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Macomb County Prosecutor says denying warrants also takes resources

MOUNT CLEMENS, MI - The Macomb County Prosecutor's Office denied over 15% of warrant requests so far this year, consistent with previous years. Most warrants are denied due to lack of evidence or the victim does not want to prosecute the accused. Prosecutor Lucido points out that the denial of a warrant request requires resources, even though it's not what most people think prosecutors do.

The Prosecutor's Office reviews these warrant requests and determines if probable cause exists to charge and prosecute the suspect. If the Prosecutor's Office denies a warrant, the crime victim or police officer in charge may now appeal to the Warrant Appeals Unit, started by Prosecutor Lucido in 2021. It consists of four seasoned assistant prosecuting attorneys who review the warrant request without knowledge of who denied the initial request or why. The Warrant Appeals Unit makes a decision to either deny the warrant or approve charges, and has reviewed 36 cases this year.

"The victims of a crime deserve a second look at their case, if they request it," said Prosecutor Lucido. "The Warrant Appeals Process shows crime victims are valued, and will hopefully give victims peace of mind, even if a warrant remains denied."

Prosecutor Lucido requested an additional two full-time assistant prosecutors for 2023 to help fulfill duties in the Prosecutor's Office including warrant reviews and other responsibilities. Lucido's requested 2023 budget percentage increase for the Macomb County Prosecutor's Office is less than the 2023 requested budget percentage increases for the Macomb County Finance Department, Office of the County Executive, MSU Extension, and IT Department. The Commission is scheduled to vote on the 2023 budget in Monday, November 21, 2022 and Wednesday, November 23, 2022

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