



Marquette County District Attorney's Office 2024 Annual Report

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Office Staff

District Attorney – Clifford Burdon

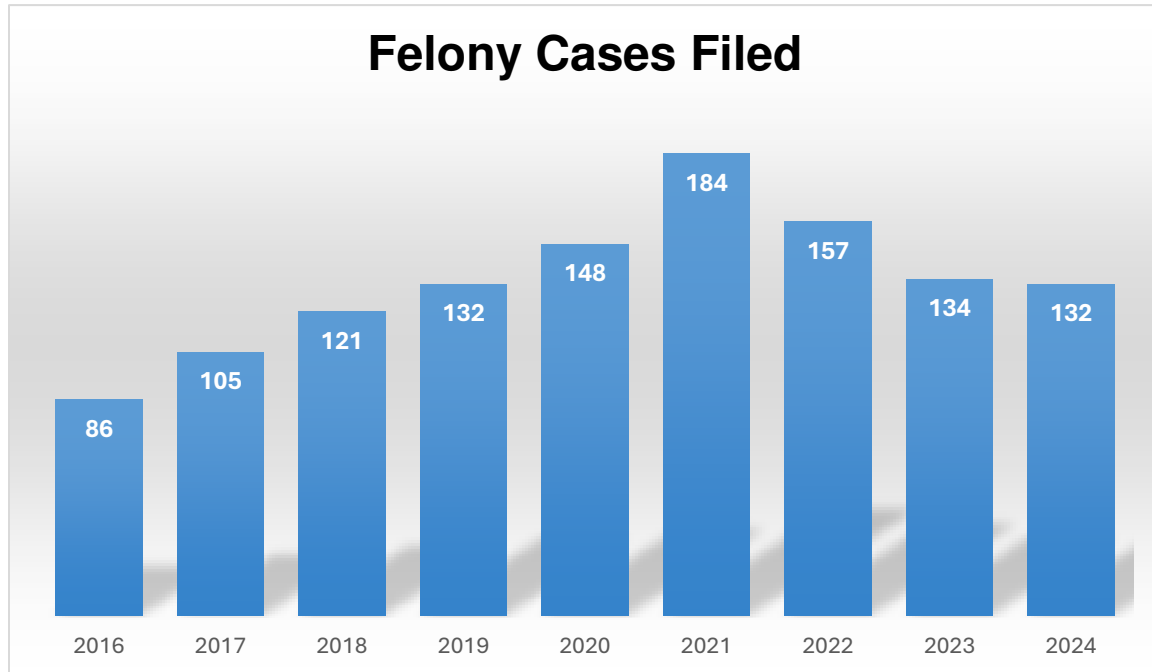
Assistant District Attorney – Veronica Isherwood

Victim/Witness Coordinator – Marie Miller

Administrative Assistant – Rebecca Nicholson

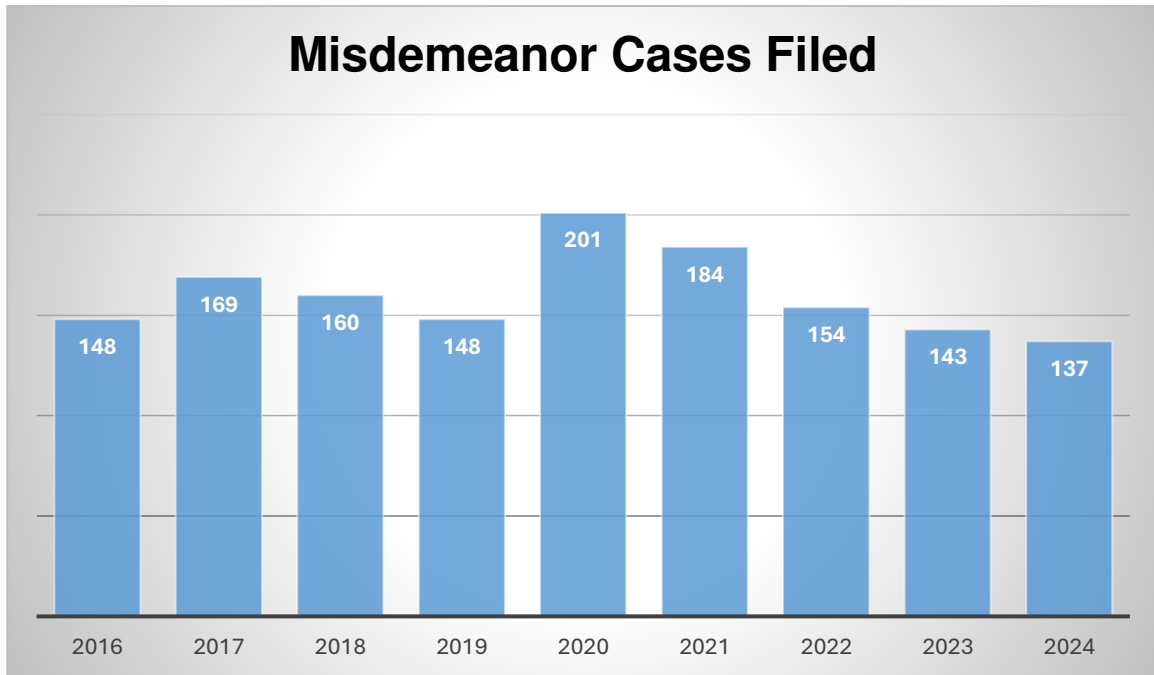
Administrative Assistant – Ciara Boening

Felony Case Information



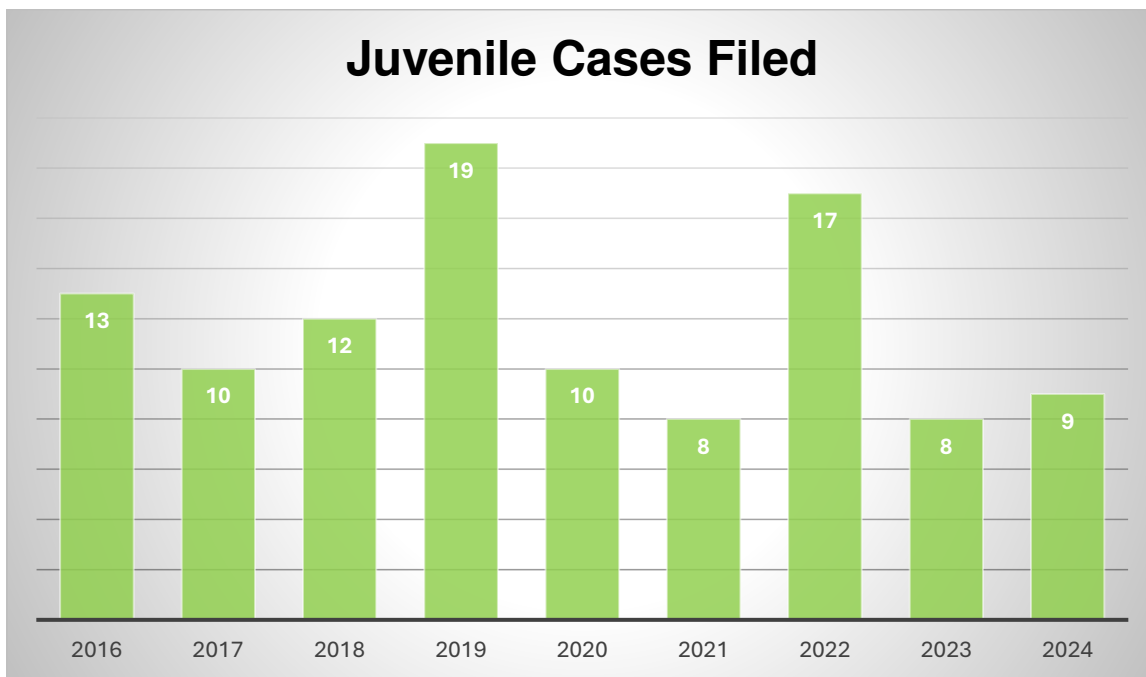
The number of felony cases which have been filed over the last four years have leveled off to pre-pandemic levels. This return to a less heightened feeling of panic should allow for the level of felonies to continue to trend at a level that is consistent with what we have previously seen.

Misdemeanor Case Information



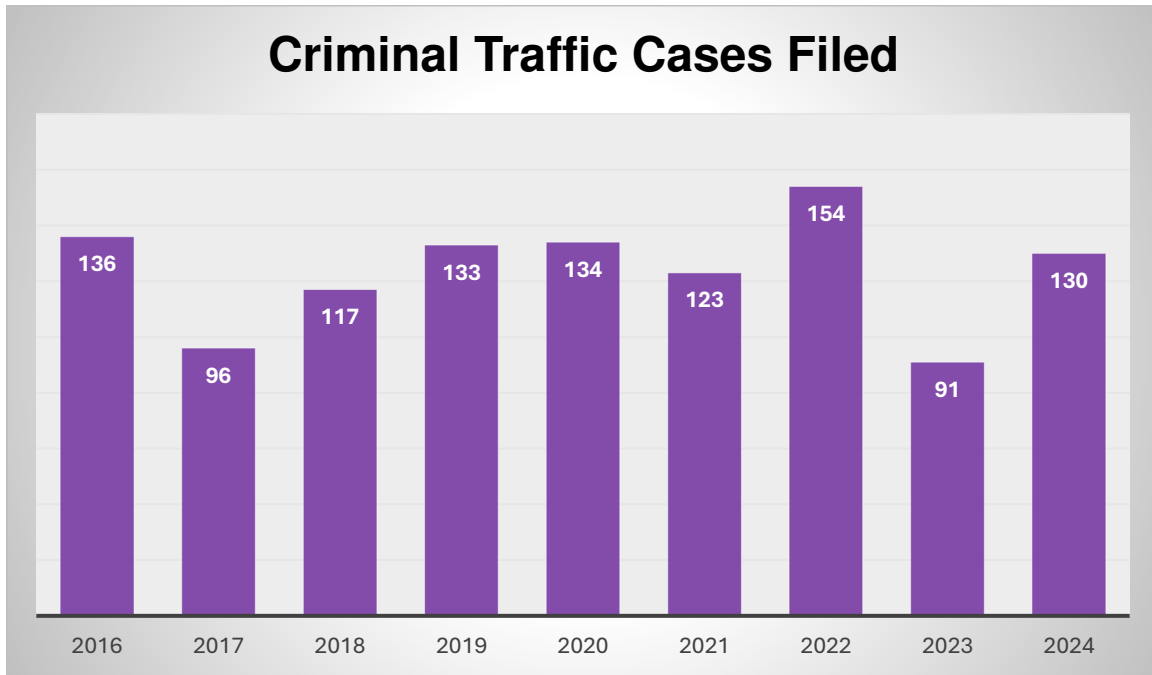
There was a small decrease in the number of misdemeanor charges that were filed in the past year. This in part correlates with the substantial increase in the number of misdemeanor traffic charges that were filed. When certain crimes involve traffic charges, the decrease in misdemeanor cases are reflected in the increase in the misdemeanor traffic charges.

Juvenile Case Information



The juvenile filings in 2024 leveled off, this is in part due to no cases involving multiple juveniles, a factor that had caused a spike in cases a few years ago.

Criminal Traffic Case Information



The Criminal Traffic filings include any misdemeanor level traffic crime, such as misdemeanor Operating While Intoxicated offenses, Operating after Revocation, and Operating without a Valid License.

Traffic Citations/County Ordinance Citations

In addition to the prosecution of criminal offenses, the District Attorney's Office prosecutes all of the traffic citations issued by the Marquette County Sheriff's Office and the Wisconsin State Patrol as well as County Ordinance Citations issues by the Marquette County Sheriff's Office and citations which are issued by the Department of Natural Resources.

Budget Information

During 2024, the District Attorney's Office received revenue from sources which are similar to other years: discovery costs, Victim/Witness surcharges, and State Aid to the Victim/Witness program. The overall budget for the District Attorney's Office was lower than estimated for 2024. Due to personnel changes and restructuring that we had within our office, the salary portion of our budget was decreased from what was predicted for 2024. Given that our new personnel are becoming more familiar with their roles and responsibilities, we will see our budget level out to a place where it is more expected as there are not personnel changes that are foreseen for the near future.

In 2024, we were able to add an Assistant District Attorney. ADA Veronica Isherwood had served the State of Wisconsin for 25 years as an Assistant District Attorney and District Attorney before retiring in 2023. Roni's retirement was well deserved, but she was not content to stay retired. We are fortunate to have added such a seasoned attorney who fits well in our office and has been doing a great job in serving the needs of people in Marquette County.

The Wisconsin Department of Administration released its Final Workload Analysis Report at the Spring SPET Conference on May 21, 2025. Looking at the current allocated 1.6 full time employment positions for Marquette County when calculating that with our caseload for the previous 3 years taking into account complexity of those cases they determined that the Marquette County District Attorney's Office is working with a need for an additional 19.73 % increase to our attorney positions within the office. While the State is not allocating any additional resources for our office in the next budget cycle, we will continue to evaluate our office's needs and make the appropriate requests accordingly.