



The **ODPP NEWSLETTER**

**Quarterly Newsletter for the Office of the Director of
Public Prosecutions**



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FOREWORD

**By Hon. Lady Justice Jane
Frances Abodo
Director of Public Prosecutions**

It gives me great pleasure to issue the 2nd Newsletter of the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions. The 1st Newsletter was launched on 31st July 2020, and was the beginning of the issuance of a series of quarterly Newsletters by the ODPP.

The past quarter; July-September 2020 was a very eventful one characterized by intriguing criminal case climaxes, significant stakeholder engagements and capacity building evident in the content of this Newsletter.



Some of the critical areas that captured much attention this quarter include E-Justice, Gender Based Violence, and Capacity Building. More than ever, we have realized the importance of E-Justice due to the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic. Virtual means of dispensing justice have proved to be more viable in a season where physical contact has been made difficult, hence the need to focus on ICT infrastructure. Gender Based Violence Cases have skyrocketed over the years especially during the COVID-19 pandemic, and most of them involve children. This calls for distinct attention. In order to realize our mission which is “to handle and prosecute criminal cases in a just, effective and efficient manner”, we have found it critical to massively build the capacity of our prosecutors.

Special thanks to our partners; the Justice Law and Order Sector (JLOS), UNICEF, UN Women, Children at Risk Action Network (CRANE), Spotlight Initiative, CARE UGANDA for the support; financial and otherwise that you rendered during the quarter to enable us accomplish our quarter goals.

FOR GOD AND MY COUNTRY

EDITOR'S NOTE

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The ODPP Newsletter is a product of the Public Relations Office. However, the PR office cannot do this successfully without the input and cooperation of Heads of Department, Regional Officers, Station Heads and other members of staff. I therefore take this opportunity to thank all the ODPP staff that have cooperated with the Public Relations Office, enabling the production of the second issue of the ODPP Newsletter.

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JLOS OFFICIALS VISIT THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC PROSECUTIONS



Officials from the Justice Law and Order Secretariat (JLOS) including Ms. Lucy Ladira, Advisor, Criminal Justice, Mr. Musa Modoi, Advisor, Human Rights Mr. Edgar Tumuhimbise, the Public Relations Officer, and Lady Justice Jane Frances Abodo, DPP

On 3rd July 2020, officials from the Justice Law and Order Secretariat (JLOS) including Lucy Ladira, Advisor, Criminal Justice, Musa Modoi, Advisor, Human Rights and Edgar Tumuhimbise, the Public Relations Officer visited the Director of Public Prosecutions, to have a discussion on matters pertaining to anti-corruption, human rights and E-Justice. The meeting was chaired by the Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP), Lady Justice Jane Frances Abodo.

The issues discussed included supporting reform of the asset recovery legal regime, review of cases pending the minister's orders,

the amendment of the Trial on Indictments Act, and ensuring the enactment of a Witness Protection Law.

Regarding E-Justice, the officials from the JLOS advocated for information systems integration and ICT governance and coordination structures that would facilitate e-services. They particularly advocated for linking the Prosecution Case Management Information System (PROCAMIS) of the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions (ODPP) to the Electronic Court Case Management Information System (ECMIS) of the Judiciary and Crime Records Management System (CRMS) of the Police. This they said would enable the public to track their cases online.

The DPP acknowledged that working in silos would not work as the issues that needed to be addressed were multi-sectoral. She pledged her support towards the information systems integration and establishment of ICT governance and coordination structures to facilitate E-Justice.

By Jacquelyn Okui

ODPP REGIONAL OFFICERS' MEETING HELD IN AUGUST 2020



Hon. Lady Justice Jane Frances Abodo - Director of Public Prosecutions



Mr. Elem-Ogwal - Deputy DPP (Prosecutions)



Mr. Vincent Wagana - Deputy DPP (Management Support Services and Accounting Officer)



Mr. Odumbi James Owere - Deputy DPP (International Affairs)



Mr. William Byansi - Senior Assistant DPP/Head Dept. Field Operations

Regional Offices were established in 2014 to take ODPP services closer to the people and improve service delivery. The ODPP has 16 regional offices headed by Regional Officers. These include Kampala, Fort Portal, Gulu, Jinja, Mubende, Kabale, Masaka, Masindi, Mbale, Mbarara, Mpigi, Nakawa, Arua, Soroti, Lira and Mukono.



Mr. Alex Bagada – A/DPP/RO Soroti

The key functions of Regional offices include; coordinating, supervising and conducting prosecutions within the region, carrying out inspections relating to the operations of the district offices, effective communication, coordination and collaboration between field stations and headquarters; and with stakeholders in criminal justice, handling of complaints within the region, perusal of police files, giving legal advice, guidance and opinion to the DPP.

The Regional Officers Forum meets regularly to take stock of implementation of agreed actions in the previous meeting, identify issues



Ms. Florence Akello Owinji – A/DPP/RO Masindi

impeding the effective and efficient delivery of Prosecution Services within the field stations, and jointly agree on strategies and mechanisms to enhance Prosecution Services Delivery and execution of the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions (ODPP) Mandate.



Ms. Aisha Naluzze Batala – A/DPP/RO Mukono

The Forum met in August 2020. The meeting was chaired by the Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP), Justice Jane Frances Abodo. In attendance was the Deputy DPP (Prosecutions), Mr. Elem-Ogwal, the Deputy DPP (Management Support Services and Accounting Officer), Mr. Vincent Wagana, the Deputy DPP (Management Support Services and Accounting Officer),

Mr. Odumbi James Owere, the Deputy DPP (International Affairs), Ms. Alice Komuhangi Khaukha, the Deputy DPP (Inspections, Quality Assurance, Research and Training), Mr. William Byansi, Senior Assistant DPP/Head Dept. Field Operations, Regional Officers, and Deputy Regional Officers.

In her remarks, the DPP appreciated the role played by the Regional Officers in the realization of the mandate and vision of the ODPP. She noted that the bulk of the work of the ODPP takes place in the field under the direct participation and/or supervision of the Regional Officers

She urged the Regional Officers to continue participating and supporting initiatives including case census, review and weeding out of cases, conducting special sessions like SGBV sessions, Plea Bargain Sessions and ordinary High Court sessions.



Mr. Brian Kalinaki – A/DPP/RO Lira



**Mr. Semalemba -A/DPP/RO
Lira**

The Deputy DPP (MSS) appreciated the Regional Officers for providing reports resulting in evidence based reporting by the institution. He encouraged them to support the new DPP, their leaders and peers.

Mr. George William Byansi informed the participants that the Regional Officers had perused 6000 case files, handled 4050 complaints and reviewed 2,200 committed cases. He noted the improvement in the case disposal rate and information flow. He encouraged the Regional Officers to document their work and report regularly and accurately.

During the meeting, the Regional Officers had an opportunity to raise pertinent issues relating to their work, such as low staffing levels, and receive responses from Management.



**Ms. Gladys Nyanzi – A/DPP/RO
Jinja**



**Mr. Kulu Idambi – A/DPP/RO
Fort Portal**



**Mr. Martin Rukundo –A/DPP/RO
Gulu**



**Ms. Catherine Namakoye –
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Naguru**



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A/DPP/RO Arua**



**Mr. Alex Ojok Micheal –
A/DPP/RO Mbale**



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A/DPP/RO Masaka**



**Ms. Lucy Kabahuuma SSA/D/RO
Mpigi**



**Jacqueline Atim – CSA/D/RO
Mukono**

WORLD DAY AGAINST TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS 30TH JULY 2020

By Rachel
Bikhole & Emily Mutuzo

The World Day Against Trafficking in Persons was celebrated on 30th July 2020. In 2013, United Nations Member States adopted a resolution that designated July 30th as the World Day against Trafficking in Persons. The day aims to raise awareness of the situation of victims of human trafficking and the promotion and protection of their rights.

The theme for 2020 was “Looking at the role of frontline workers who are working hard to stop human trafficking.” Frontline workers are the people who work in different sectors – identifying, supporting, counseling and seeking justice for victims of trafficking, and challenging the impunity of the traffickers. Prosecutors are certainly among them as they prosecute suspected



L – R: Special Counsel Tyler Dunman attached to the ODPP, Ms. Rachel Bikhole, Assistant DPP/Head Human Trafficking Division, ODPP and D/ASP Nusura Kemigisha, Uganda Police Force

human traffickers.

The Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions is a member of the National Task Force Committee for Prevention of Trafficking in Persons. In commemorating the World's Day against Trafficking in Persons on 30th July 2020, the Task Force launched the National Action Plan (NAP) and the National Referral Guidelines for Management of Victims of Trafficking in Uganda (NRG). The NAP sets out the strategic key activities of each institution in combating TIP over the next 5 years while the NRG helps in streamlining the referral of victims of trafficking from the time of

their rescue to provide the required assistance particularly the trauma they face, through the existing criminal justice system to their logical conclusion. NRG is a collaborative effort among governmental authorities, Civil Society Organisations and international organisations to jointly protect the basic rights of victims of trafficking, ensuring their protection and assistance.

AUSTRIAN EMBASSY DELEGATION MEETS ODPP TOP MANAGEMENT

By Ms. Irene Nakimbugwe

As a follow up on the courtesy call made to the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions (ODPP) in May 2020, a delegation from the Austrian Embassy led by the Head of Office, Dr. Roswitha Kremer on 2nd of September 2020, donated 24 laptops to the ODPP.

The Director of Public Prosecutions, Justice Jane Frances Abodo thanked the development partners from Austria for their generosity toward the Office and assured them that the laptops were earmarked for upcountry field stations to assist the prosecutors there handle their work efficiently during the COVID-19 period.

The DPP noted that it is the ODPP dream to equip every prosecutor with a laptop so that they are able to draft their own court papers as well as carry out research online.

They also discussed other areas of concern including

the rise of sexual gender based violence during the COVID-19 pandemic, congestion in prisons due to the lockdown effect and lack of clear guidelines for the upcoming election processes that may come with election related offences and arrests.

The delegation from the Austrian Embassy and the ODPP pledged close cooperation and collaboration.

The 24 laptops have since been received by the ODPP.



TRAINING OF TRAINERS ON THE PROSECUTORS' HANDBOOK ON HANDLING GENDER BASED VIOLENCE CASES

By
**Samali Wakooli, Anna Kiiza, Sherifah
Nalwanga & Emily Mutuzo**



On 10th August 2020, the Department of Gender Children and Sexual Offences, with support from UN Women organised a 4-day Training of Trainers Workshop on the Prosecutors' Handbook on SGBV (Sexual and Gender Based Violence) Cases held at Hotel Africana, Kampala from the 10th - 13th August 2020. This followed a Memorandum of Understanding entered into by ODPP with UN Women on a project for Capacity Strengthening for Enforcement of Legislation on Ending Violence Against Women, Harmful Practices and Sexual Reproductive Health Rights and Women's Access to Justice in Uganda.

This project is broken down into a number of activities one of which is drafting and completing the Prosecutors' Handbook on Gender Based Violence. In line with the implementation of the project activities, the Department embarked on a Training of Trainers (TOTs) workshop comprising Assistant DPPs, medical practitioners, Forensic Scientists and police officers handling SGBV cases. The TOTs will in turn train the rest of the Prosecutors in the different regions to ensure that the knowledge and practical skills acquired are passed on to them mainly focusing on handling these cases with a victim centred approach.

The Handbook is intended to be a cross-sectoral document that will guide the

investigation and prosecution of Gender-based Violence (GBV) crimes in Uganda from a victim-centred and trauma informed perspective. It will be a useful practical training tool for an array of stakeholders, including healthcare workers, police, prosecutors, members of the Uganda People's Defence Force (UPDF), and judges.

The Deputy Country Representative UN Women, Ms. Adekemi Ndieli in her remarks thanked the ODPP for ensuring that the Training of Trainers' workshop had finally taken place amidst the crisis of the COVID - 19 pandemic. She pledged UN Women support in skilling all institutions that handle SGBV cases.



**Hon. Lady Justice Jane Frances Abodo
Director of Public Prosecutions**

In her opening remarks the Director of Public Prosecutions, Justice Jane Frances Abodo expressed her gratitude to UN Women for partnering with the ODPP in building capacity of the Prosecutors in handling cases of GBV in a victim friendly manner.

She highlighted the importance of the development of the handbook that would not only be used as a tool to improve the skills of the prosecutors but also act as reference material for the officers. She said it would offer practical solutions to practitioners in the field on the law and accepted international standards in handling GBV cases.

She advised that defence lawyers be invited in subsequent trainings, to equip them with the same knowledge.



Judge Suzan Okallany - Justice High Court

The purpose of this training workshop was to pre-test the content in the Handbook to ensure that it is user friendly and relevant to stakeholders, receive feedback to improve on the content in the Handbook, and equip justice actors with practical skills and knowledge that they would use in training field officers in handling cases of GBV and SGBV.

The facilitators during this training workshop came from within the ODPP, the Judiciary, Uganda Police Force (UPF), Centre for Domestic Violence Prevention (CEDOVIP),



Judge Damali Lwanga - Executive Director Judicial Training Institute (JTI)

Ministry of Health and International Justice Mission. They included, Judge Damali Lwanga, Executive Director Judicial Training Institute (JTI), Judge Suzan Okallany, Judge of the High Court, Ms. Alice Komuhangi Khaukha, Deputy DPP, Inspections, Quality Assurance, Research and Training, Dr. Sylvester Onzivua, Senior Pathologist, Mulago Hospital, Ag. AIGP Andrew Mubiru, Head of the Directorate of Forensics Services - UPF, Ms. Samali Wakooli, Assistant DPP/Head, Department of Gender Children & Sexual Offences - ODPP, Ms. Florence Akello, Assistant DPP/Regional Officer, Masindi - ODPP, Ag. Commissioner of Police Rose Nalubega, UPF, Ms. Grace Lwanga, CEDOVIP, Ms. Cissy Namusimbizi Bwogi, International Justice Mission, Ms. Anna Nangozi, Midwife - CARE Uganda.

Various topics were handled including, Key Concepts of GBV, Trauma and its Effects on SGBV Survivors/Victims, GBV in Armed Conflicts and other Related Emergencies, Overview of Evidence Collection and

Preservation by Investigating Officers, Victim/Witness Support and Special Considerations for Specific Vulnerable Groups, GBV Types of Evidence, Interviewing and Testimonial Evidence, Medical Evidence, its Importance and Corroboration, Burden of Proof, Medical Management, Gathering, Managing and Preserving Forensic Evidence, Developing Charges, Prosecution Strategy, Charge Selection and Handling Committal Papers, among others.



Dep. DPP Alice Komuhangi Khaukha - Inspections, Quality Assurance, Research and Training,



Ms. Adekemi Ndieli - Deputy Country Representative, UN Women

Strategies for enhancing Access to Justice in SGBV cases

- Prosecutors and other justice actors should get more background information on victims and offenders so that they are in position to help them better, especially at the time of trial, during counselling and offering psychosocial support. This should be done right from the initial stages of investigations and through to the trial process.
- Investigators should verify the accused's defence as soon as possible. Let their alibi be investigated on the onset because it will help the Prosecutor at trial.
- The need for Prosecutors to provide guidelines or share the recommended procedures to police officers for use when recording charge and caution statements and while conducting identification parades to avoid mistakes made by investigators that lead to evidence being thrown out by court.
- Every crime scene visit by the Scenes of Crime Officer (SOCO) should have an accompanying report, pictures and a



Ag. AIGP Andrew Mubiru, Head of the Directorate of Forensics Services – UPF,

sketch plan made and originated by him/her.

The chain of custody should be observed by the investigating officer and SOCO so as to preserve the chain of evidence. Visually documented scenes of crime are highly recommended. These include video recordings, photography and sketching.

- The need to have a special room for interviewing SGBV victims, child victims and witnesses at every police station/post; handling GBV cases whilst ensuring privacy during interviewing and statement recording.
- Regional officers in the ODPP should closely mentor and guide attorneys under their supervision on various areas including preparation of court documents and providing guidance to investigators.
- All justice actors should handle SGBV victims with a victim-centred approach and be patient with and compassionate to them to ensure that their interviews are

conducted with a trauma-informed approach.



Dr. Sylvester Onzivua, Senior Pathologist, Mulago Hospital,

- There is need to embrace prosecution led investigations in SGBV cases which will contribute to the success rate of cases in court.
- DNA samples received at the forensic laboratory should be handled with urgency and ensure that reports are produced as soon as possible. It is pertinent to assign an officer as contact person at every police station to follow up reports from the Government Analytical Laboratory.

Ms. Samali Wakooli, the Head of the Department of Gender Children and Sexual Offences expressed gratitude to UN Women for financially facilitating the training. She also appreciated CEDOVIP for their technical support and in particular, Ms. Grace Lwanga in developing the Handbook. She further recognised the efforts of Mr. Alex Bagada, Assistant DPP, Ms. Faith Turumanya, Assistant DPP, Ms. Winfred Ahimbisibwe, Assistant DPP

and Ms. Lucy Kabahuma, Senior State Attorney in developing the Handbook.

She appreciated the JLOS for their instrumental support to the ODPP resulting in successful handling of SGBV cases.

The Deputy Director of Public Prosecutions in charge of Prosecutions, Mr. Charles Elem-Ogwal officiated the closure of the workshop and thanked UN Women and CEDOVIP for their financial and technical support in realising the completion of the Prosecutors' Handbook.

He said the training availed hope for better cases, proper investigations, guidance to police and field officers, properly drafted committal papers and eventually a high conviction rate.



Ass. DPP Samali Wakooli - Head, Dept. of Gender Children & Sexual Offences



INDUCTION TRAINING FOR THE ODPP ANTI-CORRUPTION DEPARTMENT STATE ATTORNEYS AND INVESTIGATORS

By Nicholas Kawooya



On 10th August 2020, the Anti-Corruption Department (ACD) of the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions (ODPP) conducted a one-day induction training for ACD State Attorneys and Investigators at the Judicial Training Institute, Nakawa.

The workshop was officially opened by the Deputy Director of Public Prosecutions (Prosecutions), Mr. Elem-Ogwal on behalf of the Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP), Justice Jane Frances Abodo, who was later in attendance.

In attendance was the Head of the Anti-Corruption Division of the High Court, Hon. Justice Lawrence Gidudu, the Deputy DPP (International Affairs), Mr. Odumbi James Owere, the Senior Assistant DPP/Head, International Cooperation Department and Asset Recovery, Mr. John Baptist Asiimwe, and the Assistant DPP/Head, Anti-Corruption Department, Ms. Josephine Namatovu, who made instructive presentations to the State Attorneys and Investigators.

The State Attorneys and Investigators were trained on how to handle corruption related cases, admissibility of electronic evidence, integrity and professional conduct.

The DPP stressed the need for integrity and professional conduct by the attorneys and investigators in the execution of their duties. She encouraged the trainees to inculcate social skills in their interactions with different stakeholders during the course of their work.

THE ODPP HUMAN RIGHTS DIVISION CONSULTATIVE MEETINGS

By Irene Nakimbugwe & Barbra Kawuma



The Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR) was adopted in 1948 and is generally agreed to be the foundation of international human rights law. It recognises that basic rights and fundamental freedoms are inherent to all human beings, inalienable and equally applicable to everyone and that every one of us is born free and equal in dignity and rights, in spite of our nationality, gender, ethnic origin, colour, religion, language, and place of residence or any other status.

Uganda is a signatory to the UDHR and like all other states in the international community, made a commitment to uphold dignity and justice for all. Over the years, this commitment has been translated into treaties, customary international law, regional agreements and domestic law.

The Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions (ODPP) is entrusted with a mandate under Article 120 of the 1995 Constitution of the Republic of Uganda; to prosecute all violations of human rights under the various domestic laws. Therefore, adherence to human rights principles is a cross cutting issue in all the work that the ODPP engages in.

It is in that same vein that a Human Rights Division was set up at the headquarters, Workers' House to ensure that the institution promotes and protects human rights; prosecutes all those that commit human rights violations and also sensitizes ODPP staff about the laws on human rights.

The Division was set up in August 2018 and it is headed by an Assistant Director of Public

Prosecutions, Ms. Barbara Kawuma who is also the focal person. In the past 2 years, the Division has been mainly involved in stakeholder engagements with the Uganda Human Rights Commission (UHRC) and other Inter-Ministerial Committees chaired by Ministry of Foreign Affairs which reports on the status of human rights in Uganda every 4 years to United Nations General Assembly.

The Division is planning on setting up regional offices, starting with Arua, Gulu, Mbarara and Mbale where it will designate focal persons to monitor human rights' issues. It is also desirous of equipping all officers with the relevant laws on promotion and protection of human rights.

Between 8th - 11th September 2020, the Division held consultative meetings with the staff of the ODPP and the top brass police officers in the regions of Masaka, Mbarara and Kabale.

The aim of the consultative meetings was to gauge the responsiveness of the prosecutors and police officers towards the enforcement of laws aimed at protecting violations of human rights. Emphasis was placed on the relevant laws to wit: The Prohibition and Prevention of Torture Act, 2012 and its Regulations, 2017 and the Human Rights (Enforcement) Act, 2019. Attention was drawn to the key sections of the law that are likely to make officers liable for violations of human rights during their line of duty. State Attorneys were urged to take keen interest in violations of human rights cases and not treat them as mere common assault and grievous harm among others, but to direct police officers to be alive to human rights abuses, more so during the current political season. Officers were also advised to be wary of overzealous litigants who of recent have embarked on suing officers in their individual capacity for participating in violations of human rights.

The Division pledges its support to all those who may wish to consult on any issue regarding human rights.



ODPP DEPARTMENT OF GENDER CHILDREN AND SEXUAL OFFENCES VISITS KYANGWALI REFUGEE SETTLEMENT CAMP TO OFFER TECHNICAL SUPPORT

By Anna Kiiza & Jacquelyn Okui



In the month of July 2020, CARE Uganda supported a capacity building training programme in the districts of Hoima and Kikuube that comprised of Community Based Paralegals, Health workers who fill in police medical forms, technical staff of Office of the Prime Minister (OPM), United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR), ALIGHT and CARE Uganda. The Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions (ODPP) was requested to offer technical support to the project in the area of increasing access to legal assistance and access to justice and advocacy in SGBV cases.

The Department of Gender, Children and Sexual Offences, the Regional Officer – Masindi, Resident State Attorney – Hoima and the Public Relations Officer of the ODPP visited the settlement camp to highlight the role of the

ODPP in handling SGBV cases in refugee settlements and the support that could be offered to various stakeholders within the settlement.

Among the objectives of the visit was to facilitate a session in the upcoming training on Clinical Management of Rape (CMR) which was organised by ALIGHT with support from UNHCR, meet with the Kyangwali Settlement leadership (OPM and UNHCR) and the district leadership to discuss more areas of support and synergies between the Settlement and the ODPP and facilitate a refresher session to the Kyangwali settlement legal technical working group and the staff on handling SGBV/GBV cases.

Accordingly, on 23rd July 2020, the Office of the Director of Public

Prosecutions (ODPP) sensitized police officers, health workers and social workers in Hoima District on the 'Challenges Faced by the ODPP in handling Sexual and Gender Based Violence Cases.'

The sensitization was done by the Assistant DPP and Head of the Gender, Children and Sexual Offences Department in the ODPP, Ms. Samali Wakooli.

The sensitization was part of the Clinical Management of Rape Survivors (CMRS) Training organized by ALIGHT, in collaboration with CARE International in Uganda, with funding from UNHCR.

In attendance was the Regional Officer, Masindi, Assistant DPP Florence Akello, the Resident State Attorney, Hoima, Mr. George Kunihiro, SGBV Officer



ALIGHT, Ms. Ida Kajumba, GBV Protection Advisor, CARE International in Uganda, Ms. Annet Kyambadde, Assistant Settlement Commandant, Office of the Prime Minister, Ms. Millicent Abashaba among others.

The following challenges were discussed: –

- Lack of specialized investigative skills, hence poor investigations.
- Limited use of forensic and scientific evidence in SGBV cases due to inadequate scientific and forensic facilities.
- Poor handling of exhibits resulting in corruption of the evidential value of exhibits.
- Failure by police officers to escort victims for medical examination.
- Age determination of victims and suspects.
- Failure by health workers to testify in court.

The health workers were advised to fill police medical forms presented to them by the police impartially, using their relevant competencies.

The participants were encouraged to cooperate with Prosecutors to ensure successful prosecution of SGBV cases.

Subsequently, the team also met officials from UNHCR, CARE International in Uganda, Refugee Law Project, Womena Uganda,

ALIGHT and Office of the Prime Minister (OPM) on 24th July, 2020 to discuss issues pertaining to access to justice in GBV cases, by refugees in Kyangwali Refugee Camp.

Assistant DPP and Head of the Gender, Children and Sexual Offences Department in the ODPP, Ms. Samali Wakooli led the team. The team members comprised the Regional Officer, Masindi Region, Assistant DPP Ms. Florence Akello, the Resident State Attorney, Hoima, Mr. George Kunihiro, among others.

The meetings were held at the UNHCR Office and OPM. In attendance was Protection Associate, UNHCR, Mr. Dedan Tugaine, GBV Protection Adviser, CARE International in

Uganda, Ms. Annette Kyambadde, SGBV Officer ALIGHT, Ms. Ida Kajumba, Assistant Settlement Commandant, OPM, Ms. Millicent Abashaba among others.

Key Issues and Challenges raised by the Protection Officers

- Victims of domestic violence reside with their perpetrators and therefore find it difficult to report them to police or other authorities within the camp. Those who are married do not like seeing their spouses incarcerated.
- Victims of domestic violence are not willing to go to court and testify against their husbands whenever cases are cause listed for trial hence most of them end up being dismissed for want of prosecution.
- The different cultural practices of the refugees that make it difficult and abominable to report SGBV cases to authorities. Some

victims report cases when their pregnancies are in advanced stages when the perpetrators can hardly be found.

- At times the information given by victims when reporting cases at police is scanty and this is worsened by the fact that police does not follow up on these cases to investigate further.
- Victims believe that once they have reported a case at police, it is final. They do not believe in cooperating with police to complete inquiries.
- Semi capital cases registered at court and set down for hearing have a very low turn up of witnesses coming to testify. Almost all cases of defilement and attempted murder hit a dead end largely due to failure to transport victims/witnesses to court given the distance from the camp to court and the poor road network.
- The police medical forms were being poorly filled by the medical officers resulting in no evidential value at the trial.
- Witnesses/victims become hostile at the time of trial by saying they were never defiled by the said perpetrators.

- At times victims of violence use PF3s as negotiating tools against the family of the perpetrator and after getting what they want they say they are no longer interested in the cases.
- Victims at times lie about their true age when they have gone for medical examination and the medical personnel do not do much in proving the exact age of the victim.
- For murder cases, perpetrators always run back to Congo through the porous borders after committing these offences making it difficult to trace and apprehend them across the border.
- Refugees find it difficult to accept former convicts back into the settlement after they have served their sentences which at times causes and escalates violence.

The meeting agreed on the need to ensure thorough investigations in GBV cases, so as to ensure water tight evidence and improve the success rate in court, the need to transport GBV witnesses from the camp to court to testify since transport is an issue for most of them, the need for victims to be sensitized

about their rights and their duties such that they don't simply report cases and refuse to cooperate at the time of hearing and the need for better communication among stakeholders so as to put in place mechanisms to address some of the hindrances to successful investigation and prosecution of refugee cases.

It was further pointed out that police officers should not be giving PF3s to victims to go to health centres for medical examination because that is how they at times end up with medical evidence that is of no evidential value to the prosecution case. Upon victims of crime reporting cases at police, it is imperative for the police to act very fast and have perpetrators arrested so that victims feel safe. Timely interventions at the initial stages of these SGBV cases will translate into success in the cases at trial.

In addition, it was pointed out that the ODPP supports refugee case sessions and the second phase of sessions would soon materialize.

The stakeholders were sensitized that the ODPP controls criminal investigations.

That they could present issues about criminal investigations to the ODPP through the Resident State Attorney. If dissatisfied, to the Regional Officer and if still dissatisfied, to the Head Office. Cooperation and collaboration were emphasized.



THE DPP, JUSTICE JANE FRANCES ABODO RECEIVES PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT FROM UNICEF



On 20th July 2020, the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions (ODPP) received Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) to facilitate the prosecution of child-related cases, from UNICEF. This took place in a meeting that was held in the ODPP, chaired by the Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP), the Hon. Lady Justice Jane Frances Abodo.

The Child Specialist of UNICEF, Ms. Laura Fragiaco handed over the PPE to the DPP. The PPE included 320 sanitizers of 500mls, 320 sanitizers of 250mls, 320 jerry cans of hand washing liquid soap and 100 boxes of hand gloves.

Ms. Samali Wakooli, Assistant Director of Public Prosecutions and Head, Department of Gender, Children and Sexual Offences in the ODPP said the ODPP had partnered with UNICEF to augment the prosecution of child-related cases. The Handbook on Prosecuting Child-related Cases in Uganda which basically outlines procedures for prosecuting child-related cases in a child friendly manner is one of the outcomes of the partnership. Since its development it has been used and continues to be used to train Prosecutors on how to handle child-related cases. She thanked UNICEF for the PPE.



L-R: Mr. Vincent Wagana, Deputy DPP (Management Support Services and Accounting Officer), Ms. Anna Kizza, CSA, Ms. Jacquelyn Okui, SSA/PRO, Ms. Deborah Gasana, Child Protection Specialist, UNICEF, Ms. Samali Wakooli, A/DPP/Head, Department of Gender, Children and Sexual Offences, Ms. Laura Fraciaco, Child Specialist, UNICEF, DPP, Justice Jane Frances Abodo, Mr. David Bisamunyu, CSA and Ms. Sherifah Nalwanga, CSA.

Mr. Vincent Wagana, the Deputy Director of Public Prosecutions, Management and Support Services expressed gratitude to UNICEF for the partnership, collaboration and cooperation. He pledged to ensure that the resources are properly utilized to enhance delivery of prosecution services.

Ms. Laura Fragiaco noted that UNICEF and the ODPP had worked closely for over 9 years to ensure that children in contact with the law and children in conflict with the law are adequately supported through criminal judicial proceedings in line with the Convention of the Rights of the Child.

She said UNICEF had observed tremendous improvement within the ODPP - enhancing the capacity of Prosecutors through the Handbook on Prosecuting Child-related Cases in Uganda. She noted

that the ODPP's initiative of establishing child friendly rooms, using anatomical dolls during hearing of children cases, as commitment to ensuring that children realize justice in a friendly process and environment.

In addition, she said COVID-19 had exacerbated significant increase in protection risks for children manifesting in increased incidences of violence against children and others being locked down with their perpetrators in homes.

Moreover, the operations of the justice system were drastically reduced due to the lock down regardless of the fact that crime continues to be committed.

Ms. Laura Fragiaco commended the ODPP for resuming full

operations to ensure that the justice system remains functional, especially for taking part in children sessions. She encouraged the ODPP to always pursue child friendly means to ensure justice for children. She said the supply of the PPE was to ensure that the staff within the ODPP safeguard themselves from the COVID-19 pandemic as they continue to pursue interests of children in Uganda.

The DPP appreciated UNICEF for the good working relationship with the ODPP and the financial support rendered to the ODPP to execute its mandate towards juvenile justice. She said during the COVID-19 pandemic, the ODPP had been constrained in availing services to children among other vulnerable people. She pointed out the importance of ensuring the safety of staff while they serve the people. She made reference to the sessions at the Naguru Remand Home where the Prosecutors had to appear to handle cases of children in conflict with the law, and thanked UNICEF for quickly coming in to rescue the Prosecutors by providing the PPE.

By Jacquelyn Okui

CHILD PSYCHOLOGY TRAINING FOR PROSECUTORS

By Anna Kiiza & Samali Wakooli

On 16th September 2020, The Department of Gender Children and Sexual Offences in partnership with Children at Risk Action Network (CRANE) held a three - day workshop from 16th - 18th September 2020, for Prosecutors on Child Psychology and Child Development.

The training was aimed at equipping prosecutors with knowledge on how best to handle children both in conflict with the law and in contact with the law. These trainings have been conducted in all the 16 ODPP regional offices. Majority of the cases reported at police and court are those involving children, with the biggest percentage being defilement. All the JLOS criminal actors ranging from prosecutors, police, judicial officers and probation officers come into contact with children either as child victims, child witnesses or as child offenders in their day to day work, but some lack the basic necessary capacity to handle them. It is against this background that it was found necessary to conduct joint trainings of the JLOS criminal actors.



The training was officially opened by Ms. Alice Komuhangi Khaukha, the Deputy DPP (Inspections, Quality Assurance, Research and Training) who expressed gratitude to CRANE for the continued support to the ODPP. She called upon CRANE to continue with the trainings so that stakeholders can know how to deal with trauma. She urged the participants to always be mindful of children in conflict with the law as they could be their children and are capable of reforming, if handled well. That the Prosecutors should be mindful that God in heaven is the greater Prosecutor, and try to do it His way.

She also thanked CRANE for the support towards other activities like the child friendly spaces and the anatomical dolls.

The objectives of the training were; to improve on the communication skills of the criminal justice actors with children of all ages; describe and utilize basic information about the nature and characteristics of children and how best to nurture them to healthy physical and emotional growth and development; specify characteristics of children at different stages of development; explain and explore the relationship between the behaviour of a child and possible problems in that

child's environment and or social relationships, and equip participants with management skills.

The general course content entailed Factors that predispose children to involvement in crime and sexual exploitation, Effects of trauma on children, Communication challenges of traumatized children, Interviewing traumatized children and getting them to testify in court, Handling children coached to lie/hide the truth, and Interviewing children with disabilities.

The following best practices were noted:

- Prosecutors and Police should be better managers and leaders.
- ODPP (Prosecutors) should advocate for standard operating procedures on interviewing children who are mentally challenged.
- The Prosecutors should employ trial advocacy techniques learned to get the best case outcomes.
- The ODPP should advocate for psychosocial support services for the victims of crime and also for the Prosecutors who handle them.
- All actors, Prosecutors and Police should dress down for children when handling them.
- The Police and Prosecutors should apply child friendly communication techniques when dealing with children.
- Continuous trainings of all justice actors in matters to do with children.
- The ODPP should have sign language interpreters at the office.

In her closing remarks, the Executive Director CRANE, Ms. Faith Kembabazi thanked the Head of the Department of Gender, Children & Sexual Offences for coordinating the training. She also expressed her gratitude to the Prosecutors for helping children through the administration of justice. She emphasized the need to ensure all children are in safe spaces. She further thanked the ODPP for the establishment of the Cybercrime Unit which will help in the fight against cybercrime, especially the crimes committed against children using computers.



Prosecutorial Milestones Registered

THIRTY-SEVEN CHINESE ENTER PLEA BARGAIN AGREEMENTS

**By Jacquelyn Okui & Ivan
Kyazze**

In early March, 2020, the Uganda Police Force received intelligence that there were Chinese nationals who were staying in a building located at Lubawo Zone, Kireka Ward, Wakiso District, carrying out unlawful activities.

On 17th March, 2020, the Police and sister security agencies went to the crime scene. The place was cordoned off and a search was conducted. thirty-seven (37) Chinese were found in the building; six (6) of them had expired visas, one (1) had Ugandan citizenship but had not renounced his Chinese citizenship as required by the law.

The accused persons had several smart mobile phone handsets, some of which had active Airtel and Mtn sim cards registered in different names of Ugandan nationals.

The accused were also found in possession of wildlife specimen without user rights. It was discovered that some of the accused were involved in manufacturing and

processing of food products without licenses.

Four case files were compiled in respect of the accused persons and they were charged with several offences at the Standards, Utilities and Wildlife Chief Magistrate's Court of Buganda Road.

In Uganda Vs You Jing Dao and 36 others, the accused were charged with Abetment of unauthorized use of computer services (2 counts), and Access with intent to commit or facilitate the commission of further offences (2 counts), under the Computer Misuse Act, 2011.

A plea bargain agreement was entered in which the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions and the accused agreed that each of the convicts be sentenced to serve a one-year imprisonment term or pay a fine of UGX. 500,000/= on each count. Uganda Revenue Authority (URA), Uganda Wildlife Authority (UWA), the Criminal Investigations Directorate (CID), and the Directorate of Citizenship & Immigration Control being affected parties were involved in the plea bargain. A sum of UGX 74,000,000/= was paid in fines and in addition, the convicts forfeited 2215

Airtel sim cards and 233 Mtn sim cards to the State for destruction.

Court ordered the said sim cards to be destroyed by Uganda Communications Commission (UCC).

In Uganda Vs You Jing Dao and 36 others, the accused were charged with Being in Possession of Restricted Goods under the East African Community Customs Act, 2004 as amended and Being in possession of uncustomed goods under the East Africa Community Customs Management Act 2004 as amended.

In respect of Being in Possession of Restricted Goods, the parties agreed that each of the convicts be sentenced to an imprisonment term of one year or pay a fine of UGX 62,497.8/= and in respect of Being in possession of uncustomed goods, the parties agreed that each of the convicts be sentenced to serve an imprisonment term of one year or pay a fine of UGX. 1,657,877.720/=. On these two counts, a sum of UGX. 63,431,894/ = was paid in fines. In addition, 203 bombers of cigarettes were forfeited for destruction. Court directed URA to carry out the destruction. 2697 mobile phones, 50 of them having secret PINs were

also forfeited to the State pending disposal by Court.

The ODPP made an application to have the confiscated mobile phones sold and proceeds be remitted to the Consolidated Fund.

In Uganda Vs You Jing Dao and 6 others, seven (7) accused persons were charged with Unlawful possession of protected species (4 counts) under the Uganda wildlife Act, 2019 and Utilization of wildlife without a wildlife user right under the Uganda wildlife Act, 2019.

The parties agreed that each of the convicts be sentenced as follows; Under Count 1, Accused (A) 1 was sentenced to serve a one (1) year imprisonment term or pay a fine of UGX. 8,000,000/=. Under Count 2, A1 was sentenced to serve one (1) year imprisonment term or pay a fine of UGX. 2,500,000/=. Under Count 3, A1 was sentenced to serve a one (1) year imprisonment term or pay a fine of UGX. 3,000,000/=. In addition, A1 was ordered to compensate UWA a sum of USD 1500 for user right of Tortoise. The sentences and fines were to run consecutively. Under Count 4, A6 was sentenced to serve a five (5) year imprisonment term or pay a fine of UGX. 15,000,000/= (Fifteen million shillings). Under Count 5, A2, A3, A4, A5, and A7 were sentenced to serve a one (1) year imprisonment term or pay a fine of UGX. 2,000,000/=.

A sum of UGX 36,500,000/= (Thirty-six million shillings) was paid in fines and USD 1500 in compensation. All the wildlife exhibits recovered were handed over to UWA for further management.

In Uganda Vs You Jing Dao and 2 others, the three (3) accused persons were charged with Carrying on business without a trading license (3 counts) under the Trading (Licensing) Act and Possession of suspected stolen property (3 counts) under the Penal Code Act.

In accordance with the plea bargain agreement, in Counts 1, 2, and 3, each of the convicts was sentenced to imprisonment for three (3) months or pay a fine of UGX. 10,000/=. In Counts 4, 5 and 6, each of the convicts was sentenced to a caution considering the period spent on remand. In addition, the exhibits (1 National Water and Sewerage Corporation water meter, 1 Umeme yaka meter and several computer & mobile phone motherboards) were forfeited and confiscated by Court pending final disposal.

In Uganda Vs Lin Shao Sheng and 6 Others, the seven (7) accused persons were charged with Unlawful presence in Uganda (4 counts) under the Uganda Citizenship and Immigration Control Act and, Employment without an entry permit (4 counts) under the

Citizenship and Immigration Control Act.

Under Counts 1,2,3,4,5,6,7 & 8, the parties agreed that each of the convicts be sentenced to 6 months' imprisonment or pay a fine of UGX 500,000/= in respect of each count and be deported; the imprisonment term to run concurrently and fines cumulatively.

In all the 27 counts, the convicts paid the fines imposed on them. A grand total of UGX. 177,951,894/= was paid. In addition, a sum of USD 1500 was paid as compensation to UWA.

Court ordered that all the passports of the convicts be handed over to the immigration authorities to have the convicts deported at their own cost after the lifting of the restriction on the entry and exit of the borders.

This is an example of the very complex cases that the ODPP handles. Cases with many accused persons, some of whom include foreigners, numerous exhibits which have to be analyzed and reports generated, and several victims or interested parties. This matter would have taken a long time to be investigated and prosecuted if the avenue of plea bargaining had not been exploited. The matter was handled by Mr. Ivan Kyazze, State Attorney, Buganda Road and his efforts are appreciated.

COURT OF APPEAL UPHOLDS JUDGMENT AND SENTENCE OF JACKLYN UWERA NSENGA

By Jacquelyn Okui

The Court of Appeal upheld the conviction and sentence of Ms. Jackline Uwera Nsenga in a decision delivered on 24 August 2020. Ms. Jackline Uwera Nsenga was convicted of the murder of her husband, Mr. Nsenga Juvenal. It was alleged that on 10th January 2013, Ms. Jackline Uwera Nsenga, knocked Mr. Nsenga Juvenal with a car at the gate of their home resulting in the latter's death. Ms. Jackline Uwera Nsenga was tried, convicted and sentenced to 20 years' imprisonment by Judge Duncan Gaswaga. She appealed to the Court of Appeal against the judgement and sentence.

The appeal was handled by the Hon. the Acting Chief Justice, Justice Alfonse Owiny-Dollo, Justice Elizabeth Musoke and Justice Cheborion Barishaki.

Assistant Director of Public Prosecutions, Ms. Josephine Namatovu from the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions represented the State. Counsel Mr. David F. K. Mpanza, Mr. Isaac Walukagga and Ms. Sophie Nyombi represented Ms. Jackline Uwera Nsenga, the appellant.

Counsel for the appellant argued that the dying declarations of Mr. Nsenga Juvenal should have been received with caution because he was prone to confusion in his state, the declarations that were inconsistent and in Kinyarwanda could not be interpreted by the witnesses who were family members of the deceased and they were not corroborated. They insisted that the death of the deceased was caused by an accident arising from an unintended acceleration of a faulty vehicle.

Ms. Namatovu Josephine, the Assistant DPP strongly argued that the witnesses who testified about the dying declarations of Mr. Nsenga Juvenal were fluent in both Kinyarwanda and English and had been found to be credible. That the dying declarations of Mr. Nsenga Juvenal were corroborated by the appellant's bad marital relationship, the threats the appellant had made to the deceased the day before the incident, the appellant's conduct before, during and after she had run over her husband, the evidence recovered from the crime scene and the mechanical condition of the motor vehicle. She stressed that the extensive injuries inflicted on the deceased showed that the appellant's actions were intentional and not accidental. Further, the evidence was to the effect that the vehicle which was

in a good mechanical condition was driven at a high speed of 45 to 61 kilometres per hour on a flat terrain, in the moment just after the appellant knocked down her husband yet the car had already been driven through the gate and was inside the driveway. Therefore, the appellant had intended to kill Mr. Juvenal.

The Court of Appeal found that the dying declarations of Mr. Juvenal were consistent and reliable and adduced by witnesses who were fluent in both Kinyarwanda and English. The words and the tone of Mr. Juvenal were to the effect that the appellant had knocked him down. The inconsistency was found to be irrelevant as even though Mr. Juvenal stated that his car had killed him, the same was being driven by the appellant and it was not unreasonable to infer that he meant that the appellant had deliberately knocked him down.

Malice aforethought they said was imputed from the dying declarations of Mr. Juvenal, the threats directed at him by the appellant, marital acrimony, the conduct of the appellant before, during and after the commission of the crime, especially the manner in which the deceased was repeatedly overran with a vehicle resulting in his death.

The Justices of the Court of Appeal found that the motor vehicle used was in a proper mechanical condition and could not jerk in the manner alleged by the appellant; the deceased had various bodily injuries and the appellant used the motor vehicle to knock and move the deceased's body for a distance of approximately 17.3 metres. The Court of Appeal therefore found that the appellant's conduct of ramming into the gate which Mr. Juvenal was opening for her was not accidental.

Regarding the issue that arose in the matter of who determines criminal charges, the Court of Appeal did not hesitate to stress that it is not the place of the Police to tell the DPP how to do his job. That considering Article 120, of the Constitution of Uganda, no one can direct the DPP on how to do his job.

This is a landmark judgement for the Office of the DPP because the Court of Appeal emphasized the unique role of the ODPP in determining criminal charges. The Office applauds the Assistant DPP, Ms. Namatovu Josephine for a job well done at the appellate level. In addition, the Office recognizes the contributions of Lady Judge Susan Okallany and

Lady Judge Jane Okuo Kajuga for the successful prosecution of the matter in the High Court, while they were in the Office of the DPP.

**KISUZE EDWARD,
SENIOR ASSISTANT
IN THE
OFFICE OF THE
ACADEMIC
REGISTRAR AT
MAKERERE
CONVICTED OF
INDECENT ASSAULT**

**By Jacquelyn Okui & Janet
Kitimbo**

Mr. Kisuze Edward, the Senior Administrative Assistant in the Office of the Academic Registrar of Makerere was on 29th September 2020 convicted of indecent assault by the Chief Magistrate of Buganda Road, Her Worship Miriam Ayo Okello.

It was alleged by one Rachel that on 13th April 2018, in the Makerere University Senate building, in Room 507, Mr. Kisuze sexually assaulted her. That she took copies of her transcript to Mr. Kisuze for certification. He took them from her and she went away for a while. When she returned to collect them, he handed them over to her. As she was going through them, in his office; Room 507, he began to undress her, touch her private parts and kiss her. She resisted

him and threatened to jump from the window prompting Mr. Kisuze to release her. She went to one Steven who had referred her to Mr. Kisuze and reported the matter while crying. She then reported the incident to the Police.

The Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions charged Mr. Kisuze Edward with Attempted rape and in the alternative, Indecent Assault. The matter was prosecuted by Ms. Janet Kitimbo, the Resident Chief State Attorney of Buganda Road in the Chief Magistrates Court of Buganda Road. She called Ms. Rachel as the principal witness and she narrated her ordeal as noted above. She also led the evidence of Mr. Steven who corroborated the evidence of Ms. Rachel that she had been to Mr. Kisuze Edward's office to certify copies of her transcript and that she had left the office distraught.

Meanwhile, the accused totally denied committing the offence. He alleged that the case against him was framed with the intention of ruining his career and to hurt his family.

Having heard and considered the evidence, the court held that attempted rape was unsustainable because the actions of Mr. Kisuze Edward only

amounted to mere preparation to commit a sexual act. That he did not go to the extent of putting his intentions into execution. The Court thus found that the charge of attempted rape had not been proved beyond reasonable doubt.

However, the court found that the evidence proved the alternative charge of Indecent assault beyond reasonable doubt. The court held that in room 507 where the incident occurred, there was no other person save for the accused and the victim. The incident happened during day time, there was natural light and it took a substantial period of time, hence the identity of the accused could not have been mistaken by Rachel. Moreover, the court held that there had been no grudge between Rachel and Mr. Kisuze rendering the defence of Mr. Kisuze implausible.

Consequently, the Court found Mr. Kisuze Edward guilty of indecent assault and convicted him. It sentenced him to serve a prison sentence of 2 years or pay a fine of Ug. Shs. 4,000,000/=.

The issue of the appropriateness of the sentence arose. However, under such circumstances, the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions has no right of appeal. This is because a right of appeal is conferred by statute, and no statute guarantees the DPP a right of appeal under such circumstances.

Indeed, this is one of the areas where the Office of the DPP is incapacitated. The issue has been presented to the Uganda Law Reform Commission and is being considered in the revision and amendment of the Criminal Procedure Code Act. It is envisaged that the anomaly in the law will be rectified.

ODPP GETS A NEW UNDERSECRETARY

By Emily Mutuzo

In September 2020, the Office of the DPP got a new Undersecretary, Ms. Kainza Agnes Nzogi. She was formerly the Principal Assistant Secretary of the ODPP. In September 2020, she was elevated to the position of Undersecretary and deployed in the Office of the DPP. She replaced Mr. Samuel K. Kyambadde. She was congratulated and warmly welcomed by the Office.

Congratulations again Ms. Nzogi upon your promotion and assignment to the ODPP. You served us well as Principal Assistant Secretary and as the ODPP we look forward to working even better with you as Undersecretary.





VISION

"A crime free society."

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GOAL

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