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## FEATURED RESOURCE

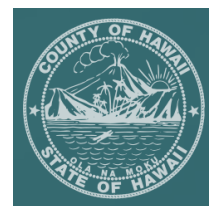
### [Victim/Witness Intimidation Survey](#)

This survey can help prosecutors, victim advocates, and law enforcement educate victims about the dynamics of witness intimidation, uncover intimidation occurring in their cases, and identify appropriate safety measures. The resource can also be used as an evidence-gathering tool to support bail arguments, additional charges, forfeiture by wrongdoing motions, or conditions of release.



## STRATEGIES IN FOCUS

### [Hawai'i County Office of the Prosecuting Attorney](#)



The [Hawai'i County Office of the Prosecuting Attorney](#) (OPA) established a Witness Intimidation Task Force comprised of criminal justice actors, non-profit organizations, and victim advocates. The Task Force meets monthly to collaborate on strategies for preventing and responding to witness and victim intimidation. The Task Force will provide training to judges, prosecutors, and law enforcement; create wraparound victim services; establish a legal clinic to aid adult

domestic violence and intimate partner violence victims with child support and divorce matters; and create an offender-focused domestic violence court. The Task Force's goals are to promote victim and witness safety, increase victim and witness participation in the criminal justice system, and restore confidence in the system's capacity to keep them safe.

## CASE HIGHLIGHT

[United States v. Olsen, 21 F.4th 1036 \(9th Cir. 2022\)](#)

In 2017, the defendant was indicted with 34 counts of prescribing drugs without a legitimate medical purpose and one count of making a false statement to the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA). The defendant pleaded not guilty and was released on bond. The case was scheduled for trial in May of 2020. As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and a districtwide order forbidding jury trials, the trial was postponed to October of 2020. In August of 2020, the government requested that the trial be continued to December. The District Court denied the government's request. Relying on the Speedy Trial Act, the Court dismissed the indictment with prejudice, noting that "barring re-prosecution in this case by dismissing with prejudice is the only sanction with enough teeth to create any hope of deterring any additional delay in the resumption of jury trials."

The U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit reversed and remanded with instructions to reinstate the indictment and to grant an appropriate continuance under "the ends-of-justice" provision of the Speedy Trial Act. The defendant filed [a writ of certiorari](#) to review the Court of Appeals' decision and to determine whether (1) a District Court may dismiss an indictment under the Speedy Trial Act, where the District Court finds that it is possible to hold a jury trial safely, but where a districtwide order forbade the holding of jury trials; and (2) Whether a District Court may dismiss an indictment with prejudice as a remedy for a Speedy Trial Act violation where the Chief Judge would not issue juror summons and therefore the Courts, not the prosecutors, were principally at fault for the delay.

## UPCOMING TRAININGS

**May 12, 2022, 1 PM ET – 3 PM ET: PCE Pop-Up: Improving Recruitment and Retention for Prosecutors** — PCE Pop-Ups feature current topics in prosecution through short presentations and discussion sponsored by the [Prosecutors' Center for Excellence](#) and [AEquitas](#). Join us for a conversation with senior prosecutors, new

prosecutors, and law school administrators as they discuss new interview ideas, building a supportive office culture, and improving relationships with law schools. [Register here.](#)

**May 19, 2022 at 2 PM ET: Male Trafficking / Forced Criminality Case Study: Victor Manuel Rax (Utah)** — In the case of Victor Rax, Utah's Attorney General's Office was able to identify dozens of boys and young men from immigrant communities who were forced to sell drugs after being sexually, spiritually, and physically abused. The presenters will use the Rax case as a backdrop to discuss the realities of labor trafficking and respond to cases of forced criminality, including how traffickers use grooming tactics common in both child sexual abuse cases and in gang culture to recruit and coerce victims to commit crimes. Strategies to better identify and respond to cases of forced criminality will be discussed through a detailed examination of the Rax investigation, which led to his eventual arrest for sexual abuse and labor trafficking. [Register here.](#)

**May 19, 2022, 2 PM ET – 4 PM ET: AEquitas' Office Hours** — Join AEquitas on the third Thursday of every month to discuss your questions regarding the prosecution of intimate partner violence, sexual violence, human trafficking, and stalking with experienced prosecutors and other participants in the field. [Register here.](#)

**June 6-9, 2022: Tribal Justice, Safety, and Wellness Summit** — This summit is hosted by The National Indian Country Training Initiative and sponsored by the Department of the Interior and the Department of Justice. The Summit is virtual and is intended for federal, state, and tribal law enforcement; prosecutors; advocates; court staff; victim and witness services staff; and tribal leaders. The Summit features four training tracks: Criminal Justice Personnel; Records Collection and Data Sharing; Tribal Courts and Corrections; and Missing or Murdered Indigenous Persons. [Register here.](#)

**June 14–16th, 2022: The National Institute on the Prosecution of Sexual Violence (NIPSV)** — The NIPSV is a three-day interactive virtual course designed to challenge participants to re-evaluate their approach to prosecuting sexual assault. The NIPSV explores the complexities of investigating and prosecuting sexual assault cases involving known and unknown offenders, co-occurring crimes, cross-over and serial offending, and victim responses to trauma. In addition to practical case evaluation and litigation skills, the curriculum examines the benefits of developing a multidisciplinary, victim-centered response; explains and applies relevant medical, toxicological, behavioral, and DNA evidence; addresses the importance of culturally-specific victim services; and offers prosecutors an enhanced skillset to redefine outcomes in sexual assault cases. Applications are accepted until 5/6/22. Additional applicants who apply after 5/6/22 will be considered and notified of their selection on a rolling basis. [Apply here.](#)



## FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

### [FY 2022 Local Law Enforcement Crime Gun Intelligence Center Integration Initiative](#)

The purpose of this initiative is to support local and tribal jurisdictions' capacity to work with their Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) partners to utilize intelligence, technology, and community engagement to swiftly identify unlawfully used firearms and their sources, and effectively prosecute perpetrators engaged in violent crime. Applications are accepted until May 19, 2022 (grants.gov) and May 23, 2022 (JustGrants).

### [FY 2022 Body-worn Camera Policy and Implementation Program to Support Law Enforcement Agencies](#)

Through this opportunity, the Bureau of Justice Assistance is seeking applications for funding law enforcement agencies seeking to purchase body-worn cameras (BWCs) to establish or expand comprehensive body-worn camera programs with a specific and demonstrated plan to implement this technology to maximize the benefits of BWCs. Applications are accepted until May 20, 2022 (grants.gov) and May 25, 2022 (JustGrants).

### [FY 2022 National Sexual Assault Kit Initiative](#)

Through this opportunity, the Bureau of Justice Assistance seeks applications for funding to address the issue and impact of unsubmitted sexual assault kits (SAKs) at law enforcement agencies. This program works to improve: (1) state and local jurisdictions' capacities to respond to violent crime and (2) the functioning of the criminal justice system through the investigation and prosecution of cases resulting from SAK evidence and the collection of lawfully owed DNA. Applications are accepted until May 27, 2022 (grants.gov) and June 1, 2022 (JustGrants).

### [FY 2022 Improving Substance Use Disorder Treatment and Recovery Outcomes for Adults in Reentry](#)

Through this opportunity, the Bureau of Justice Assistance seeks applications for funding to establish, expand, and improve treatment and recovery support services for people with substance use disorders during their incarceration and upon reentry into the community. Applications are accepted until May 27, 2022 (grants.gov) and June 1, 2022 (JustGrants).

#### [OVC FY 2022 Enhanced Collaborative Model Task Force to Combat Human Trafficking](#)

The purpose of this program is to develop, expand, or strengthen a multidisciplinary approach to fight human trafficking. This collaborative approach must include victim and social service providers, law enforcement and prosecution personnel, survivors, and a range of other governmental and non-governmental partners that work together to provide a diverse set of appropriate services for trafficking victims. Applications are accepted until June 9, 2022 (grants.gov) and June 16, 2022 (JustGrants).

#### [FY 2022 Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Abuse Site-based Program](#)

Through this opportunity, the Bureau of Justice Assistance seeks applications for funding to develop, implement, or expand comprehensive programs in response to the overdose crisis and impacts of illicit opioids, stimulants, or other substances. This program provides resources to support state, local, tribal, and territorial efforts to respond to illicit substance use and misuse; reduce overdose deaths; promote public safety; and support access to prevention, harm-reduction, treatment, and recovery services in the community and justice system. Applications are accepted until June 13, 2022 (grants.gov) and June 17, 2022 (JustGrants).

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