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Attorney General Kaul Announces 20 New Special Agents Joining Wisconsin DOJ's Division of Criminal Investigation

More Division of Criminal Investigation Special Agents Make Wisconsin Safer

MADISON, Wis. – Wisconsin Attorney General Josh Kaul is proud to announce the spring 2023 class of 20 new special agents joining the Department of Justice (DOJ) Division of Criminal Investigation (DCI). The agents started with the department during the month of March and have already begun their specialized training within the department.

"DOJ's Division of Criminal Investigation does outstanding work investigating serious crimes across the state," said Attorney General Kaul. "DCI special agents make Wisconsin safer, and I'm proud that we're welcoming a number of new special agents to DCI."

The new class of special agents includes agents that will be located at DCI's Milwaukee, Madison, Eau Claire, Appleton, and Wausau offices. DCI will also have an agent stationed in the La Crosse region for the first time in decades. The new class investigative specialties include narcotics, arson, and internet crimes against children.

About the Division of Criminal Investigation (DCI)

DCI is responsible for investigating crimes that are statewide in nature or importance. DCI special agents and analysts work closely with local, county, tribal, state and federal officials to investigate and prosecute crimes involving homicide, arson, financial crimes, illegal gaming, multi-jurisdictional crimes, drug trafficking, computer crimes, homeland security, public integrity and government corruption as

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well as crimes against children. The division also performs special investigations requested by the Governor or the Legislature and provides extensive training to local, state and federal officers on current issues in law enforcement.

DCI has a long history of protecting the public and ensuring justice is done. While the incredible work of DCI agents often goes unsung, a few recent cases where DCI was the lead agency, or a significant contributor, include:

- The <u>sentencing</u> of John Sarver for the 1984 murder of Eleanor Roberts.
- The Lake Winnebago Area Metropolitan Enforcement Group Drug Unit recovery of approximately 12 pounds of fentanyl pills.
- The <u>conviction</u> of a Beloit man for human trafficking, among other offenses.
- <u>Charges</u> filed against two men for first degree intentional homicide in Dodgeville, WI.
- Federal <u>charges</u> filed against 26 individuals for trafficking heroin, cocaine and fentanyl from Puerto Rico to Milwaukee.
- Many <u>officer involved critical incidents</u> across the state to help agencies comply with <u>Wis. Stat. 175.47</u>, which requires an outside agency to investigate officer involved deaths.

Wisconsin DOJ's full request can be found here.