

The Special Victims Unit of the Unified Police Department is responsible for handling the following cases.

Sexual assault (adult and juvenile)

Child Abuse

Elder abuse

Internet pornography cases

Sex offender registry

Runaways

Missing Persons

Number of Staff:

- 1 Sergeant
- 10 Detectives
- 2 Civilian (Missing Persons and Runaways)

Case Load per officer:

The average case load per Detective per month is 10 to 15 cases per month. The detectives average 25 to 30 active cases in their queue at any given time. The average amount of cases the unit has handled over the past five years is 1,200 cases per year.

Expertise:

The Special Victims is a unique unit, we deal with live victims that need assistance as soon as possible so that valuable evidence is not overlooked, and the victim receives the best service available. When you look at the number of cases we handle each year it may not look like the numbers are excessive however it is important to remember that all of our cases involve multiple in person interviews, collection of evidence, meetings with DCFS, Victim Advocates and Medical professionals and all of the cases are screened with the District Attorney's office in person.