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## ANNUAL REPORT

Terry Costello, State's Attorney, released the final results of prosecution completed by the State's Attorney's Office during calendar year 2023.

### CONVICTIONS:

Felony convictions:	360 (446 new cases filed)
Murder convictions	2
Misdemeanor convictions:	170 (326 new cases filed)
Traffic convictions:	1,143 (4,880 new cases filed)
DUI convictions:	120 (143 new cases filed as misdemeanors)
Juvenile Adjudications: (delinquency, child abuse, etc.)	24 (103 new cases filed)
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The total of 1,819 convictions represent those convictions achieved both by trial and by pleas of guilty in both the Sterling and Morrison courts, and they apply **only** to those cases in which the defendant appeared before a judge. Those persons found not guilty after trials, were charged with 5 traffic offenses, and 1 Misdemeanor and 1 Felony. There were 5 jury trials held.

There were 99 defendants sent to the Department of Corrections. All of these defendants were sentenced on felony offenses. A total of 414 years of prison time was imposed.

The following is a breakdown of the misdemeanor DUI's filed.

Total filed in 2023	143
Total convictions	120
Total fines	\$110,725.00
Total restitution ordered	\$418.90
Total days jail time ordered	435
Probation ordered	26
Conditional Discharge ordered	12
Court Supervision ordered	82
Total hours Public Service ordered	6,030
Amended to Reckless Driving	0
Found Not Guilty	2

The following is a breakdown of the felony DUI's filed. If a misdemeanor DUI preceded the felony, it must be dismissed in order to proceed on the felony.

Total filed in 2023	58
Total convictions	26
Total fines	\$35,925.00
Total restitution ordered	\$0
Total years DOC ordered	18
Total days jail time ordered	1,012
Probation ordered	14
Conditional Discharge ordered	4
Total hours Public Service ordered	2,020
Found Not Guilty	0

**The remainder of the DUI's filed in 2023 were still pending at the time of this report.**

#### **CIVIL SUITS:**

137 Civil judgments (tax suits, ordinance violations, forfeitures): of that \$2,206.00 in US currency, and 3 vehicles were forfeited.

12 Mental Health Commitments were completed.

#### **CONTRACTS:**

0 cases were sent for diversion to the Recovery Zone

12 defendants were given diversion through Drug Court

**OTHER COURT RELATED PROCEEDINGS:**

39	Extradition warrants
59	Returns on subpoena of records
8	SSS hearings (statutory summary suspension) *This does not include ones filed in the DT/CF cases
94	Search warrants (total for arrest warrants is not included.)
2	Overhear applications
70	Felony violations of probation
16	Pre-Trial motions
13	Post-conviction petitions
6	SDP (sexually dangerous person) proceedings
18	Bond hearings
6	Fitness Hearings
7	Motion to Suppress hearings
2	Sanction hearings
2	Detention hearings
46	402 Conferences

**FELONY RELATED OFFENSES:**

169 defendants were sentenced to probation, 68 were sentenced to conditional discharge and 12 received court supervision.

**MISDEMEANOR RELATED OFFENSES:**

19 defendants were sentenced to probation, 13 were sentenced to conditional discharge and 49 received court supervision.

**TRAFFIC RELATED OFFENSES:**

39 defendants were sentenced to probation, 42 were sentenced to conditional discharge and 1,050 received court supervision.

**AVERAGE DAILY JAIL POPULATION:** 65 inmates for 2023

Prior years:

2022	66
2021	71
2020	81
2019	84
2018	98
2017	85
2016	83
2015	90
2014	84

**VICTIM'S ASSISTANCE PROGRAM:**

The Victim's Assistance Program has provided services to 416 new victims during the 2023 calendar year. The services provided include case notification, emotional support, referral, restitution assistance, criminal justice information, orders of protection, case information, victim compensation, bond restrictions, court advocacy, and transportation. The program is staffed by a full-time Victim's Assistant in the Morrison office and a part-time Victim's Assistant in the Sterling office.

The main function of the victim's assistance program is to assist the victims of crime in their journey through the criminal justice system. An informed victim is more likely to become a partner in the prosecution of a criminal, resulting in a more effective and efficient court system.

During the past year, defendants have been ordered to pay \$32,323.04 in restitution to victims of crimes. \$69,653.19 was collected in the year 2023 and \$66,127.80 was disbursed. Some of the amount collected was from amounts ordered in prior years, and efforts continue to collect the balance of the amount ordered. The collection and disbursement of the amounts ordered is managed through a cooperative effort of the Probation department, the Circuit Clerk's office and the State's Attorney's office.

The Victim Impact Panel for DUI offenders met 4 times during the last year. A total of 118 DUI offenders attended.

**PUBLIC SERVICE EMPLOYMENT:**

Public Service Employment hours were ordered by the court as follows:

219 adults for a total of 36,865 hours work (922 forty hour work weeks)

15 juveniles for a total of 480 hours work (12 forty hour work weeks)

**FINES:**

Fines in the amount of \$623,746.24 were collected. Of that amount, Whiteside County received \$245,168.83 from felony and misdemeanor fines, and \$95,254.22 from traffic fines. According to Sue Costello, Circuit Clerk, the balance of these fines were distributed as follows:

Conservation	\$ 2,986.50
Sterling	\$105,818.52
Rock Falls	\$ 96,214.70
Lyndon	\$ 275.00
Erie	\$ 6,779.51
Prophetstown	\$ 5,859.00
Tampico	\$ 0.00
Fulton	\$ 19,633.28
Albany	\$ 5,015.40
Morrison	\$ 20,075.94
Blackhawk Area Task Force	\$ 3,970.00
State Police Road Fund (Overweights)	\$ 9,296.50
Drug Traffic Prevention Fund	\$ 149.50
State Crime Laboratory Fund	\$ 18,934.68
Violent Crime Victims Fund	\$ 38,477.46
Traffic & Criminal Conviction surcharge	\$ 60,495.31
Drivers Education Fund	\$ 19,322.43
Domestic Violence Shelter Fund	\$ 2,811.92
Drug Treatment Fund	\$ 38,603.26
Sexual Assault Services Fund	\$ 2,179.00
Trauma Center Fund	\$ 12,584.16
Youth Drug Abuse Prevention Fund	\$ 1,407.71
Spinal Cord Injury Research Fund	\$ 604.91
Fire Prevention Fund	\$ 9,885.00
LEADS Maintenance Fund	\$ 10.22
Domestic Violence Abuser Services Fund	\$ 82.00
Drug Court Fund	\$ 915.51
Child Advocacy Fund (April House)	\$ 3,455.92

A total of \$6,210.99 was collected as the result of special fines imposed in drug cases, and \$0.00 was collected and deposited into the Sheriff's drug prevention fund. That amount is used to fund the Deputy assigned to the Blackhawk Area Task Force. All Illinois State Police fines are paid over to Whiteside County. This money is used by law enforcement agencies for the continuing investigation of drug crimes.

The above figures do not represent court costs and other fees assessed against defendants.

  
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