County District Attorney’s Office received 6 new cases of animal cruelty. Of these cases, 1 case secured a felony conviction for same and is pending sentencing while the other 5 remain pending.

In the coming year, our office will increase outreach to ensure that compassion and justice remain at the forefront of our work and DA Conaty encourages the public to report suspected abuse.

Welfare Fraud and Public Assistance Integrity

District Attorney Brian P. Conaty places significant value on protecting the integrity of public funds, particularly at a time when economic pressures require governments and families alike to operate with greater fiscal restraint. As available resources become more limited, ensuring that taxpayer supported assistance programs are safeguarded from fraud is not only a legal responsibility but a matter of public trust. Welfare fraud prosecutions reflect the Office's commitment to responsible stewardship of public dollars holding accountable those who intentionally misuse benefits while preserving essential resources for residents who genuinely qualify for and depend upon them. By prioritizing enforcement in this area, District Attorney Conaty reinforces the principle that public assistance systems must remain both compassionate and accountable, especially during periods when every dollar carries heightened significance for the community. Safeguarding the integrity of public assistance programs is critical to ensuring that limited taxpayer-funded resources remain available to the vulnerable individuals and families who legitimately qualify for and rely upon them. In 2025, the Sullivan County District Attorney's Office continued its focused enforcement efforts in partnership with the Sullivan County Department of Social Services and the local law enforcement agencies, particularly the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office, to investigate and prosecute welfare fraud and related public assistance offenses.

During this calendar year, our office initiated the prosecution of twenty-two (22) new welfare fraud cases. These enforcement efforts resulted in \$36,259.00 in restitution being returned to New York State public assistance programs. Additionally, the Office secured nineteen (19) Intentional Program Violations (IPVs). An IPV formally disqualifies an individual from reapplying for public assistance benefits, including Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits, for a period ranging from six (6) months to one (1) year, depending upon the value of benefits unlawfully obtained.

These prosecutions serve multiple public interests. They protect taxpayer dollars, reinforce the integrity of essential assistance programs within our County, and ensure that limited resources remain available to residents who genuinely qualify for and rely upon these benefits. Public assistance fraud is not a victimless crime it diverts funds from struggling families and undermines public trust in critical safety net programs. The restitution recovered through these prosecutions represents meaningful support that could otherwise fund nearly \$1,000 per month in SNAP benefits for approximately 36 families of four underscoring the tangible community impact of safeguarding public assistance resources.

The District Attorney remains committed to holding accountable those who intentionally exploit these programs while safeguarding benefits for law-abiding residents of Sullivan County, New York.

2025 / 2026 GRANTS:

PLEASE NOTE SEVERAL INITIATIVES ARE IN THE CONTRACT APPROVAL PHASE.

District Attorney Conaty is acutely aware of the County's financial constraints and has made it a priority to offset taxpayer-funded expenses by securing and maximizing state and federal grant funding. These efforts have allowed the Office to enhance services, modernize technology, and strengthen public safety initiatives while minimizing additional burden on local taxpayers.

Federal Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant and Substance Use Program (COSSUP)	\$233,705.88
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Aid to Prosecution (ATP)	\$275,808.00
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Discovery Compliance	\$229,760.42
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Office of Victim Services	\$91,272.52
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District Attorney Salary Aid	\$71,000.00
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Sources of Grant Funding: NYS Office of Victim Services (OVS) U.S. Dept. of Justice Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) – Crime Victim Services / NYS Dept. of Motor Vehicle Special Traffic Options Program for Driving While Intoxicated (Stop DWI) / NYS Division of Criminal Justice (DCJS) -Aid to Prosecution (ATP) / NYS Division of Criminal Justice (DCJS) – Discovery / NYS Division of Criminal Justice (DCJS) – DA Salary Aid

2025 INITIATIVES

Countywide Quick Response Team

In 2025, the Sullivan County District Attorney's Office expanded its overdose response strategy by securing federal Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Abuse Program (COSSAP) funding to establish a countywide Quick Response Team (QRT) in partnership with Hope Not Handcuffs and the Village of Liberty Police Department. This initiative reflects District Attorney Conaty's commitment to addressing the opioid epidemic through proactive, coordinated, and evidence-based approaches that prioritize both public safety and public health.

The opioid crisis remains one of the most serious and persistent challenges facing Sullivan County and communities nationwide. Its impact extends beyond the criminal justice system, affecting families, schools, workplaces, and neighborhoods throughout the County. The continued designation of the opioid epidemic as a federal public health emergency underscores the urgent need for innovative responses that go beyond traditional enforcement strategies.

Recognizing substance use disorder as both a public safety and public health issue, the District Attorney sought to implement a model that responds rapidly to overdose incidents while offering individuals a meaningful opportunity to access treatment and recovery services. The Sullivan County QRT was designed to provide timely, coordinated outreach following overdose events, ensuring that individuals and their families receive immediate support, guidance, and connection to available resources.

The QRT brings together law enforcement officers, public health professionals, peer recovery specialists, and community-based service providers to work collaboratively in the aftermath of overdose incidents. Through real-time overdose notifications and coordinated follow-up, team members engage individuals at critical moments, offering pathways to treatment, harm-reduction services, and long-term recovery support. This multidisciplinary approach improves engagement, reduces barriers to care, and helps prevent repeat overdoses and associated criminal activity.

Since its implementation, the QRT has contributed to more rapid interventions, increased referrals to treatment services, and improved coordination among partner agencies. By focusing on early engagement and sustained support, the program enhances public safety while reducing the long-term strain on law enforcement, emergency services, and the court system.

This initiative exemplifies the District Attorney's commitment to data-informed, collaborative solutions that address the root causes of crime and addiction. The QRT also reflects the best of Sullivan County's public safety and community partnerships demonstrating how law enforcement, public health, and community organizations can work together with compassion and purpose to save lives, strengthen families, and protect the broader community.



Pictured: Greg Metakes, Robert Morse, Daryn Bleach, Officer Puma, DA Conaty, Chief D'Agata, Chief Pavese, Chief??, Sheriff Schiff

This initiative reflects what is best about Sullivan County: your Public Safety leaders and community partners ability to innovate, collaborate, and act decisively to save lives and protect the community. It demonstrates that public safety, public health, and human compassion can, and must, work together to address the opioid epidemic.

Cyber Investigation Unit

In 2025, the Sullivan County District Attorney's Office launched a new Cyber Investigation Unit (CIU) to address the increasing volume and complexity of crimes involving digital evidence, online exploitation, and cyber-enabled criminal activity. Recognizing that nearly every major criminal investigation now involves electronic devices, digital communications, or online platforms, the District Attorney invested in developing in-house cyber investigative capabilities to better support law enforcement agencies countywide.

The CIU is designed to reduce reliance on outside agencies and costly third-party forensic services, resulting in direct savings to local police departments. By centralizing advanced digital forensic expertise within the District Attorney's Office, agencies are no longer required to seek external assistance or absorb the expense of specialized software, equipment, or training. This shared-services model allows smaller departments to access high-level cyber investigative support without duplicating costs or diverting limited resources.

Beyond cost savings, the CIU has created significant operational efficiencies. Digital evidence is now processed more quickly, reviewed earlier in investigations, and coordinated directly with prosecutors, allowing cases to move forward without delay. Faster forensic analysis leads to more timely charging decisions, improved discovery compliance, and stronger case preparation,

particularly in investigations involving child exploitation, fraud, narcotics trafficking, violent crime, and online threats.

The District Attorney's investment in the CIU reflects a forward-looking approach to public safety. Establishing the unit required not only advanced technology and secure infrastructure, but also specialized expertise and certifications in digital forensics, cybercrime investigation, and evidence recovery. By assigning a highly trained investigator to lead the unit, Investigator Lunser, the Office ensured that cyber investigations meet the highest legal, technical, and evidentiary standards, safeguarding the integrity of prosecutions.

As digital evidence continues to play a central role in criminal investigations, the Cyber Investigation Unit strengthens the District Attorney's ability to support partner agencies, protect vulnerable victims, and deliver justice efficiently and responsibly while minimizing costs to taxpayers and enhancing countywide public safety.

Every Day is Drug Take Back Day

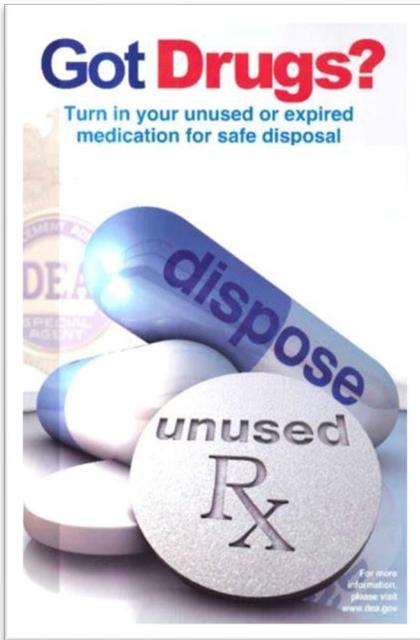


Pictured: DA Conaty and Chief Pavese

As Co-Chair of the Sullivan County Drug Task Force, District Attorney Conaty continues to highlight the many prevention and public safety programs available to residents. On August 26, 2025, DA Conaty joined Chief Brendan Pavese of the Town of Fallsburg Police Department to promote Sullivan County's Drug Take Back Program, emphasizing the importance of safe and responsible medication disposal. Drug drop boxes located in police departments across the county provide residents with a secure, convenient way to dispose of unused or expired medications, reducing the risk of misuse and preventing harmful substances from entering the community.

Every Day Is Drug Take Back Day, and while this initiative helps limit access to harmful substances, we recognize that more work remains in identifying, disrupting, and arresting those who distribute these drugs in our communities. Strengthening prevention must go hand-in-hand with strong enforcement, and the District Attorney's Office remains committed to both.

THE MESSAGE REMAINS SIMPLE AND CONSISTENT:
EVERY DAY IS DRUG TAKE BACK DAY



Below is year-round business drop off locations within Sullivan County as registered with the U.S. Department of Justice (DEA), Diversion Control Division:

Wal-Mart Pharmacy
41 Anawana Lake Rd. Monticello, NY 12701

DPR Equity Inc., The Medicine Shoppe
1987 State Route 52 Liberty, NY 12754

Arlington Pharmacy Inc.
187 Mill St. Liberty, NY 12754

Sullivan Pharmacy Inc.
267 N. Main St. Liberty, NY 12754

Jadd Pharmacy Corp.
253 Rock Hill Dr. Rock Hill, NY 12775

Riverside Remedies RX Corp.
39 Lower Main St. Callicoon, NY 12723

Year-round government drop-off locations:

Town of Fallsburg Police Department 19 Railroad Plaza South Fallsburg, NY 12779

Village of Liberty Police Department 159 N. Main St. Liberty, NY 12754

Village of Monticello Police Department 2 Pleasant Street Monticello, NY 12701

Sullivan County Department of Social Services 16 Community LN. Liberty, NY 12754

Law Enforcement Collaboration

The work of the Sullivan County District Attorney's Office is strengthened every day by our deep partnerships with federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies. Throughout the past year, we have collaborated closely with the Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Secret Service, Department of Justice, and Department of Homeland Security to support complex investigations that require national-level expertise and resources. At the state level, our office has worked in concert with the New York State Attorney General's Office, the New York State Comptroller's Office, the New York State Inspector General's Office, and the New York State Police to advance financial crime enforcement, strengthen narcotics and gun investigations, cold cases, and ensure accountability. These efforts are complemented by our ongoing cooperation with local police departments and the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office, whose daily work forms the backbone of public safety in our communities.

This coordinated approach ensures that cases involving financial fraud, cybercrime, narcotics trafficking, violence, and threats to vulnerable populations are handled with the highest level of professionalism, precision, and integrity. Our shared commitment to information sharing, joint training, and unified investigative strategies allows us to respond more effectively to emerging challenges while earning the trust and confidence of the residents we serve.

Together, these partnerships reflect our office's unwavering dedication to a modern, collaborative, and community centered model of justice that strengthens public safety, supports victims, and upholds the integrity of our county.

A LOOK AHEAD TO 2026

As we look ahead to 2026, this office remains committed to strengthening public safety through modern, data-driven strategies and close collaboration with our law enforcement partners.

In the coming year, our central priority will be our continued efforts to combat the opioid epidemic by disrupting illicit supply chains, aggressively prosecuting those who profit from addiction, expanding treatment-focused pathways for those so afflicted with disease of addiction, and supporting prevention efforts.

Additionally, this office aims to continue advancing the modernization of our local law enforcements technological capabilities to ensure that agencies across Sullivan County have the tools necessary to respond effectively, collaboratively, and transparently to emerging threats.

Together, with the partnership of our residents, service providers, and law enforcement agencies, we will continue building a safer, healthier, and more resilient Sullivan County.

Modernizing Law Enforcement Technology



District Attorney Conaty is looking ahead to 2026 with a continued focus on modernizing Sullivan County's criminal justice infrastructure through the strategic use of New York State DCJS Discovery Reform funding. In partnership with the Sullivan County Division of Public Safety, the District Attorney's Office will seek to expand technology-driven initiatives designed to enhance data-sharing across all public safety agencies.

Currently, law enforcement agencies within Sullivan County operate on multiple, incompatible records management platforms. The Monticello and Fallsburg Police Departments utilize the IMPACT Records Management System, which requires each agency to independently fund licensing, maintenance, and support. The Sullivan County Sheriff's Office and the Village of

Liberty Police Department utilize the Spectrum Justice System (SJS), which is supplied by New York State at no cost to local law enforcement agencies. However, SJS will soon reach the end of its service lifecycle and will be sunset, and will no longer be supported by the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS). As a result, no future updates, security patches, or system enhancements will be available, creating operational, cybersecurity, and compliance risks for agencies that continue to rely on the platform.

The urgency of transitioning away from SJS is underscored by the fact that the New York State Police have already migrated to NicheRMS, reflecting a statewide movement toward a modern, supported, and interoperable records management solution.

Procuring a single, countywide RMS through Niche will eliminate system fragmentation and ensure that all local law enforcement agencies operate on a uniform, fully supported, and contemporary platform. This standardization will significantly improve information sharing, investigative efficiency, data integrity, and case coordination between law enforcement agencies and the District Attorney's Office, while also enhancing officer safety and evidentiary access.

In addition, the District Attorney's Office will leverage existing Niche RMS licenses through an inter-county partnership with Orange County, which is also operating on the Niche platform. This arrangement will allow for direct, secure, cross-county information sharing and regional investigative coordination while avoiding duplicative system costs. By utilizing this shared-license structure, the District Attorney's Office will be required to procure software access only, eliminating the need to purchase or maintain dedicated hardware infrastructure and resulting in substantial cost savings and reduced long-term maintenance obligations.

Centralized procurement and administration by the District Attorney's Office along with our Public Safety Division will further reduce duplicative expenses, ensure consistent training and support, and allow smaller agencies access to enterprise-level technology that may otherwise be cost-prohibitive. Most importantly, this initiative provides Sullivan County with a sustainable, secure, and future-ready records management solution that supports effective law enforcement operations and the fair administration of justice countywide.

Safe Gun Storage

DA Conaty has launched a pilot Safe Gun Storage initiative, in partnership with NYS Office of Gun Violence Prevention (OGVP), to improve community safety and well-being by reminding residents about the importance of firearm safety and how they can prevent gun-related injuries and death, especially among children.

As part of this initiative, the Sullivan County District Attorney's Office provides free gun locks to the public along with Safe Storage brochures containing information on firearm safety and safe storage. The Safe Storage Brochure details safe practices and the importance of keeping firearms unloaded, locked, and stored separately from ammunition to prevent unintentional injuries, deaths, suicides, and the unlawful access to same.

SAFE STORAGE OPTIONS

GUN SAFE


GUN CASE


TRIGGER LOCK


LOCK BOX


CABLE LOCK


VEHICLE STORAGE

Any handgun or long gun in a vehicle **must be unloaded and locked in a storage container**: for example, a plastic or aluminum hard-sided case or safe, not the glove box. The container must be hidden from view.

 **EVERY 9 MINUTES** At least one gun is stolen from a car in the United States, most frequently from one parked at home.

Get tips on how to be a responsible gun owner:
gunsafety.ny.gov

GUN STORAGE AND SUICIDE

Easy access to guns can turn a moment of crisis into a deadly event.

Storing firearms safely can help prevent suicide.

Call or text **988**, or chat at 988lifeline.org if you or someone you know needs to talk.

EXTREME RISK PROTECTION ORDER (ERPO)

If someone you know is in crisis and has access to a firearm, consider an Extreme Risk Protection Order (ERPO). An ERPO temporarily prevents individuals from having firearms if they pose a risk of harming themselves or others.

Call **911** if there is an emergency.

Visit nycourts.gov to learn more.

ALWAYS LOCK YOUR GUN
Use a cable or trigger lock.

STORE GUNS UNLOADED
Keep them in a locked safe only you can access.

STORE AMMO SEPARATELY
Secure it away from your guns in a locked container.

PROTECT KEYS AND CODES FOR SAFES
Store them out of children's reach.

TEACH CHILDREN ABOUT GUN SAFETY
"Guns are not toys." "Guns should never be handled without adult supervision."

REPORT A STOLEN OR LOST GUN
Notify authorities immediately.

KNOW THE LAW
Stay up to date about firearm laws and how to store firearms safely.

TRANSPORT GUNS SAFELY
Unload and lock your gun in a storage container when traveling in a vehicle.

CONSIDER A DIFFERENT STORAGE LOCATION
Check the New York Firearm Storage Map for out of home solutions.

bit.ly/NYGunStorage



PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT, SPECIALIZED TRAINING AND COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Throughout 2025, the District Attorney and members of the Sullivan County District Attorney's Office maintained an active presence in the community while continuing to invest in professional development and specialized training. These efforts strengthen public trust, enhance interagency collaboration, and ensure the Office remains current with evolving legal standards and best practices.

In 2025, the Sullivan County District Attorney's Office remained deeply engaged in both the community and ongoing professional development for staff. District Attorney Conaty participated in a variety of public outreach initiatives, including presenting at the semiannual Sullivan County Drug Task Force meeting, discussing driver safety with students at Sullivan West High School, and speaking with WJFF Radio Catskill to highlight notable prosecutions, including cases such as Jacob McCoy and Bryan Robinson. DA Conaty also joined the community at the Monticello Trunk or Treat festivities, strengthening connections between the Office and local families.

Staff professional development was a continued priority. Assistant District Attorneys attended the New York Prosecutors Training Institute for continuing legal education, participated in Animal Cruelty Training offered by New York Agriculture and Markets, and took part in both winter and summer conferences with the District Attorneys Association of the State of New York (DASSNY). The Crime Victim Specialist Coordinator completed multiple advanced trainings and certification courses, including sessions through the New York State Office of Victim Services, Child Forensic Interview Training (CFIT) via the National Organization for Victim Advocacy (NOVAA), Trauma-Informed Response with the Division of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS), and Gender-Based Violence workshops.

District Attorney Investigators enhanced their skills through participation in the Ghost Gun Safety Conference hosted by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, as well as the Office's annual firearms qualifications. Fiscal personnel strengthened the Office's grant management capacity by attending Department of Justice Basic and Advanced Grants Financial Management Training.

These events and trainings reflect the Office's ongoing commitment to professional excellence, community engagement, and public safety, ensuring that all staff remain equipped to provide thorough, responsive, and effective service to victims, witnesses, and the broader community.

The photos below capture some moments from the Sullivan County District Attorney's Office throughout 2025. They illustrate staff engagement in community events, public outreach, and efforts to engage with our community. Each image reflects the dedication, expertise, and collaborative spirit of our team as they work to serve victims, support witnesses, and maintain public safety across the County



District Attorney Conaty with Sheriff Schiff speaking before the Legislature

District Attorney Conaty delivering the 2025 Commencement address at his alma Marta, John S. Burke Catholic High School



DA Conaty, Chief Brendan Pavese and former Monticello Officer Dave Weiner attend the NYS Police Academy graduation in Albany, October 22, 2025

Chief ADA Puma, ADA Schulte





Kelsey Collins, DA Conaty, Vanessa McPhillips, Legislator Matt McPhillips, Legislature Chair Rajsz at the Bagel Festival

DA Conaty, Investigator Kinne join Officer Lake and Officer Totino local law enforcement in handing out Thanksgiving meals



Sullivan County District Attorney Chief Investigator Scott Kinne receives Award of Service from Rabbi Joel Friedman. DA Brian Conaty looks on.

DA Conaty and Senator Peter Oberacker





Crystal Gadson, SC Chief Clerk Surrogate's Court, Tim Havas, Executive Director Sullivan Legal Aid Panel, DA Conaty, Ryan Walker, Attorney, E Danielle Jose-Decker, Sullivan County Court Judge, Alexandra Bourne, Principal Court Attorney, and Constantina Hart, Attorney at Rutherford Elementary School in Monticello promoting Read Across America. A week-long celebration created by the National Education Association (NEA) created to promote reading in honor of Dr. Seuss's birthday.

DA Conaty, Legislator Matt McPhillips and Vanessa McPhillips attend the 13th anniversary dinner for Ride 2 Survive-Sullivan County, Inc., a community-based volunteer organization whose mission is to assist with transportation expenses for residents receiving treatment locally who are under the care of an oncologist.



Abe Rutner, Democratic State Committeemen and Town of Liberty Democratic Chair Bill Liblick, Legislature Chair Rajsz and DA Conaty at the Jewish Community Council meet and greet.



DA Conaty donated pizza to the day and night shift hard working Correctional Officers at the Sullivan County Jail to show appreciation for all that they do during National Corrections Officers Week.

DA Conaty donated pizza to the day and night shift Nurses at Garnett Health Catskill to show his appreciation for their dedication to our community in recognition of National Nurses Week!



DA Conaty handing out candy to children at Monticello's Trunk or Treat.

Chief Investigator Kinne speaks with students from Eldred Hight School's government class.

