

Washoe County District Attorney



2017

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2017/18 Budget

- 24.7 Million for fiscal Year 2017-2018
 - 22.1 million in salary and benefits
 - 2.6 million all other costs
 - -3.3 million received in Federal and State grants
 - -1 million expenses offset from fines, forfeiture, and programs
- 179 Fulltime employees
 - 63 attorneys
 - 37 legal secretaries
 - 11 investigators
 - 5 advocates
 - 63 other support staff



Major Functions of the DA's Office

- Criminal Prosecutions
- Indictments of Grand Jury
- Legal Department for Entire County
- Forfeiture
- Child Welfare
- Family Support
- Provide Assistance to Victims of Crime and Witnesses



Highlights

- Created Specialty Court Team
- Stepped-up prosecutions of violent and repeat offenders
- Child Advocacy Center

Child Advocacy Center

The Washoe County Child Advocacy Center opened in 2014 and is comprised of a multi-disciplinary team of prosecutors, law enforcement, medical professionals, counselors, advocates and social workers.

Washoe County District Attorney's Office
Washoe County Sheriff's Office
Reno Police Dept
Sparks Police Dept
Washoe County Social Services
Other local law enforcement agencies



Child Advocacy Center

Reno child sex abuser imprisoned for 39 life sentences

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A Reno man will spend the rest of his life in prison after he was found guilty of sexually abusing four children over a 25-year span.

Valentin Anthony Corrales, 47, was sentenced Wednesday to 39 life sentences in "one of the largest child sexual abuse trials ever tried in Washoe County," prosecutors said in a news release.

In December, Corrales was found guilty of 39 felony counts including lewdness with a minor under the

Child Advocacy Center

- Over 1200 victim interviews conducted
- Counseling sessions
- Prosecutions have increased
- Results have vastly improved
 - 92 life sentences have been handed down for child predators!



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- Child Advocacy Center
- Created new victim programs – Early Assignment and Domestic Violence Early Intervention
- Outreach
- Implemented Officer Involved Shooting Public Report

Officer Involved Shooting Report

doubt that the defendant did not act in self-defense, you must find the defendant not guilty.

Id. 1051-52.

B. Justifiable Homicide by Public Officer

NRS 200.140 provides in relevant part that "Homicide is justifiable when committed by a public officer... when necessary to overcome actual resistance to the execution of the legal process, mandate or order of a court of officer, or in the discharge of a legal duty" and "When necessary... in attempting, by lawful ways or means, to apprehend or arrest a person" and/or "in protecting against an imminent threat to the life of a person".⁶

C. Use of Deadly Force to Effect Arrest

NRS 171.1455 provides in relevant part "If necessary to prevent escape, an officer may, after giving a warning, if feasible, use deadly force to effect the arrest of a person only if there is probable cause to believe that the person... Poses a threat of serious bodily harm to the officer or to others.

IV. ANALYSIS

On the morning of September 3, 2014, Detective Wallace and Detective Edmonson were briefed on Federal Fugitive Task Force target James Luke Bowman including his criminal history involving illegal possession of firearms, his recent involvement in a shooting in Sparks, and the court-ordered warrant for his arrest for violating federal probation. Additionally, they received credible information that he was likely armed. Simply put, they were on notice that Bowman presented as a dangerous individual.

These dangerous tendencies were further evidenced when after law enforcement attempted to apprehend Bowman later that morning he

⁶ A 1985 Nevada Attorney General Opinion limited the interpretation of NRS 200.140 to situations where the officer has probable cause to believe that the suspect poses a threat of serious physical harm either to the officer or

Thank You For Your Time

Questions?

