

Contra Costa County District Attorney's Office

2025 Annual Report
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Our 2025 Overview

Prosecuting Serious and Violent Felonies and Misdemeanors

**Implementing Restorative Justice Programs for
Adults & Youth**

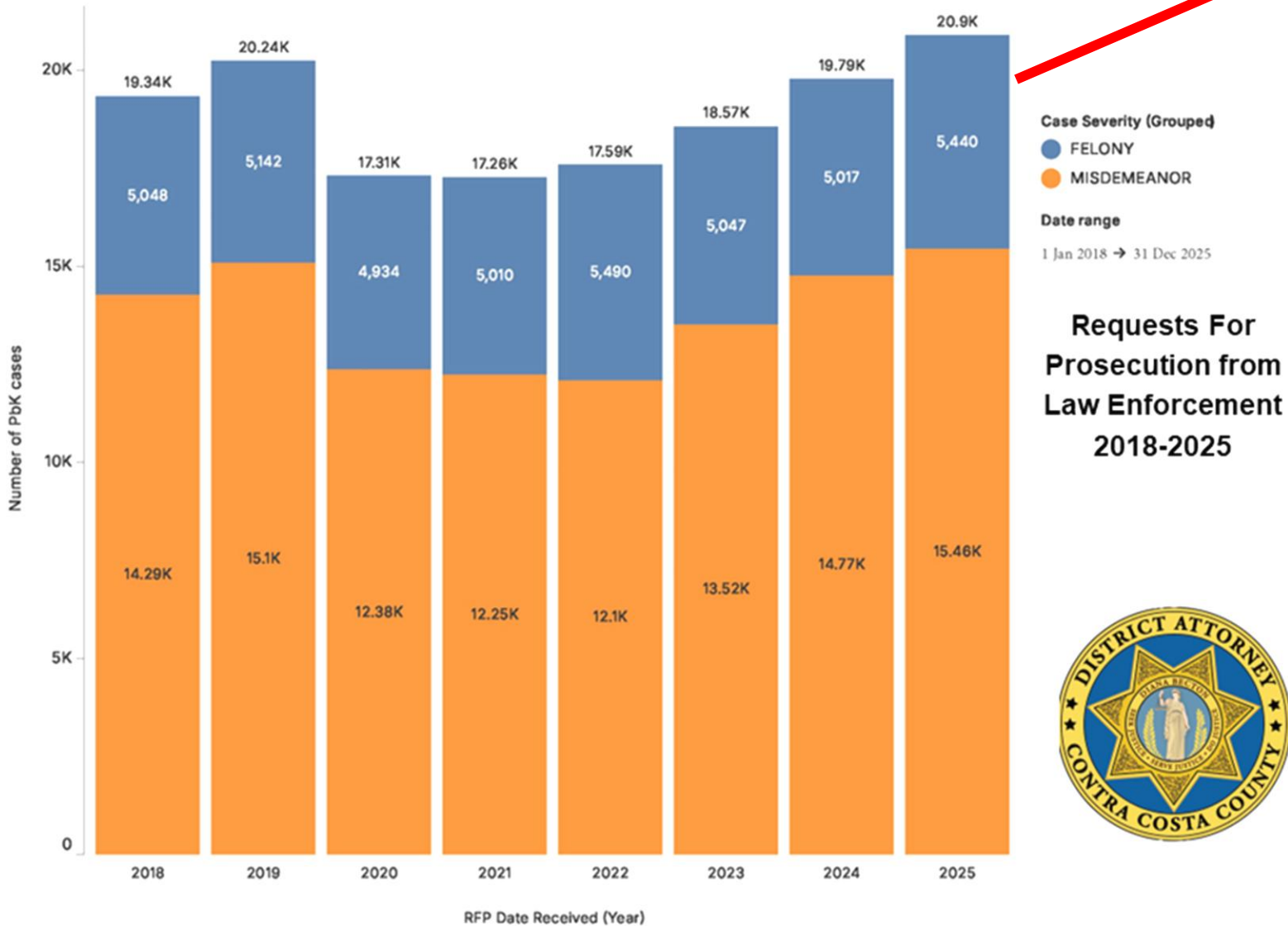
Resolving Cold Cases – Including Homicides

**Specialized Unit Focus on Organized Retail Theft, Public
Integrity & Hate Crimes**

**Working With Analytics Teams to Identify Crime Trends,
Allocate Resources & Prevent Crime**

Filing of All Criminal Cases in Contra Costa County

Most criminal cases submitted in last eight years



Violent and Serious Felony Filing Rate Examples from 2025

Offense	Submitted	Filed	% Filed
Murder (PC 187)	30	27	90%
Robbery (PC 211)	447	351	78%
DUI (VC 23152)	3240	2668	82%
Reckless Evading (VC 2800.2)	231	195	84%

2025 Highlights

Contra Costa County DA Felony Conviction Rate for 2025: 96%
Statewide Felony Conviction Rate Average: 81%

Victim-Witness Advocate Program: 1,414 active cases – 6,144 individual services provided

Neighborhood Restorative Partnership Program (NRP) : 119 participants in 2025 referred for diversion – Recidivism rate of 1%

Development and launch of a DUI Death & Serious Injury Focused Unit: I.M.P.A.C.T Unit – OTS Grant Funded

2025 Cold Case Breakthroughs

People v. Matthew Muller

“American Nightmare” kidnapper – unreported 15 year old case solved, his confession in 2024 led to his conviction and sentencing of 40 years in prison

People v. James Grimsley

1990’s Concord murder of transgender woman solved through the use of advanced DNA technology, tried by jury and convicted of murder in August, sentenced to 15-Life

People v. Desante Blake

Solved the 2007 fatal shooting of Larry Abercrombie Sr. in front of his Pittsburg home. Touch DNA linked Blake to the crime, he pled and received a 23 year state prison sentence.

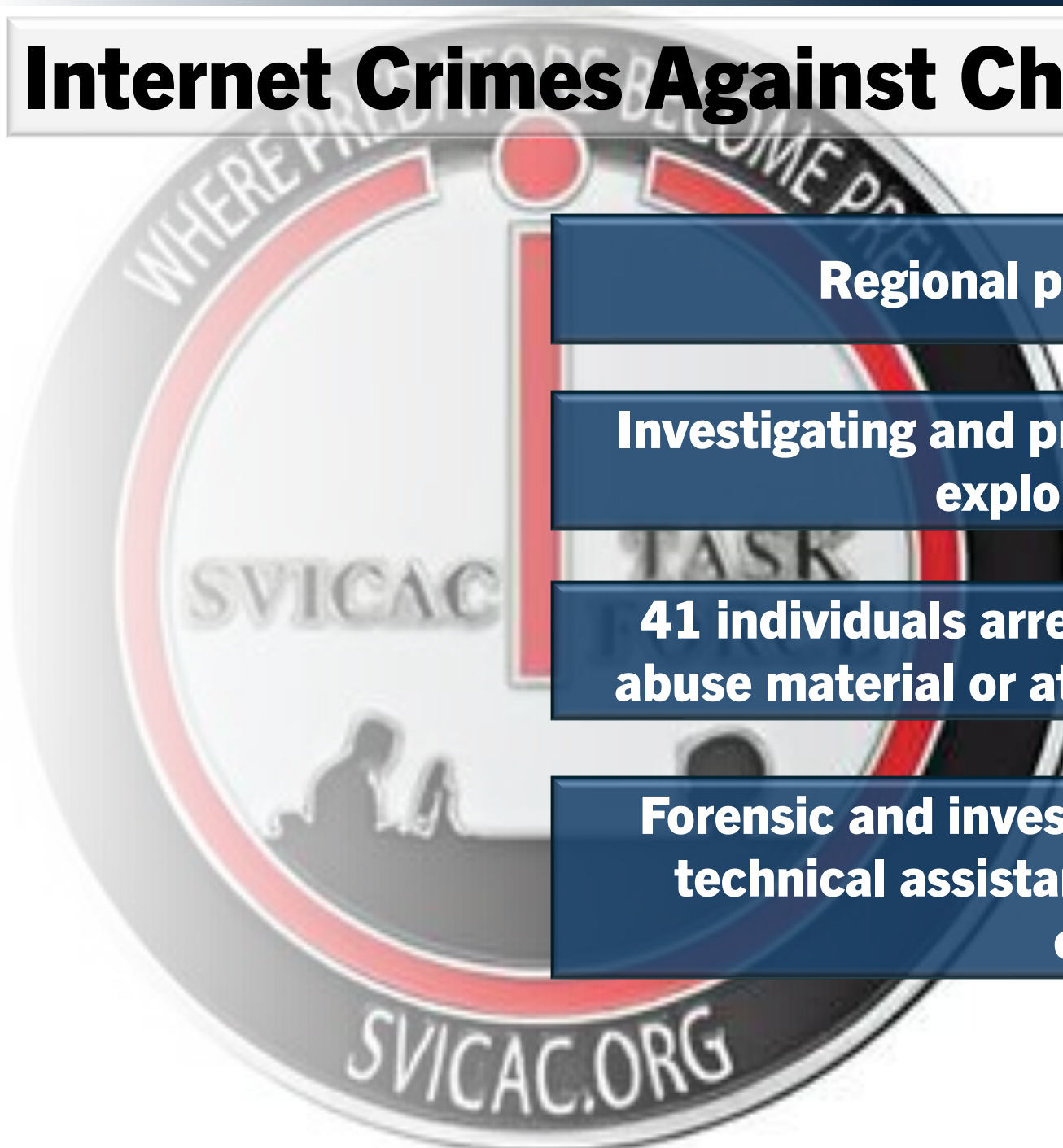
Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force

Regional partnership across 11 counties

Investigating and prosecuting technology-facilitated child exploitation and online crimes

41 individuals arrested for crimes involving child sexual abuse material or attempted sexual exploitation of minors

Forensic and investigative support, specialized training, technical assistance, victim services, prevention and education programs



Law Enforcement Involved Fatal Incidents (LEIFI)

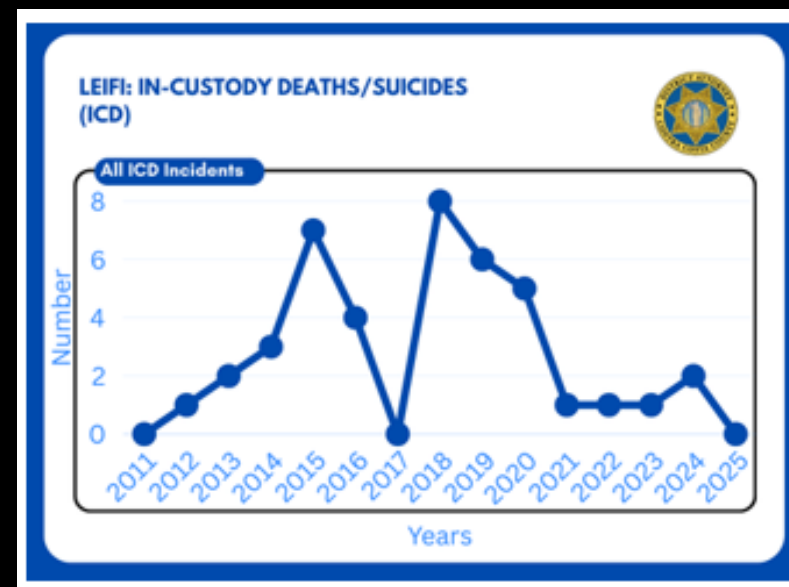
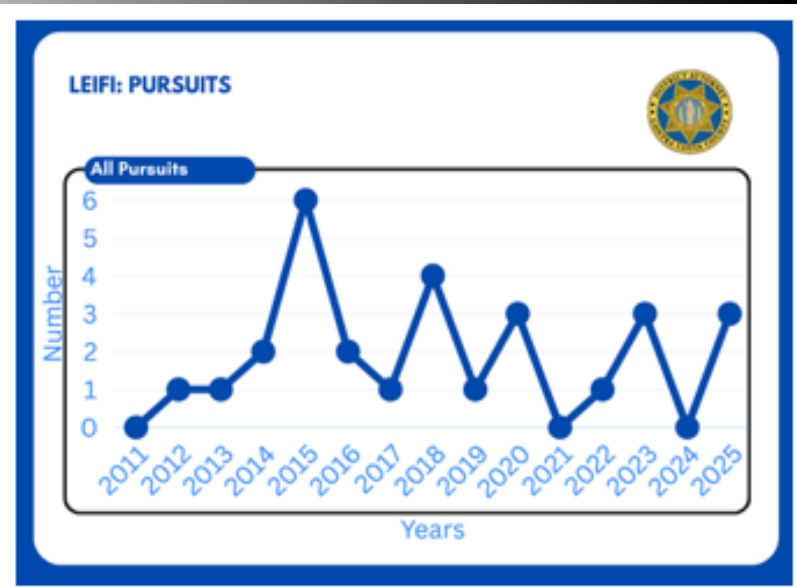
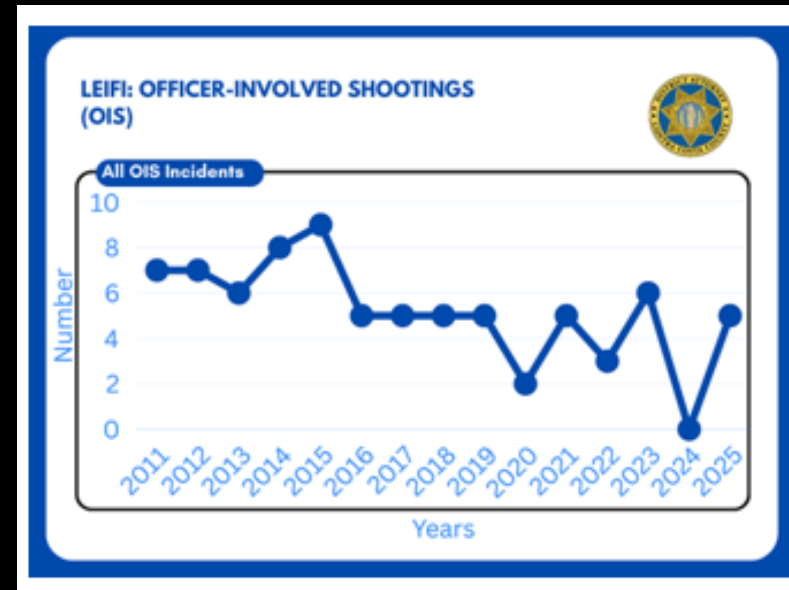
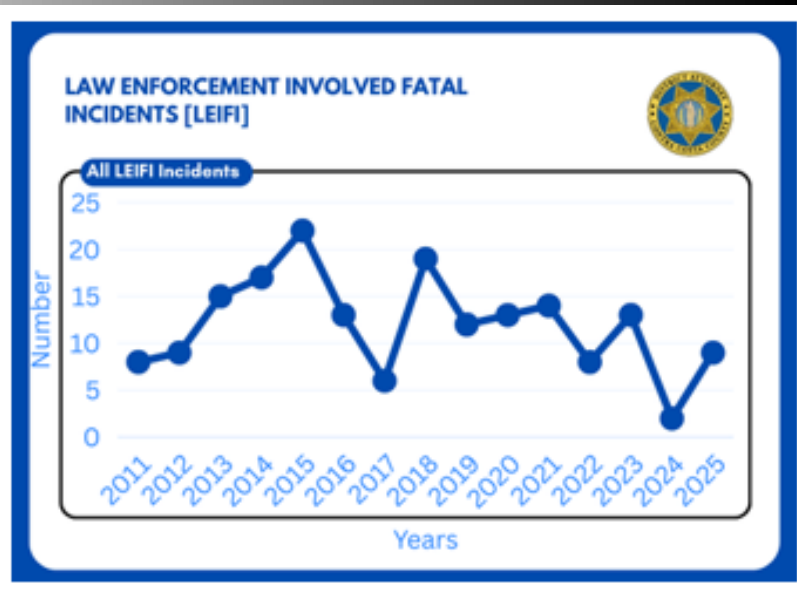
Include officer-involved shootings, in-custody deaths, and vehicle pursuit

District Attorney's Office conducts independent investigations to determine if criminal liability exists beyond a reasonable doubt

Publishes detailed reports when no charges are filed

Aims to improve public accountability and trust

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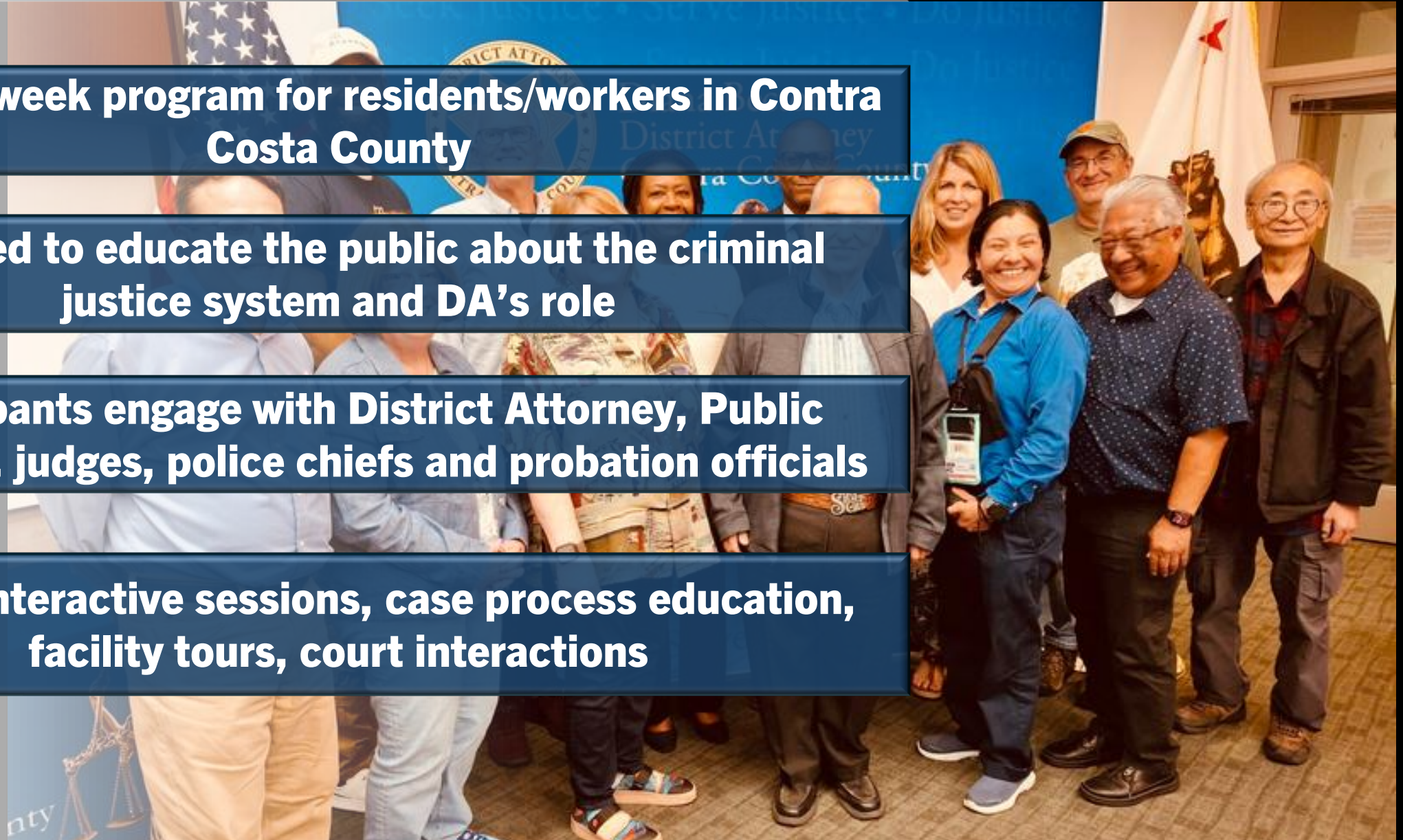
Community Academy Program

A free 10-week program for residents/workers in Contra Costa County

Designed to educate the public about the criminal justice system and DA's role

Participants engage with District Attorney, Public Defender, judges, police chiefs and probation officials

Weekly interactive sessions, case process education, facility tours, court interactions





Opening of the Pittsburg Branch

- Located on Railroad Avenue in Pittsburg, CA.
- Providing more efficient service to our East County Residents and Law Enforcement Partners

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