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MAKING OUR COMMUNITY SAFER

Two years have passed since I was sworn into Office as District Attorney for the 38TH Judicial District in January 2009. I wanted to take a few moments and let you know what your District Attorney's Office has accomplished.

In January of 2009, the office had no assistants and one investigator to serve all three counties in the 38TH Judicial District, not to mention a very large backlog of cases. The two staffed offices in Medina and Uvalde Counties were very deficient in technology resulting in serious problems in the management and tracking of a great volume of both indicted and unindicted case files.

Thanks to the diligent efforts of a dedicated staff, both offices are now equipped with state of the art computer systems along with an overall modernization of the entire District Attorney's Office. For the first time, we now have a satellite office in Real County. I have also been able to add two additional criminal investigators and three assistant district attorneys to the office. The majority of these additions was made possible through state and federal grants, and did not require funding from taxpayers in the 38TH District. These additions have allowed the creation of a special prosecution team exclusively dedicated to prosecuting felony domestic violence cases.

My office is also part of the Border Prosecution Unit (BPU); which was created and funded by the Governor's Office to combat crime along the Texas border. I have served as a member of the BPU executive board since the BPU was established. As a member of the BPU I have a prosecutor dedicated to combating border crime here in the district.

These improvements in the office structure and organization have produced measurable results; the most important has been the elimination of the backlog of criminal cases. As of now there are almost no unresolved pre 2009 cases and the majority of active cases are from 2010. Unless a case will be set for trial we can now usually have it resolved in less than one year. This is pretty fast for felony criminal case in a jurisdiction the size of the 38TH.

2010 has been a very busy year at the District Attorney's Office. A total of 475 felony criminal cases were resolved in the district court. Of those 198 resulted in a person being sentenced to prison and the remaining 277 persons were placed on felony probation. Fines assessed totaled \$663,159.00.

My office is continually sponsoring and providing training for all of our law enforcement officers. By utilizing my staff in conjunction with state and federal grants I have provided 132 hours of training to over 251 law enforcement officers during 2010. This training was provided at no cost to local taxpayers or the officers who attended the training.

Please visit us at www.38thda.org or call the office if you have any concerns or questions.

In your service,
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