The Fulton County District Attorney’s Office
Paul L. Howard, Jr. – District Attorney

At-a-Glance

ORGANIZATION

The Office of the District Attorney is charged with the prosecution of all felony violations of state law that occur within Fulton County. In addition to all of unincorporated Fulton County, this jurisdiction includes the municipalities of Alpharetta, Atlanta, College Park, East Point, Farburn, Hapeville, Milton, Mountain Park, Palmetto, Roswell, Sandy Springs and Union City.

The District Attorney prosecutes all indictable offenses as well as those that may be charged by accusation and litigates these offenses in both the trial and appellate courts of the State of Georgia. In order prosecute these responsibilities and other duties required of the District Attorney by law, the Office currently retains a staff of 100 Assistant District Attorneys and additional 143 staff members including investigators, victim advocates, and administrative personnel.

The District Attorney is elected to four-year terms in partisan, circuit-wide races. The Office is presently organized into a number of divisions and specialized units.

STAFF
243 employees; 100 prosecutors, 45 investigators, 23 Victim-Witness Advocates, 73 Support Staff members

DIVISIONS AND SPECIALIZED PROSECUTION UNITS
Administration
Complaint Room
Criminal Investigations
Records

PROSECUTION UNITS:
Appellate
Animal Cruelty
Crimes Against Women and Children (CAWAC)
Juvenile
Public Integrity
White Collar

SIGNATURE PROGRAMS AND INITIATIVES
Auto-Theft Task Force
Burglary Task Force
Community Prosecution
Citizens’ CourtWatch
Youth Programs
Junior DA
Legal Lives

TRIAL
Non Complex
Complex

VIOLENT OFFENDERS
Major Felony
Cold Case
Gangs

TRIAL STATISTICS

2010 Overall Conviction Rate 89%
Violent Offenders Division 93%

2011 Overall Conviction Rate 86%
Violent Offenders Division 97%

2012 Overall Conviction Rate 92%
Violent Offenders 93%

2013 Overall Conviction Rate 93%
Violent Offenders Division 97%

2014 Overall Conviction Rate 87%
Violent Offenders Division 87%

2015 Overall Conviction Rate 94%
Violent Offenders Division 93%
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**SEXUAL ASSAULTS AT-A-GLANCE**

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<th>Then-1993*</th>
<th>Now***</th>
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<tr>
<td>Atlanta - 3rd Highest Rape Rate in Nation (for cities between 250,000 and 550,000)</td>
<td>Atlanta – 26th in Nation (for cities between 250,000 and 550,000)</td>
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<td>25% Trial Conviction Rate</td>
<td>91% Trial Conviction Rate 2014</td>
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<td>Median Rape Sentence: 8 Years Fulton</td>
<td>Median Rape Sentence: 59.97 years in Fulton 2012</td>
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<td>17 Years Metro</td>
<td>24.16 years in Metro 2012</td>
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<td>Percent of Increase Fulton 649.63%</td>
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**HOMICIDES AT-A-GLANCE**

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<th>1996</th>
<th>2014</th>
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<td>Number of Homicides</td>
<td>235</td>
<td>154</td>
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**VIOLENT CRIME RATE AT-A-GLANCE**

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<th>1997</th>
<th>2014</th>
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<td>Number of Homicides</td>
<td>3048.5</td>
<td>1310.9</td>
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**CHALLENGES**

A. North Fulton Heroin Epidemic
   - Overdoses
   - Town Hall Meetings
   - Prosecutions
     - State vs. Warren Eugene Ullom (2010)
     - State vs. Cory Ben Hanania et al. (2015)

B. Criminal Street Gangs

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<th>Then: 2007</th>
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<td>Gang Unit Created</td>
<td>3 ADA’s</td>
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<td>1 ADA, 1 Investigators</td>
<td>2 Investigators</td>
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<td>One Case</td>
<td>42 Open Cases</td>
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<td>One Gang International Robbing Crew</td>
<td>30+ Gangs</td>
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<td>12 Members</td>
<td>100+ Defendants</td>
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<td>8 Fulton County Homicides</td>
<td>16 Gang Related Homicides</td>
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<td>4 Homicides Neighboring Counties</td>
<td>26 Rape, Armed Robbery, Theft, etc.</td>
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*1991-92 Data Analysis
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***2012-2014 Latest Available Data