

Brooklyn Community Board 7 Public Safety Meeting Minutes
May 25, 2022
Via Zoom

Presentation by Senior Assistant District Attorney Sasha Pemberton and John Watkins Brooklyn District Attorney's Office.

Senior Assistant District Attorney Sasha Pemberton presented on the role of the Brooklyn District Attorney's office and the services they offer.

The Brooklyn District Attorney's Office investigates and prosecutes crime, assists victims, and implements crime prevention strategies to improve public safety and the quality of life of Brooklyn's residents. Much of the office's work is handled by two principal divisions: Investigations and Trial. They also have additional specialized legal bureaus and units.

They provide services to victims of crime such as crisis counseling, safety planning, advocacy with other agencies, and assistance in determining eligibility and applying for crime victim compensation through the New York State's Crime Victims Board.

She shared information on the procedures after someone is arrested:

- The level of the offense determines the process. For certain offenses, the suspect might not be brought directly to court from the precinct. If eligible, a Desk Appearance Ticket (D.A.T.) may be issued. After an officer makes an arrest, the District Attorney's Office will then determine whether to file charges against the suspect.
- If the District Attorney's Office decides not to file charges, the suspect will be released. If the District Attorney's Office decides to file charges against a suspect, the charges will be presented in front of a judge for an arraignment.
- Depending on a number of factors, a defendant may go to jail, may receive bail or may be released on his/her own recognizance while the case is pending.

The Brooklyn District Attorney's Office has several Alternatives to incarceration programs These are aimed at diverting drug-addicted offenders into treatment in lieu of incarceration, the Youth Diversion Part and the Veterans Court Part. The bureau also runs the Drug Treatment Alternative-to-Prison (DTAP) program, for drug addicts who are recidivist, non-violent felony offenders. They also have multiple re-entry programs.

We requested data on bail reform and repeat offenders.

USEFUL NUMBERS:

DA's Action Center 718-250-2340

Domestic Violence 718-250-3300

Elder Abuse 718-250-5299

Human Trafficking 718-250-2770

Public Integrity 718-250-2747

Immigrant Affairs 718-250-3333

Labor Fraud 718-250-3770

Teen Dating Violence 718-250-3321

Family Justice 718-250-5111

Victim Services 718-250-3820

Hate Crimes 718-250-4949

Webpage:

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