

Subject: Check out our updated website and trainings!

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Check out our updated website!

Through the Innovative Prosecution Solutions initiative, practitioners around the nation are combatting violent crime by refining best practices and data-driven strategies, piloting new ones, and assessing their efforts. Our Innovative Prosecution Solutions website is updated with new site profiles to spotlight the [Fiscal Year 20 IPS Grantees](#).

STRATEGIES IN FOCUS

East Baton Rouge District Attorney's Office



The [East Baton Rouge District Attorney's Office](#) (EBRDA) is enhancing its Crime Strategies Unit (CSU) and Violent Crimes Unit (VCU) by dedicating a prosecutor and a specialized criminal intelligence analyst to focus exclusively on non-fatal shooting incidents. These team members are working with federal, state, and local authorities to create a non-fatal shooting working group to expand and enhance the necessary collaborations essential to increasing public safety. The IPS team is also coordinating with the [Crime Gun Intelligence Center](#) (CGIC) to identify serial shooters and significant shooting events. Through these partnerships and the use of technology such as [ShotSpotter](#), more non-fatal shootings can be reported and prosecuted. In support of this project, [AEquitas](#) provided technical assistance and research on how meaningful intervention

and prevention strategies can combat the victim-offender overlap to ensure that a victim of a non-fatal shooting does not become an offender.

CASE HIGHLIGHT

[Ex parte Powers, No. 1200764, 2022 WL 188289 \(Ala. Jan. 21, 2022\)](#)

Nancy Powers was visiting a friend's house when that house was searched pursuant to a premises search warrant. When the officers entered the home, Powers was sleeping and her purse was sitting on a table next to her. After confirming with Powers that the purse belonged to her, police searched the purse and discovered methamphetamine, a digital scale, and cash. Powers was charged with possession of methamphetamine with the intent to distribute.

Powers filed a motion to suppress the search of her purse and the evidence seized from the search, arguing that the search was beyond the scope of the premises search warrant. The Supreme Court of Alabama held that, as a matter of first impression, the search of Powers' purse did not exceed the scope of warrant. In its holding, the Court reasoned that the search warrant was specifically aimed at locating methamphetamine, which by its nature will fit in small containers such as purses. Because Powers' purse could be considered a "container", the search of the purse was within the scope of the search warrant.

Powers filed a [writ of certiorari](#) for the Supreme Court of the United States to review the judgment of the Supreme Court of Alabama and to determine whether the search of a purse in the possession of a visitor present at a residence during the execution of a premises warrant violates the Fourth Amendment.

UPCOMING AE AND IPS TRAININGS

June 29, 2022, 2 PM ET: Achieving Justice at Trial: Bloodstain Pattern Evidence and Expert Testimony — This presentation provides key information about bloodstain pattern analysis, when it can be utilized, its potential for eliciting probative evidence, and best practices for application. Presenters will also discuss how to work with forensic experts to develop a theory of the case

and to prepare for trial testimony that will effectively convey scientific information to the jury. [Register here.](#)

July 7, 2022, 1 PM ET: PCE Pop-Up: Recruitment and Retention Part II — PCE Pop-Ups feature current topics in prosecution through short presentations and discussion sponsored by the [Prosecutors' Center for Excellence](#) and [AEquitas](#). This session will discuss developing a prosecutor pipeline through public engagement, taking intern programming up a notch, and creating a prosecution-centered law school course. Registration closes on July 5, 2022. [Register here.](#)

July 21, 2022, 1 PM ET: Maximizing Justice, Minimizing Harm: The Prosecutors' Role in Achieving Survivor-Centered Justice in Human Trafficking Cases — This presentation will focus on how prosecutors can collaborate with others to better serve their communities by holding traffickers accountable and protecting victims and survivors in meaningful ways. The presenters will provide strategies to leverage the prosecutor's leadership role to positively influence how investigations are initiated, conducted, and charged. Additionally, the prosecutor's overlapping ethical obligations will be discussed, focusing on the duty to achieve justice over convictions and to proactively remedy wrongful convictions. [Register here.](#)

July 21, 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.](#)



FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

[FY 2022 Field Initiated: Encouraging Innovation](#)

Through this opportunity, the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) seeks

applications for funding to prevent and reduce crime and enhance the criminal justice system through innovative approaches that accelerate justice by identifying, defining, and responding to emerging or chronic crime problems and systemic issues using innovative approaches. BJA is looking for proposed strategies to address these issues, including trying new approaches, addressing gaps in responses, building or translating research knowledge, or building capacity. Applications are accepted until July 6, 2022 (grants.gov) and July 11, 2022 (JustGrants).

[FY 2022 DNA Capacity Enhancement for Backlog Reduction \(CEBR\) Program \(Formula\)](#)

This program provides funding to states and local government units with existing crime laboratories that conduct DNA analysis. The program aims to increase the capacity of publicly funded forensic DNA and DNA database laboratories to process more DNA samples, thereby helping to reduce the number of forensic DNA and DNA database samples awaiting analysis and/or prevent a backlog of forensic and database DNA samples. Applications are accepted until July 7, 2022 (grants.gov) and July 12, 2022 (JustGrants).

[FY 2022 Improving Adult and Juvenile Crisis Stabilization and Community Reentry Program](#)

Through this opportunity, the Bureau of Justice Assistance seeks applications for funding to state, local, and tribal governments, as well as community-based nonprofit organizations, to enhance or implement clinical services and other evidence-based responses to improve reentry, reduce recidivism, and address the treatment and recovery needs of people with mental health, substance use, or co-occurring disorders who are currently involved in the criminal justice system or were formerly involved. Applications are accepted until July 28, 2022 (grants.gov) and August 2, 2022 (JustGrants).



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