



Baltimore City State's Attorney's Office

PROSECUTES CRIME

The Baltimore City State's Attorney's Office (SAO)
ALWAYS PROSECUTES
the following:

- ▶ **GUN OFFENSES**
- ▶ **DRUG SALES**
- ▶ **ASSAULTS**
- ▶ **ANY VIOLENT OR VICTIM CRIME**
(CARJACKING, RAPE, HOMICIDE
ARMED ROBBERY, ASSAULT)

In March 2020, the SAO made the decision to
STOP PROSECUTING the following:

- ▶ **DRUG POSSESSION**
(NOT THE SAME AS DRUG SALES/DEALING)
- ▶ **PROSTITUTION**
- ▶ **OPEN CONTAINER**
- ▶ **URINATING/DEFECATING
IN PUBLIC**

The decision to **NOT PROSECUTE** these
offenses has resulted in:

1. Increased resources
dedicated to the
prosecution of violent
and victim crimes
- AND**
2. A reduction in police
interactions for offenses
that have proven to
be enforced in racially
disparate ways

The SAO **WILL PROSECUTE** trespassing
under the following circumstances:

1. If the Repeat Trespass offense happens
on the same public or private property
over a continuous 12-month period
- OR**
2. If there is a verifiable imminent safety
risk (to offender or others)
- AND**
3. There is no obvious sign of substance
use disorder and/or mental illness,
or homelessness



RESOURCES & CONTACT INFORMATION

- ▶ If you see a carjacking, assault, robbery, or any other victim crime, **CALL 911.**
- ▶ For individuals who may need behavioral health support, help with housing, drug treatment, etc., you can:
 - **Call 211 OR the Baltimore Crisis Response's Here2Help Hotline at 410-433-5175.**
- ▶ For general questions about the State's Attorney's Office, **email mail@stattonney.org or call 443-984-6000.**
- ▶ For anonymous crime tips or requests for victim and witness services, **call 1-877-SAO-4TIP.**
- ▶ To reach your assigned SAO community liaison, **please email mail@stattonney.org**

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