

1978 ANNUAL REPORT
of the
Prosecuting Attorney
of Pierce County, Washington



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HONORABLE DIXY LEE RAY
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The State of Washington

As required by law, I herewith submit my Annual Report as Prosecuting Attorney of Pierce County, Washington, for the year ending December 31, 1978.

DON HERRON
Prosecuting Attorney

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OVERVIEW

During 1978, the Criminal Division continued the operation of the specially organized units, working together to try individual type cases. The unit handling rape and other crimes of violence involving women and children was again extremely successful obtaining 28 rape convictions in 1978, another record for Pierce County. In 1978 a total of 1,852 felony criminal charges, 2,803 misdemeanor charges and 36,903 traffic charges were filed.

The new Juvenile Justice Act took effect on July 1, 1978, and this imposed a greater statutory burden on the prosecutor's office, and the entire criminal justice system. By the end of the year it was necessary to increase the staff at Remann Hall from one deputy prosecuting attorney to a total of three deputy prosecuting attorneys, two secretaries, and two legal interns. It is anticipated that the workload will continue to increase until such time as the Juvenile Act is significantly amended by the legislature.

The Family Support Division, which performs the Prosecuting Attorney's statutory duties in paternity and child support enforcement proceedings, entered into another cooperative agreement during 1978 with the Office of Support Enforcement of the State Department of Social and Health Services in accordance with the Federal Family Support Act. As a result of this agreement, Pierce County received a total of \$124,664.00 from the state and federal government for work performed by the Prosecutor's Office in the Family Support and Paternity field.

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 County. 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 handled a total of 605 complaints in 1978, representing a total economic loss of \$23,091,362.42.

Project EL CID (Precharge Intervention Program) continued its successful operation in 1978. The project handled a total of 638 cases, 393 of which were misdemeanor offenses and 245 were felony offenses. Project EL CID has resulted in a significant cost

savings for the people of Pierce County by diverting qualified candidates out of the criminal justice system, and also has done a fine job in deterring further criminal behavior by its clients through the securing of employment and by close supervision. Financing for EL CID in 1978 was achieved through funds from the federal government, Pierce County and the City of Tacoma. The federal funding will expire in 1979, but legislation is being proposed to the State legislature regarding diversion programs throughout the state to alleviate the crowded court and prison conditions.

A Victim/Witness Assistance Service was formally established within the Pierce County Prosecutor's Office, through financing received from the City of Tacoma. The program finally turns the attention of the criminal justice system to a long forgotten and integral part of the proceedings: the victim/witness. The program instituted by this office is designed to alleviate the burden and trauma of crime against victims and witnesses. Recognizing the importance of the victim's role in the criminal justice process, this service has taken great strides in revitalizing the communication link between the victim/witness community and the criminal justice system by keeping nearly 1,400 victims/witnesses apprised of the status of their particular case as it progresses through the system. In addition to the case status notification service, the Victim/Witness Assistance Service aided nearly 1,000 City of Tacoma victims through the application of various services such as crisis intervention, agency referral, counseling, comfort, transportation, court escort, property return and restitution assistance. The service was also responsible for assisting over 100 victims of assault in applying for State Victim Compensation, and also established a restitution service that resulted in nearly \$23,000 of Municipal and Superior Court ordered restitution. It is our intent to continue to expand the scope of our victim/witness service to the victim community fully realizing that victim cooperation is an essential element of the prosecutorial function.

The Civil Division continued to act as legal counsel to the county commissioners, the county elected officials, the superior court, independent boards and commissions of county government, numerous school districts, and other political subdivisions of Pierce County. The wide-ranging activities of county government are reflected in the work of the civil division. Legal counsel is

provided in diverse areas, including planning, land and shoreline development, grant administration, personnel, parks and recreation, facilities management, risk management and insurance, tort claims and lawsuits, involuntary mental commitments, etc. Acting as legal counsel entails primarily the preparation of formal legal opinions in response to specific departmental inquiries and representation of the county officials in formal litigation.



DON HERRON
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Pierce County, Washington

STAFF

(As of December 31, 1978)

DON HERRON

Pierce County Prosecuting Attorney

NINA J. ZEMEK
Administrative Aide

Anna Neuhaus
Administrative Secretary

CRIMINAL DIVISION

Gary E. Cronk, Chief Criminal Deputy

Senior Deputies

Ellsworth I. Connelly
Joseph Mladinov
Schuyler Witt

Deputies

Jerry Ackerman
Gary Bergan
Doug Brown
Patrick Daly*
James Densley*
Thomas Dinwiddie
James Finnell
Kathryn Gerhardt

Karl Haugh*
Michael Johnson
Frank Loomis
Clyde Martin
Larry Nichols
Peter Petrich
Peter Turner
Stanley Wagner

CIVIL DIVISION

John W. Maxwell, Chief Civil Deputy

Deputies

Keith Black
Mack Call
Carol Hanson
Donald Meath

Roger Miener
Terry Sebring
Ralph Smith

INVESTIGATORS

Edwin Lund*
James Melton
Richard West

INTERVIEWERS (Family Support)

Janice Bell
Elinor Korsmo

CLERICAL AND STENOGRAPHIC STAFF

Cynthia Carlson
Mary Chantry*
Joyce Glass*
Lois Harris
Joyce Huseland
Lauverna Jackson*

Ella Johnson
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Sharon Manning
Cynthia Martinson

Judy Obenour
Eileen Weeks*
Lynn Wilhelm
Donna Woodard*

**Hired Through State/Federal Funds*

1978 ANNUAL REPORT
CRIMINAL DIVISION

SUPERIOR COURT FILINGS CRIMINAL DIVISION	1977 CHARGES DISPOSED OF IN 1978	CHARGES FILED IN 1978	CONVICTIONS	ACQUITTALS BY JURY	ACQUITTALS BY INSANITY	DISMISSALS	1978 CHARGES PENDING OR SET FOR TRIAL
Appeals from District Court	66	110	89*	2	-	5	80
Arson							
First Degree	1	7	1	2	1	-	4
Second Degree	1	5	2	-	-	-	4
Attempted Arson							
First Degree	-	2	-	-	-	-	2
Second Degree	-	1	1	-	-	-	-
Assault							
First Degree	3	27	9	1	1	1	18
Second Degree	29	60	40	-	2	6	41
Third Degree	1	14	5	-	2	-	8
Simple	23	31	49	-	1	-	4
Auto Theft	16	30	24	1	1	4	16
Burglary							
First Degree	3	11	1	-	-	3	10
Second Degree	62	161	92	2	1	20	108
Attempted Burglary							
First Degree	-	2	-	-	-	-	2
Second Degree	8	29	23	1	1	1	11
Carrying Concealed Weapon	1	8	2	-	-	3	4
Attempted Coercion	-	2	2	-	-	-	-
Communicating with Minor for Immoral Purposes	-	2	1	-	-	-	1
Conspiracy to Commit:							
Burglary Second	-	1	1	-	-	-	-
Forgery	1	2	3	-	-	-	-
Robbery First	1	-	1	-	-	-	-
Conspiracy	1	-	1	-	-	-	-
Contributing to Delinquency of a Minor	2	3	3	-	-	-	2
Criminal Impersonation	1	1	2	-	-	-	-
Criminal Intent to Commit:							
Burglary Second	-	1	-	-	-	1	-
Murder Second	1	-	1	-	-	-	-
Criminal Trespassing							
First Degree	10	21	28	-	1	1	1
Second Degree	1	5	6	-	-	-	-
Third Degree	1	-	1	-	-	-	-
Custodial Interference	-	1	1	-	-	-	-

CRIMINAL DIVISION CONTINUED

SUPERIOR COURT FILINGS CRIMINAL DIVISION	1977 CHARGES DISPOSED OF IN 1978	CHARGES FILED IN 1978	CONVICTIONS	ACQUITTALS BY JURY	ACQUITTALS BY INSANITY	DISMISSALS	1978 CHARGES PENDING OR SET FOR TRIAL
Disorderly Conduct	1	3	3	1	1	1	1
Disorderly Person	7	11	16	1	1	1	1
Disturbing the Peace	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Escape							
First Degree	1	12	2	1	1	1	11
Second Degree	13	11	23	1	1	1	1
Third Degree	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Attempted Escape							
Second Degree	1	4	4	1	1	1	1
Extortion							
First Degree	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
False Certification	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
False Reporting to a Peace Officer	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Felon in Possession of a Firearm	1	2	1	1	1	1	2
Forgery	36	153	46	2	3	28	110
First Degree	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Game Violations	1	3	1	1	1	3	1
Grand Larceny							
Employment Security	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Welfare Fraud	5	62	20	1	1	4	43
Petit Larceny	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Habitual Traffic Offender	3	22	8	1	1	2	15
Incest	1	2	1	1	1	1	1
Indecent Liberties	12	27	19	1	2	5	12
Intimidating a Witness	2	1	1	1	1	2	1
Interference with a Peace Officer	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Introducing Contraband							
Second Degree	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Kidnapping							
First Degree	1	9	4	1	1	1	5
Second Degree	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Malicious Destruction of Property	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Malicious Mischief							
First Degree	1	4	3	1	1	1	2

CRIMINAL DIVISION CONTINUED

SUPERIOR COURT FILINGS CRIMINAL DIVISION	1977 CHARGES DISPOSED OF IN 1978	CHARGES FILED IN 1978	CONVICTIONS	ACQUITTALS BY JURY	ACQUITTALS BY INSANITY	DISMISSALS	1978 CHARGES PENDING OR SET FOR TRIAL
Second Degree	5	8	6	-	-	4	3
Third Degree	4	6	8	-	-	-	2
Manslaughter							
Second Degree	1	1	2	-	-	-	-
Murder							
First Degree	7	11	6	2	-	-	10
Second Degree	3	4	4	-	-	-	3
Narcotics	76	247	108	-	-	40	175
Negligent Homicide	6	17	7	-	-	-	16
Obtaining Signature Under False Pretense	1	-	1	-	-	-	-
Occupying Motor Vehicle Without Permission	3	4	7	-	-	-	-
Possessing Burglary Tools	1	10	2	-	-	-	9
Promoting Prostitution							
Second Degree	-	5	1	-	-	3	1
Prostitution	1	-	1	-	-	-	-
Possession of Incendiary Device	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
Possessing Stolen Property							
First Degree	2	20	6	-	-	1	15
Second Degree	31	113	48	-	-	16	80
Third Degree	16	20	23	1	-	4	8
Attempted Second	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
Promoting Suicide Attempt	3	-	3	-	-	-	-
Public Indecency	-	1	1	-	-	-	-
Rape							
First Degree	17	15	18	1	-	1	12
Second Degree	1	6	2	1	-	1	3
Third Degree	2	3	2	-	-	1	2
Attempted Rape							
First Degree	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
Statutory Rape							
First Degree	2	11	1	1	-	1	10
Second Degree	-	15	2	-	-	2	11
Third Degree	1	11	3	-	-	2	7
Reckless Burning							
First Degree	1	-	1	-	-	-	-
Reckless Endangerment	5	2	5	-	-	-	2

CRIMINAL DIVISION CONTINUED

SUPERIOR COURT FILINGS CRIMINAL DIVISION	1977 CHARGES DISPOSED OF IN 1978	CHARGES FILED IN 1978	CONVICTIONS	ACQUITTALS BY JURY	ACQUITTALS BY INSANITY	DISMISSALS	1978 CHARGES PENDING OR SET FOR TRIAL
Rendering Criminal Assistance							
First Degree	3	—	3	—	—	—	—
Second Degree	—	4	4	—	—	—	—
Resisting Arrest	2	4	4	—	—	1	1
Robbery							
First Degree	21	67	38	2	—	1	47
Second Degree	6	12	10	—	—	2	6
Attempted Robbery							
First Degree	—	7	—	—	—	2	5
Solicitation to Commit Theft	—	1	—	—	—	—	1
Tampering With Physical Evidence	2	1	3	—	—	—	—
Tampering With Witness	2	—	2	—	—	—	—
Theft							
First Degree	4	28	8	—	—	—	24
Second Degree	14	65	28	—	—	6	45
Third Degree	22	27	46	—	—	—	3
Attempted Theft							
First Degree	—	3	2	—	—	—	1
Traffic — Moving Violations	11	54	25	—	—	4	36
Unlawful Issuance of Bank Check or Draft	16	129	34	—	—	12	99
Unlawful Imprisonment	1	11	—	—	—	1	11
Unlawful Possession of 40 Grams or Less of Marijuana	34	38	63	—	—	1	8
Totals	648	1,852	1,085	21	17	198	1,179

Revocation Hearings Handled in Superior Court 349
 Fugitive from Justice Cases Handled in Superior Court 136
 *Remanded to District Court for Reimposition of Sentence 41

**CRIMINAL DIVISION
SENTENCE SUPERIOR COURT – 1978**

Death Penalty	1
Life	20
Penal Institution	224
Penal Institution (Suspended)	70
County Jail	69
County Jail (Suspended)	115
Deferred Sentence	462
Fine and/or Costs	7
Bail Forfeiture	76
Acquitted by Jury	21
Acquitted by Insanity	17
Remanded to District Court	41
Dismissals	198
TOTAL	1,321

**CRIMINAL DIVISION
DISMISSAL ANALYSIS**

Evidence Suppressed	11
Defendant Complied with Deferred Prosecution	3
Insufficient Evidence	61
Sentenced on Another Charge	21
Probation or Parole Revoked	1
Complaining Witnesses Request	5
Sentenced by Other Authorities	16
Restitution Made	6
Complaining Witness Unavailable	10
Ends of Justice Best be Served	11
Duplication of Charge	5
Defendant is a Juvenile	5
Resolved by Civil Action	6
60/90 Day Rule Not Observed	9
Absolved by Co-Defendant	16
Dismissed by Court	5
Defendant Deceased	6
Hung Jury	1
TOTAL	198

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

Misdemeanor Cases Filed	2,803
Traffic Cases Filed	36,903
TOTAL	39,706

**1978 ANNUAL REPORT
CRIMINAL APPEALS**

Notice of appeal filed by defendants in 1978	50
(includes 1 juvenile delinquency appeal, 2 juvenile (parental) deprivation appeals, and 4 juvenile manifest injustice — sentencing outside standard range appeals)	
Notice of appeal filed by state in 1978	0
Total Appeals Filed	50
Convictions affirmed by Court of Appeals	17
(Includes 1 juvenile — parental deprivation case)	
Convictions affirmed by Court of Appeals and review denied by Supreme Court	9
Convictions affirmed by Court of Appeals and pending Supreme Court review as of 12/31/78	4
Convictions affirmed by Washington State Supreme Court	1
Convictions affirmed by Court of Appeals by remanded for resentencing	1
Total convictions affirmed in 1978	32
Review denied by Supreme Court on convictions affirmed by Court of Appeals prior to 1978	4
Convictions reversed and remanded by Court of Appeals	2
Convictions reversed by Court of Appeals and remanded for new trial and/or further proceedings	3
Convictions reversed by Court of Appeals and pending Supreme Court review as of 12/31/78	1
Total Convictions reversed in 1978	6
Supreme Court review denied to state on conviction reversed and remanded by Court of Appeals for new trial prior to 1978	1
Trial Court's dismissal of state's case reversed by Court of Appeals and pending review by Supreme Court as of 12/31/78	1

CRIMINAL APPEALS CONTINUED

Defendant appeals dismissed by Court of Appeals	9
Defendant appeals dismissed by Supreme Court	1
Total Appeals Dismissed	10
Personal restraint petitions processed (Rule 16.3)	
Petitions denied	9
Petitions granted	1
Total petitions	10

**1978 ANNUAL REPORT
FAMILY SUPPORT DIVISION**

TOTAL CASE LOAD 1977	17,001
NEW SUPPORT CASES 1978	+ 694
CLOSED CASES RE-OPENED IN 1978	+ 87
CASES CLOSED 1978	<u>- 194</u>
TOTAL CASE LOAD 1978	17,588

Breakdown of New Cases Opened

Paternity cases	34
Reciprocal Cases	655
Local Cases	<u>5</u>
Sub Total	694
Re-Opened	<u>87</u>
Total	781

RECIPROCAL PETITIONS (UREAS) FILED IN 1978 724

New Incoming Reciprocal – new cases	516
New Incoming Reciprocal on closed cases; cases re-opened	48
Outgoing Reciprocal – new cases	139
Outgoing Reciprocal on closed cases; cases re-opened	<u>39</u>
Total	742

Dispositions of Incoming Reciprocal	
Support Orders Entered	275
Enforcement Orders Entered	105
Show Causes Set	931
Bench Warrants Issued	10
Unable to Serve	134
Change of Venue	27
Dismissed/defendant left the State/Initiating State Requested	
Dismissal/children emancipated	131

PATERNITY CASES OPENED IN 1978 34

1977 Cases pending	16
1978 Cases opened	<u>34</u>
Total	50

Dispositions	
Orders entered	14
Closed/Plaintiff requested	1
Closed/unable to locate defendant	1
Closed/requested by OSE	3
Dismissed/found not to be the father	<u>2</u>
Total	21

FAMILY SUPPORT DIVISION CONTINUED

LOCAL CASES OPENED 1978 5

Action Taken	
Felony Filed	3
Pending	<u>2</u>
Total	5

CRIMINAL NON-SUPPORT CHARGES FILED IN 1978 16

(a) Felony filed	14
(b) Misdemeanor filed	<u>2</u>
Total	16

I. FELONY CASES

(a) Felony filed	14
(b) 1977 cases pending 1978	<u>8</u>
Total	22

Disposition of 1977 Felony Cases

Jail/Deferred/Guilty Plea	1
Jail	<u>1</u>
Deferred/Guilty Plea	2
Sub Total	4
Pending	<u>4</u>
Total	8

Disposition of 1978 Felony Cases

Dept. of Inst./20 Years	1
Deferred	5
Suspended	1
Dismissed/child adopted	<u>1</u>
Sub Total	8
Pending	<u>6</u>
Total	14

II. MISDEMEANOR CASES

(a) 1978 filings	2
(b) 1977 cases pending	<u>1</u>
Total	3

Disposition of 1977 Case

Dismissed/defendant complied with terms of Deferred Prosecuting	1
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Dispositions of 1978 Cases

Deferred	1
Suspended	<u>1</u>
Total	2

1978 ANNUAL REPORT
BUSINESS FRAUD - STOLEN PROPERTY DIVISION

SUPERIOR COURT FILINGS BUSINESS FRAUD DIVISION	CHARGES FILED IN 1978	CHARGES PENDING PRIOR YEAR	CONVICTIONS	DISMISSALS	1978 CHARGES PENDING OR SET FOR TRIAL
Appeals from District Court	1	2	3	-	-
Attempt to Possess Stolen Property Second Degree	-	2	2	-	-
Attempt to Possess Stolen Property Third Degree	-	1	-	-	1
Attempted Auto Theft	1	-	1	-	-
Attempted Delivery of Controlled Substance	1	-	1	-	-
Attempted Theft in the First Degree	-	1	1	-	-
Attempted Theft in the Second Degree	1	-	1	-	-
Attempted Theft in the Third Degree	2	1	-	-	3
Auto Theft	1	-	1	-	-
Burglary in the Second Degree	9	3	9	3	-
Conspiracy to Commit Stolen Property Second Degree	-	1	1	-	-
Conspiracy to Commit Theft Second Degree	2	-	1	-	1
Contractor Doing Business Without License	1	1	-	-	2
Criminal Assistance in the Third Degree	1	-	1	-	-
Criminal Contempt	1	-	1	-	-
Disorderly Person	2	-	2	-	-
Escape	-	1	-	-	1
False Information to a Peace Officer	3	-	3	-	-
False Statements or Illegal Transfers	-	1	-	-	1
Filing False Insurance Claim	1	-	-	1	-
Forgery	6	-	1	-	5
Fraudulent Destruction of Public Records	-	1	-	1	-
Grand Larceny	-	16	-	1	15
Interference With Police Officer	1	-	1	-	-
Misappropriation of Funds and Falsifying Accounts	1	-	1	-	-
Obscuring the Identity of a Machine	-	4	-	-	4
Obstructing a Public Servant	1	-	-	1	-
Occupying Motor Vehicle Without Owner's Permission	1	-	1	-	-
Operating Day Care Center Without a License	2	-	-	2	-
Petit Larceny	1	-	1	-	-

BUSINESS FRAUD — STOLEN PROPERTY DIVISION CONTINUED

SUPERIOR COURT FILINGS BUSINESS FRAUD DIVISION	CHARGES FILED IN 1978	CHARGES PENDING PRIOR YEAR	CONVICTIONS	DISMISSALS	1978 CHARGES PENDING OR SET FOR TRIAL
Possession of Stolen Property					
First Degree	9	4	6	3	4
Second Degree	55	16	32	15	24
Third Degree	9	4	9	1	3
Rendering Criminal Assistance					
Second Degree	1	—	1	—	—
Third Degree	—	11	—	1	10
Robbery Second Degree	1	—	1	—	—
Securities Fraud	—	2	—	—	2
Solicitation of Stolen Property					
Second Degree	1	—	1	—	—
Theft					
First Degree	33	31	10	2	52
Second Degree	28	4	4	3	25
Third Degree	4	3	4	—	3
Unlawful Issuance of Bank Check	3	—	—	—	3
Unlawful Possession of Controlled Substance	1	1	2	—	—
Unlawful Sale of Unregistered Securities	—	2	1	1	—
Unlawful Securities Advice	—	1	—	1	—
Totals	185	114	104	36	159

**BUSINESS FRAUD – STOLEN PROPERTY DIVISION
SUPERIOR COURT DISPOSITION
(By Count)**

CONVICTION ANALYSIS

Penal Institution	21
Penal Institution, Suspended	14
County Jail	5
Deferred Sentence	50
Bail Forfeiture	9
Pierce County Jail, Suspended	5
Dismissals	36
Cases Pending or Set for Trial	159
Total	299

DISMISSAL ANALYSIS

Evidence Suppressed	2
Defendant Complied with Deferred Prosecution	1
Insufficient Evidence	9
Sentenced on Another Charge	1
Complaining Witness Request	2
Ends of Justice	3
Resolved by Civil Action	2
Absolved by Co-Defendant	7
Dismissed by Court	1
Defendant Deceased	2
Sentenced by Other Authorities	2
Complaining Witness Unavailable	4
Total	36

**1978 ANNUAL REPORT
BUSINESS FRAUD — STOLEN PROPERTY DIVISION**

DISTRICT COURT FILINGS BUSINESS FRAUD DIVISION	CHARGES FILED IN 1978	CHARGES PENDING PRIOR YEAR	CONVICTIONS	DISMISSALS	1978 CHARGES PENDING OR SET FOR TRIAL
Attempted Theft Third Degree	1	—	1	—	—
Automobile Dealer Without License	2	—	2	—	—
Contracting Without License	6	4	4	—	6
Failure to Maintain Registration As Contractor	—	1	—	—	1
Failure to Obtain Solicitor's License	—	1	—	—	1
Malicious Destruction of Property	2	—	1	1	—
Misappropriation of Application for Insurance	—	1	1	—	—
Possession of Stolen Property Third Degree	1	—	1	—	—
Selling Clams Without Certificate of Compliance	2	—	2	—	—
Selling Shellfish Unlawfully	1	—	1	—	—
Theft Third Degree	12	5	7	2	8
Unlawful Delivery of Firewood Without Delivery Ticket	1	—	1	—	—
Unlawful Issuance of Bank Check	1	—	—	—	1
Unlawful Sale of Less Than the Represented Quantity of Wood	—	2	2	—	—
Use of False & Misleading Handbill for the Purpose of Acquiring Orders from Potential Customers	—	1	—	—	1
Totals	29	15	23	3	18

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES

Total Complaints	605
Investigative Cases Opened	414
Economic Loss	\$23,091,362.42
Superior Court Cases Filed	127
Economic Loss	\$1,921,467.49
District Court Cases Filed	28
Economic Loss	\$13,630.20
Inquiry Court Proceedings	10
Search Warrants	4
Revocation Hearings	16

**CIVIL DIVISION
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Claims filed against the County	190
Denied	66
Paid	52
Pending	69
Withdrawn	3
Total	190

Claims filed previous to 1978	
Denied	57
Paid	32
Litigated (Including 38 damages suits in Superior Court with no preceding claims)	86

Correspondence

Written Opinions Rendered:

Assessor	16	
Auditor	4	
Boundary Review Board	1	
Commissioners	17	
Disability Board	1	
District Court Probation	2	
License Department	2	
Manpower Planning	2	
Parks	2	
Personnel	8	
Planning	11	
Public Works	18	
Schools	38	
Sheriff	2	
Support Services	1	
Treasurer	10	
Total Written Opinions	135	
Miscellaneous Correspondence	538	
Total Correspondence	673	

COURT CASES PROCESSED

DISTRICT COURT ACTIONS

Damages	4
Building Code Violations	1
Total District Court Actions	5

SUPERIOR COURT ACTIONS

Abatement	1
Bail Bond Judgments	16
Boundary Review Board Dispute	1
Damages	30
Employee Grievance	1
Foreclosure of Delinquent Property Taxes	1
Habeas Corpus	1
Injunction	1
Labor & Industries Dispute	1
Land Exchange	1
Planning/Zoning Problem	3
Quiet Title	19
Replevin	1
Tax Lien in Bankruptcy	2
Tax Lien in Condemnation	3
Tax Recovery or Refund	2
Vacation of Alley or Street	4
Writ of Certiorari	2
Total Superior Court Actions	90

WASHINGTON STATE COURT OF APPEALS ACTIONS

Damages	1
Election Dispute	1
Total Washington State Court of Appeals Actions	2

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT CASES

Damages	2
Total United States District Court Actions	2

CASES FILED:

Pierce County District Court	5
Washington State Superior Court	90
Washington State Court of Appeals	2
United States District Court	2
Total of all cases filed	99
Cases Pending from Prior Years	335
Total	434
Cases Closed	197
Total Cases Open and Active as of December 31, 1978	237

HEARINGS

Administrative:

Boundary Review Board	
Arbitrations	
State Shoreline Hearings Board	
Grievance Appeals	
Fire Code Board of Appeals	
LEFF Disability Board	
Planning Commission	
Total	33

Involuntary Mental Commitment & Treatment Act:

14-Day Hearings	577
90-Day Hearings	331
180-Day Hearings	62
Other (Revocation Hearings)	11
Total	981

JUVENILE COURT

Dependency Petitions	823
Delinquency Petitions	418
Total	1,241

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