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HONORABLE DIXY LEE RAY
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As required by law, I herewith submit my
Annual Report as Prosecuting Attorney
of Pierce County, Washington, for the
year ending December 31, 1977.

DON HERRON
Prosecuting Attorney

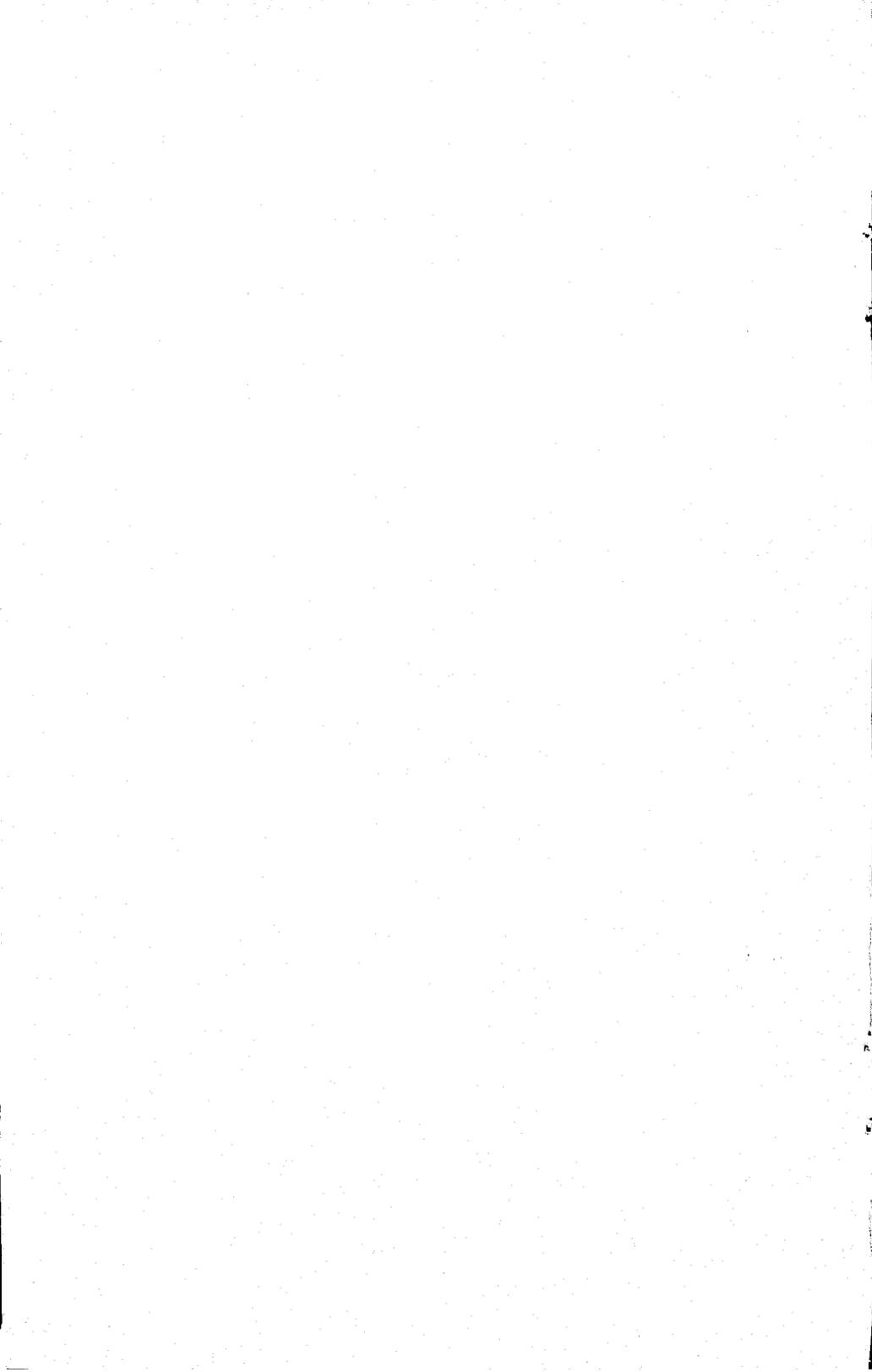


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OVERVIEW

The activities of the Prosecutor's Office during 1977 reflected a continuing desire to provide the people of Pierce County with the most efficient and effective criminal justice system possible.

The Criminal Division has maintained the policy of filing cases on the basis that when a law enforcement agency has produced sufficient evidence to support a conviction, the case should be filed, and not rejected because of case load pressures. We have chosen to meet case load pressure through greater efficiency on the part of the attorneys, by the use of legal interns, with an improved management information system, and through continued emphasis on the speedy trial program to insure that no more time than absolutely necessary is taken between the filing of the case and the trial or plea of guilty. The Criminal Division continued the operation of specially organized units, working together to try individual type cases. The special unit handling rape and other cases of violent crimes involving women and children was again extremely successful, obtaining 24 rape convictions in 1977, which is another record for Pierce County. The Juvenile Court received increased emphasis during 1977 from the Prosecutor's Office, in an attempt to effectively deal with Juvenile crime, and in preparation for the effective date (July 1, 1978) of the new Juvenile Justice Act.

The Family Support Division, which performs the Prosecuting Attorney's statutory duties in filiation and child support enforcement proceedings, entered into a cooperative agreement during 1977 with the Office of Support Enforcement of the State Department of Social and Health Services in accordance with the Federal Family Support Act. This agreement has increased the proficiency of the Prosecutor's Office in regard to obtaining Child Support payments from absent parents, and in filing additional filiation proceedings. An additional benefit of this agreement has been the payment to Pierce County of \$92,337.00, from the state and federal government, for work performed by the Prosecutor's Office.

The Business Fraud-Stolen Property Division was again evaluated by the Pierce County Law and Justice Office as one of the most successful and professional law enforcement units in Pierce Coun-

ty. Using specialized lawyer and investigator skills to develop prosecutions in the area of economic crime, aggravated consumer fraud, and fraud against governmental entities, the Business Fraud Division filed 152 felony cases in 1977, and had a 93.79% conviction rate.

The Prosecutor's Office expanded its voluntary programs to better inform the Victims and Witnesses of Crimes, as to the operation of criminal justice in Pierce County, and their respective rights and responsibilities, by use of brochures, letters, and personal contact by volunteers. Victims and witnesses have been actively aided in pursuing restitution and locating needed available public services. Funding has been approved for the establishment in 1978 of a Victim-Witness Assistance Service within the Pierce County Prosecutor's Office to further aid victims of crime in obtaining needed information and services, regarding community resources, restitution, return of property, etc. We hope to expand the Victim/Witness program in 1978, recognizing that in the past the victims of crime have been the forgotten persons in the criminal justice system.

The Civil Division continued to reflect the philosophy of the prosecutor that it be, insofar as possible, an outstanding law firm for the elected officials and county departments whose combined operating budgets are in excess of \$60,000,000.00. The Civil Division also advises and acts as counsel to numerous independent boards and commissions of county government, the Superior Court, the school districts, and other political subdivisions. In 1977, the Civil Division expanded in the "self-insurance" field, without the addition of any new personnel, by filling a budget vacancy with an experienced trial attorney to handle liability cases involving the county. Due to the continued rise in insurance premiums, most of the larger municipal corporations in the State of Washington are being forced into "self-insurance" type programs. We anticipate expansion of the self-insurance department, which should ultimately result in a savings to the taxpayers by virtue of a substantial reduction of the liability insurance premiums. The Prosecutor's Office works in cooperation with the newly created Risk Management and Insurance Department in seeking to accomplish money-saving goals. Another area of major work has been involuntary civil commitment, which has expanded under the Civil Commitment Act adopted by the legislature in 1973.

The Civil Department has undertaken to advise the legislature on problems with the Involuntary Civil Commitment Act, which will be recommended to the legislature at its 1978 Session.

The Office of the Prosecuting Attorney pledges to do its best to provide the people of Pierce County with the most efficient and fair office possible, and to restore confidence in the entire criminal justice system. We will continue to seek reform, and improve the administration of criminal justice and stimulate efforts to remedy inadequacies or injustice.



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(As of December 31, 1977)

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PERCE COUNTY PROSECUTING ATTORNEY

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1977 ANNUAL REPORT
CRIMINAL DIVISION

SUPERIOR COURT FILINGS
CRIMINAL DIVISION

	1976 CHARGES DISPOSED OF IN 1977	CHARGES FILED IN 1977	CONVICTIONS	ACQUITTALS	CRIMINALLY INSANE	DISMISSALS	1977 CHARGES PENDING OR SET FOR TRIAL
Abduction	1	-	1	-	-	-	-
Arming or Discharging Firearm	2	1	2	1	-	-	-
Appeals from District Court	54	152	112*	1	-	5	88
Arson							
First Degree	-	7	1	1	3	-	2
Second Degree	7	6	9	-	-	1	3
Attempted Arson							
First Degree	-	1	-	-	-	1	-
Second Degree	-	1	-	-	-	1	-
Assault							
First Degree	2	16	6	-	1	1	10
Second Degree	16	114	51	6	3	8	62
Third Degree	-	15	4	-	-	1	10
Simple	4	38	39	-	-	-	3
Attempted Assault							
First Degree	1	-	-	-	-	1	-
Auto Theft	23	46	36	1	1	3	28
Attempted Auto Theft	2	-	1	-	-	1	-
Being an Accessory	1	-	1	-	-	-	-
Burglary							
First Degree	2	10	2	-	-	-	10
Second Degree,	62	236	140	3	8	13	134
Attempted Burglary							
Second Degree	1	6	4	-	-	-	3
Making or Having Burglary Tools	-	4	1	-	-	-	3
Carrying Concealed Weapon	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
Coercion	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
Communicating With a Minor for Immoral Purposes	1	1	1	-	-	1	-
Concealing Stolen Property	1	-	1	-	-	-	-
Contributing to Delinquency of a Minor	3	6	9	-	-	-	-

SUPERIOR COURT FILINGS
CRIMINAL DIVISION

	1976 CHARGES DISPOSED OF IN 1977	CHARGES FILED IN 1977	CONVICTIONS ¹	ACQUITTALS	CRIMINALLY INSANE	DISMISSALS	1977 CHARGES PENDING OR SET FOR TRIAL
Criminal Trespass							
First Degree	10	16	25	-	-	-	1
Second Degree	2	13	15	-	-	-	1
Trespass	3	-	3	-	-	-	1
Attempted Criminal Trespass							
First Degree	2	-	2	-	-	-	1
Conspiracy to Commit							
Auto Theft	-	2	2	-	-	-	1
Burglary Second	1	1	2	-	-	-	1
Forgery	1	4	5	-	-	-	1
Criminal Conspiracy	1	-	1	-	-	-	1
Custodial Interference	-	3	1	-	-	1	1
Defrauding Innkeeper	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
Discharging Firearm	1	-	1	-	-	-	-
Disorderly Conduct	1	9	10	-	-	-	-
Disorderly Person	1	4	5	-	-	-	-
Escape							
First Degree	5	32	21	-	-	-	16
Second Degree	1	3	4	-	-	-	-
Third Degree	-	2	1	-	-	-	1
Attempted Escape							
First Degree	-	1	1	-	-	-	-
Second Degree	1	-	-	-	-	1	-
False Reporting To Peace Officer	1	1	2	-	-	-	-
Felon in Possession Of Firearm	-	1	-	-	-	1	-
Forgery	11	163	51	-	-	3	120
Attempted Forgery							
First Degree	1	6	3	-	-	1	3
Grand Larceny	21	4	16	-	-	7	2
Grand Larceny (Welfare Fraud)	3	15	4	-	-	-	14
(Emp. Security Fraud)	4	11	9	-	-	-	6
Larceny (MISD)	2	4	6	-	-	-	-
Petit Larceny	8	1	9	-	-	-	-
Habitual Criminal	-	2	2	-	-	-	-
Habitual Traffic Offender	10	28	16	-	-	5	17
Incest	3	2	2	-	-	2	1
Indecent Liberties	12	31	21	-	-	3	19
Indecent Liberties (MISD)	-	1	1	-	-	-	-
Intimidation With a Firearm	2	1	3	-	-	-	-

SUPERIOR COURT FILINGS
CRIMINAL DIVISION

	1976 CHARGES DISPOSED OF IN 1977	CHARGES FILED IN 1977	CONVICTIONS	ACQUITTALS	CRIMINALLY INSANE	DISMISSALS	1977 CHARGES PENDING OR SET FOR TRIAL
Intimidating a Witness	1	4	1	1	-	-	3
Interference With a Peace Officer	-	5	3	-	-	-	2
Introducing Contraband Third Degree	1	-	1	-	-	-	-
Kidnapping							
First Degree	-	5	3	-	-	-	2
Second Degree	-	2	1	-	-	-	1
Malicious Mischief							
First Degree	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
Second Degree	4	13	6	-	-	1	10
Third Degree	1	7	8	-	-	-	-
Manslaughter							
First Degree	2	4	5	1	-	-	-
Second Degree	1	2	2	1	-	-	-
Molesting Another Person	-	1	1	-	-	-	-
Murder							
First Degree	2	17	6	-	3	-	10
Second Degree	2	3	4	1	-	-	-
Attempted Murder							
First Degree	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
Second Degree	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
Miscellaneous (MISD)	1	4	5	-	-	-	-
Mischief To And Destruction Of Property	-	3	2	-	-	-	1
Narcotics	113	324	209	-	-	47	181
Negligent Homicide	5	18	12	-	-	-	11
Obscene & Harassing Phone Calls	2	-	2	-	-	-	-
Obtaining Signature by Deception or Duress	-	1	-	-	-	1	-
Obscure Identity of Machine	-	1	1	-	-	-	-
Occupying Motor Vehicle Without Permission	1	2	3	-	-	-	-
Perjury							
Second Degree	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
Possessing Stolen Property							
First Degree	3	13	3	-	-	3	10
Second Degree	20	133	51	4	2	12	84
Third Degree	8	28	34	-	-	-	2

SUPERIOR COURT FILINGS
CRIMINAL DIVISION

	1976 CHARGES DISPOSED OF IN 1977	CHARGES FILED IN 1977	CONVICTIONS	ACQUITTALS	CRIMINALLY INSANE	DISMISSALS	1977 CHARGES PENDING OR SET FOR TRIAL
Professional Gambling	-	2	1	-	-	1	-
Promoting Prostitution							
Second Degree	2	7	3	2	-	-	4
Attempt Promote Prostitution							
Second Degree	1	1	2	-	-	-	-
Promoting Suicide Attempt	-	4	-	-	-	-	4
Prostitution	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
Public Indecency	5	2	2	-	-	3	2
Rape							
First Degree	-	29	2	-	-	5	22
Second Degree	5	7	4	1	1	1	5
Third Degree	4	5	5	2	-	1	1
Attempted Rape							
Second Degree	2	-	1	-	1	-	-
Statutory Rape							
First Degree	4	9	4	-	-	3	6
Second Degree	2	9	7	2	-	-	2
Third Degree	2	4	4	-	-	1	1
Attempted Statutory Rape							
First Degree	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
Third Degree	2	-	2	-	-	-	-
Reckless Burning							
First Degree	-	1	1	-	-	-	-
Reckless Endangerment	-	7	5	-	-	-	2
Rendering Criminal Assistance							
First Degree	3	1	3	-	-	1	-
Second Degree	2	3	5	-	-	-	-
Third Degree	1	-	1	-	-	-	-
Resisting Arrest	3	5	5	-	-	-	3
Riding in Stolen Auto	2	-	2	-	-	-	-
Robbery	4	-	2	1	-	1	-
Robbery First Degree	4	80	32	2	-	1	49
Robbery Second Degree	4	13	10	1	1	3	2
Attempted Robbery							
First Degree	-	11	9	-	1	-	1
Tampering With Witness	-	2	-	-	-	1	1
Theft							
First Degree	1	16	3	-	2	1	11
Second Degree	16	66	31	1	-	5	45
Third Degree	27	37	62	-	-	-	2
Attempted Theft							
Third Degree	-	1	1	-	-	-	-

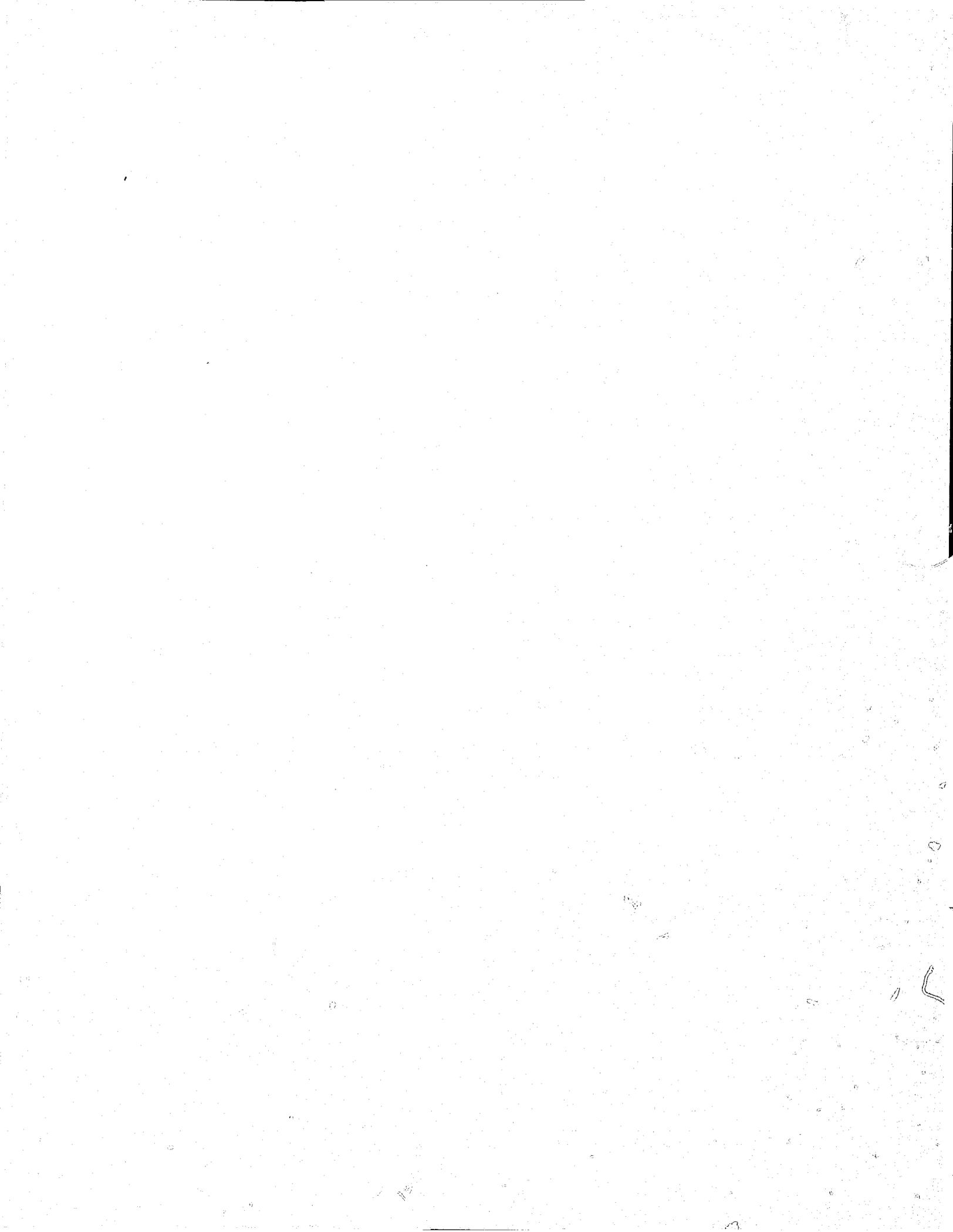
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SUPERIOR COURT FILINGS
CRIMINAL DIVISION

	1976 CHARGES DISPOSED OF IN 1977	CHARGES FILED IN 1977	CONVICTIONS	ACQUITTALS	CRIMINALLY INSANE	DISMISSALS	1977 CHARGES PENDING OR SET FOR TRIAL
Theft of Livestock	1	4	2	1	1	1	1
Traffic Moving Violations	9	10	19	1	1	1	1
Unlawful Issuance of Bank Check or Draft	11	42	22	1	1	1	29
Unlawful Imprisonment	1	6	1	1	1	1	5
Unlawful Possession of Marijuana or Legend Drug	37	73	107	1	1	2	1
Vehicle Prowling	2	4	6	1	1	1	1
Totals	613	2081	1393	33	28	157	1083

Revocation Hearings Handled In Superior Court 313
Fugitive from Justice Cases Handled in Superior Court 124

*34 Remanded to District Court for Reimposition of Sentence

CRIMINAL DIVISION

SENTENCE SUPERIOR COURT — 1977

DEFENDANTS SENTENCED TO:

Life	9
Penal Institution	226
Penal Institution, Suspended	21
Penal Institution, Suspended (Condition: Spend time in County Jail)	48
Penal Institution, Suspended (Condition: Spend time in County Jail and make restitution)	12
Penal Institution, Suspended (Condition: make restitution)	11
Penal Institution, Suspended (Condition: pay costs and/or fine)	4
County Jail	53
County Jail, Suspended	47
County Jail, Part Suspended	48
County Jail, Suspended (Condition: Pay fine)	35
County Jail, Suspended (Condition: Pay costs)	57
County Jail, Suspended (Condition: Make restitution)	24
Fined	17
Fined Plus Costs	11
Deferred Sentence	67
Deferred Sentence (Condition: Pay Costs)	174
Deferred Sentence (Condition: Serve time in County Jail)	231
Deferred Sentence (Condition: Make Restitution)	140
Deferred Sentence (Condition: Pay Fine and Costs)	26
Deferred Sentence (Condition: Pay Fine)	2
Bail Forfeiture	96
Acquitted	33
Acquitted by Criminal Insanity	28
Dismissed (See Dismissal Analysis)	157
Remanded to District Court	34
Cases Pending or set for Trial	1,083
	TOTAL 2,694

CRIMINAL DIVISION

DISMISSAL ANALYSIS

Complaining Witness Unavailable or Did Not Appear	19
Probation or Parole Revoked	6
Evidence Was Suppressed	37
Defendant Complied With Deferred Prosecution	1
Defendant Unable to Assist in Own Defense	1
Insufficient Evidence	37
Sentenced on Another Charge	22
Complaining Witness' Request	11
Sentenced by Other Authorities	6
Ends of Justice Best be Served	14
Defendant is a Juvenile	1
Resolved by Civil Action	2
Defendant Deceased	6
Sixty/Ninety Day Rule Violated	1
Exonerated by Co-Defendant	24
Defendant Out of Jurisdiction	2
	TOTAL 157

**PIERCE COUNTY DISTRICT COURTS
NO. 1,2,3 & 4**

Misdemeanor Cases Filed	3,307
Traffic Cases Filed	38,983
	TOTAL 42,290

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Notices of appeal filed by defendants in 1977	54
Notices of appeal filed by state in 1977	2
Total appeals filed	56
Convictions affirmed by Court of Appeals	8
Convictions affirmed by Court of Appeals and review denied by Supreme Court	10
Convictions affirmed by Court of Appeals and pending review as of December 31, 1977	2
Convictions affirmed by Washington State Supreme Court	1
Total convictions affirmed	21
Review denied by Supreme Court on convictions affirmed by Court of Appeals prior to 1977	8
Convictions reversed by Court of Appeals and remanded for new trial	3
Convictions reversed by Supreme Court	2
(one remanded for new trial and the other remanded for further proceedings not inconsistent with the opinion)	
Total convictions reversed	5
Conviction affirmed by Court of Appeals but remanded for resentencing	1
Writ of certiorari denied by United States Supreme Court on conviction affirmed by Court of Appeals prior to 1977	1
Defendant appeals dismissed by Court of Appeals	7
Defendant appeal dismissed by Supreme Court	1
Total appeals dismissed	8
Personal restraint petitions processed (Rule 16.3)	
Petitions denied	11
Petitions granted	2
Total petitions processed	13

FAMILY SUPPORT DIVISION

REPORT FOR 1977

TOTAL CASE LOAD 1976	20,551	
NEW SUPPORT CASES 1977	+617	
Sub Total	21,168	
WELFARE FRAUD REFERRED	+17	
Sub Total	21,185	
CASES CLOSED 1977	-4,184	
TOTAL CASE LOAD 1977		17,001

CRIMINAL NON-SUPPORT CASES OPENED IN 1977

(a) Felony Filed	14
(b) Misdemeanor Filed	22
(c) No Charges Filed, Action Pending	4
Total	40

I. FELONY CASES

(a) 1977 Filings	14
(b) 1976 Cases Pending	1
(c) 1977 Cases Opened/Action Pending	4
Total	19

1977 Dispositions

(a) Convictions/Deferred	4
(b) Dismissed	1
Total	5

1977 Pending Cases

II. MISDEMEANOR CASES

(a) 1977 Filings	22
(b) 1976 Pending	5
(c) Pending Prior Years	65
Total	92

1977 Dispositions

Jail	1
Jail/Appealed	3
Jail/Stayed	2
FTA/Bench Warrant	2
Deferred	3
Expunged	1
Found Not Guilty	4
Suspended	5
Dismissed/CW Failed to Appear	1
Dismissed/CW Requested Dismissal	1
Dismissed/Defendant Has Children	1

Dismissed/Filed in Superior Court	1
Dismissed/Defendant Paid Up	16
*Dismissed at Prosecutor's request/cases too old to prosecute/lost contact with complaining witness and defendant cannot be found	48
Sub Total	90
No Disposition in 1977	2
Total	92

* Cases dismissed are too old for prosecution and date from 1965.

WELFARE FRAUD REFERRED	17
New Cases 1977	17
Pending 1976	83
Total	100

WELFARE FRAUD DISPOSITIONS	
(a) DSHS for Incarceration	1
(b) Suspended/Jail/Rest.	1
(c) Suspended/Jail	2
(d) Deferred Prosecution	6
(e) Deferred/Rest.	20
(f) Deferred/Jail/Rest.	2
(g) Dismissed/Rest. Made	1
(h) Dismissed/Def. Died	2
(i) Dismissed/Insuf. Evid.	1
(j) Dismissed/Deferral Period had expired	1
Sub Total	37
Pending 1977	63
Total	100

RECIPROCAL PETITIONS (URESAS)	556
(a) Incoming Reciprocal	399
(b) Outgoing Reciprocal	157
Sub Total	556
(a) Incoming Reciprocal on old cases	91
(b) Outgoing Reciprocal on old cases	33
Total URESAS	680

DISPOSITIONS OF INCOMING RECIPROCAL PETITIONS (URESAS)	
(a) Support Orders Entered	246
(b) Enforcement Orders entered	101
(c) Change of Venue	17
(d) Unable to Serve	68
(e) Dismissed/Init. State requested dis./child emancipated	126

OLD CASES CLOSED 3,903

- (a) Children were emancipated and petitioner has not contacted this office for ten years

PATERNITY CASES OPENED IN 1977 21

- (a) Filed in Superior Court 8
- (b) No complaint filed/action pending 13
 - Sub Total 21
- (c) Case opened in 1976/filed complaint in 1977 1
- (d) Pending 1976 63
 - Total 85

Dispositions

- (a) Parentage orders entered 6
- (b) Dismissed by District Court at request of Prosecutor/cases initiated by warrant pursuant to procedure found unconstitutional 63
 - Sub Total 69
- (c) Pending 1977 16
 - Total 85

BUSINESS FRAUD – STOLEN PROPERTY DIVISION
REPORT FOR 1977

1977 SUPERIOR COURT FILINGS	CASES FILED IN 1977	CHARGES PENDING PRIOR YEAR	CONVICTIONS	ACQUITTALS	DISMISSALS	CHARGES PENDING OR SET FOR TRIAL
Arson in the First Degree	-	2	2	-	-	-
Attempt to Possess Stolen Property Second Degree	4	4	6	-	-	2
Attempted Grand Larceny	-	5	2	-	3	-
Attempted Theft in the First Degree	-	5	2	-	2	1
Burglary in the Second Degree	5	5	9	-	-	1
Contractor Doing Business Without a License	4	2	4	-	-	2
Engaging in Business after Registration Certificate is Revoked	1	-	1	-	-	-
Escape	-	1	-	-	-	1
False Claims	-	1	-	-	-	1
False Information to a Peace Officer	1	2	2	-	-	1
False Statements or Illegal Transfers	1	-	-	-	-	1
Forgery in the First Degree	8	8	16	-	-	-
Fraudulent Destruction of Public Records	1	-	1	-	-	-
Grand Larceny	15	23	16	-	1	21
Perjury in the First Degree	1	-	1	-	-	-
Possession of Stolen Property First Degree	5	1	1	-	-	5
Second Degree	7	11	10	3	-	5
Third Degree	-	1	1	-	-	-
Reckless Endangerment	-	1	-	-	-	1
Securities Fraud	11	22	30	-	-	3
Solicitation of Stolen Property In the Third Degree	-	1	1	-	-	-
Theft in the First Degree	67	-	8	-	-	59
Theft in the Second Degree	14	4	9	1	2	6
Theft in the Third Degree	1	1	2	-	-	-
Unlawful Issuance of a Bank Check	2	-	2	-	-	-
Unlawful Possession of Controlled Substance	-	7	7	-	-	-
Unlawful Possession of Controlled Substance With Intent to Deliver	-	4	4	-	-	-
Unlawful Sale of Unregistered Securities	2	-	-	-	-	2
Unlawful Securities Advice	2	-	-	-	-	2
Total	152	111	137	4	8	114

BUSINESS FRAUD-STOLEN PROPERTY DIVISION

SUPERIOR COURT DISPOSITION
(BY COUNT)

CONVICTIONS

Analysis	
Penal Institution	39
Penal Institution, Suspended (Condition: Spend time in County Jail)	4
Penal Institution, Suspended (Condition: Spend time in County Jail, make restitution and costs)	14
Penal Institution, Suspended (Condition: Make Restitution)	3
Deferred Sentence (Condition: Pay Costs)	8
Deferred Sentence (Condition: Serve time in County Jail, restitution and costs)	7
Deferred Sentence (Condition: Make restitution and costs)	33
Deferred Prosecution	16
Order Forfeiting Bail	13

DISMISSALS

Analysis	
Complaining Witness Request	1
Defendant Complied With Deferred Prosecution	3
Insufficient Evidence	1
Defendant Sentenced on Another Charge	1
Defendant Sentenced to Prison on Another Case	2

**BUSINESS FRAUD-STOLEN PROPERTY DIVISION
REPORT FOR 1977**

DISTRICT COURT FILINGS (BY COUNT)	CASES FILED IN 1977	CHARGES PENDING PRIOR YEAR	CONVICTIONS	DISMISSALS	CASES PENDING OR SET FOR TRIAL
Acting as Merchant Without a License	1	1	1	1	1
Acting as Vehicle Dealer	1	3	3	1	1
Contracting a Septic Tank W/O Registration	1	1	1	1	1
Contracting Without a License	8	4	6	1	6
Failure to Maintain Registration as Contractor	1	1	1	1	1
Failure to Obtain Solicitor's License	1	4	3	1	1
Failure to Transfer Ownership	1	2	2	1	1
False Advertising	1	1	1	1	1
Misappropriation of Application for Insurance	1	1	1	1	1
Obscuring Identity of Machine	1	2	2	1	1
Possession of Stolen Property Third Degree	1	1	1	1	1
Real Estate Broker Without License	1	1	1	1	1
Revoked Tax Certificate	1	1	1	1	1
Selling Motor Vehicle With Turned Back Odometer	1	1	1	1	1
Theft in the Third Degree	12	4	4	1	7
Unlawful Delivery of Firewood Without a Delivery Ticket	1	1	1	1	1
Unlawful Sale of Less Than the Represented Quantity of Wood	1	1	1	1	1
Use of False and Misleading Handbill for the Purpose of Acquiring Orders from Potential Customers	1	1	1	1	1
Total	28	19	26	1	20

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES

Total Complaints Received	617
Investigative Cases Opened	337
Economic Loss	\$3,798,367.00
Superior Court Cases Filed	152
Economic Loss	\$1,901,533.00
District Court Cases Filed	28
Economic Loss	\$45,099.00
Inquiry Court Proceedings	3
Search Warrants Issued	12
Revocation Hearings	7

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Claims filed against the County	102
Denied	33
Paid	26
Pending	42
Withdrawn	1
Total	102
Previous claims:	
Denied	10
Paid	8
Litigated (including 25 damage suits in Superior Court with no preceding claims)	39
Correspondence	
Written Opinions Rendered:	
Assessor	14
Assigned Counsel	1
Auditor	7
Board of Equalization	1
Boundary Review Board	5
Budget Director	1
Building Department	5
Commissioners	10
Community Action Agency	1
Disability Board	3
Health	1
Humane Society	1
License	1
Parks	2
Personnel	2
Planning	13
Public Works	23
Purchasing	1
Schools	47
Sheriff	2
Treasurer	6
Total Written Opinions	147
Miscellaneous Correspondence	374
Total Correspondence	521

COURT CASES PROCESSED

DISTRICT COURT ACTIONS

Damages	3
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SUPERIOR COURT ACTIONS

Abatement	1
Administrative Appeals	4
Bail Bond Judgments	13
Certificate of Delinquency (sale of property for taxes)	1
Condemnation	1
Damages	40
Declaratory Relief	3
Election Dispute	2
Employee Grievance	1
Habitual Traffic	62
Indemnity	1
Injunctive Relief	5
Land Exchange	1
Quiet Title	12
Tax Lien	2
Tax Recovery or Refund	2
Vacation of Alleys or Streets	2
Writ of Certiorari	6
Writ of Mandamus	5
Total Superior Court Cases	164

STATE COURT OF APPEALS ACTIONS

Employee Dismissal Appeal	1
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STATE BOARD OF TAX APPEALS ACTIONS

Tax Ratio Appeals	2
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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT ACTIONS

Tax Lien in Condemnation	2
Injunctive Relief	2
Damages	1
Total United States District Court Cases	5

UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT ACTIONS

Teacher Dismissal Appeal (Application for Writ of Certiorari)	1
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CASES FILED

Pierce County District Court	3
Washington State Superior Court	164
Washington State Court of Appeals	1
Washington State Board of Tax Appeals	2
United States District Court	5
United States Supreme Court	1
Total of All Cases Filed	176
Cases Pending From Prior Years	343
Total	519

CASES CLOSED 184

Total Cases Open and Active as of December 31, 1977 335

HEARINGS

Administrative:

Boundary Review Board
Arbitrations
State Shorelines Hearings Board
Grievance Appeals
Fire Code Board of Appeals
LEFF Disability Board
License Revocations
Planning Commission
Total 27

Involuntary Mental Commitment & Treatment Act:

14-Day Hearings 516
90-Day Hearings 291
180-Day Hearings 85
Total 892

JUVENILE COURT

Dependency Petitions 666
Delinquency Petitions 483
Total 1,149

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