



# JACKSON COUNTY PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE

***Mission Statement:** In partnership with our Community, the office is dedicated to ethically and professionally pursuing the cause of justice, promoting public safety through data-driven practices and providing a voice for victims of crime.*











# Jackson County Courthouse flooded

- Water main break
- 10 feet of water & thousands of pounds of mud
- Flooding damaged major operating systems in the courthouse.
- IT Dept was under water & not on cloud at that time
- No AC; no Elevators
- Everyone immediately expelled from the building





## **Police Officer killed**

- Blaize Madrid-Evans was a new police officer in training when killed by a prolific offender
- Blaize's killer is also shot and killed
- Police were looking for someone to blame --- the DA was the focus
- Joint Statement issued



# Assistant prosecutor charged with a crime for misusing her authority

- Bliss Worrell later pleads guilty to Misprision of a Felony in Fed Court for filing false charges
- The Prosecutor remarked this was: "the worst thing that happened in her twenty years of prosecution"







# Unarmed Black Man Killed by Police

- Insufficient evidence to charge Officer Newton following an investigation by law enforcement
- Community is Outraged
- Community wants answers ... and change

# Charges that bring Public ATTENTION

- Is your office able to handle the media
- Is your office able to disseminate information credibly
- Is your office aware of the ethical guidelines
- What is your Message
- WHY

*Charges are leveled against Bishop Finn and the Catholic Church for Failure to Report Suspected Child Abuse*





# Crisis at the jail in Jackson County, MO

## Jackson County jail guards took bribes to smuggle contraband, feds allege

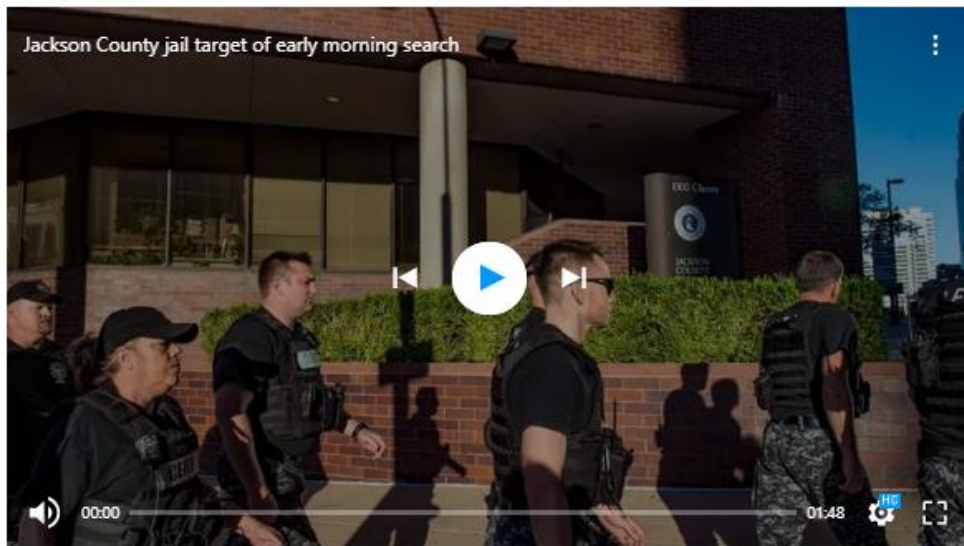
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Around two hundred law enforcement officers from several agencies searched the Jackson County Detention Center in Kansas City for several hours on the morning of June 26, 2017, as part of an ongoing investigation. BY ALLISON LONG | ROBERT A. CRONKLETON

- Hits called from the Jail;
- Forcible Rapes of Women in the Jail by Male detainees;
- Guards as abusers;
- Guards as perpetrators;
- Bribes of guards;
- Flow of contraband in the jail

GRAND JURY REPORT  
IN RE THE INSPECTION OF THE JACKSON COUNTY  
DETENTION CENTER





# 2024 Super Bowl Shooting





# Jackson County's Ransomware attack

- Internet and Servers shut down





## **Police Detective Eric DeValkenaere is Charged**

- Plain clothes detectives
- Secret squad
- Questionable practices as "violence interrupters"
- Unarmed?
- Domestic Violence?
- "bad guy"
- 4th Amendment





# A Lab Crisis

- Problematic Chemist who:
  - Invented test results by “eyeballing” samples instead of testing them.
  - Manufactured drugs while working at a state lab.
  - Misrepresented credentials
- Result:
  - Docuseries created
  - Litigation overturned over 35,000 cases
  - \$14 million settlement
  - *Three former state prosecutors have now been disciplined—one with disbarment.*
  - Damaging report by U.S. Department of Justice
  - The Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court ruled that the prosecutor's office violated its duties to disclose and inquire about exculpatory evidence