



**STATE OF NEVADA**  
**ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR PROSECUTING ATTORNEYS**  
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**CHAIR'S REPORT**  
**March 30, 2026**

**Committee on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault (CDVSA)**

The CDVSA has held two meetings since the last regular meeting of the Advisory Council for Prosecuting Attorneys (November 6, 2025 and January 27, 2026). At the November 2025 meeting, the CDVSA discussed the issues faced by the Attorney General's Office in standing up the new victim notification program during the statewide cyberattack, but noted that the new system is working well.

The CDVSA is also pausing fatality case reviews until it can draft bylaws and make any changes to ensure statutory compliance, since many local jurisdictions now have their own fatality review teams. Two subcommittees were formed: (1) a membership committee to better address the CDVSA committee membership, and (2) a victim notification program governance subcommittee for oversight and data collection related to the victim notification system.

Discussion was held regarding the backlog of required jury trials, especially in the rural counties, due in part to the lack of courtroom space and training in domestic violence/sexual assault cases for judges. Concern was also noted for the loss of domestic violence/sexual assault advocates and programs due to the reduction in federal grant funding.

**Statewide Substance Use Response Working Group (SURG)**

Since the last Chair's Report in June 2025, the SURG or one of its subcommittees has met 14 times. Of note, at the full working group meeting on July 9, the SURG received presentations from Christine Payson, a drug intelligence officer with Nevada HIDTA regarding current drug use and seizure trends in Nevada, as well as from Clark County on its surveillance of its illicit drug supply (beginning at page 41 [here](#)).

At the full working group meeting on October 8, Washoe County Chief Deputy District Attorney Nicole Hicks was formally welcomed to the SURG and appointed to the Response Subcommittee. The SURG also received a presentation regarding the implementation of medications for opioid use disorder (MOUD) in rural jails, which currently has a 30% implementation rate (beginning on page 64 [here](#)).

## **Nevada Sentencing Commission**

The Nevada Sentencing Commission (NSC) met twice in the second half of 2025, and have met twice so far in 2026. At its July 18 meeting, NSC staff presented an overview of the reports submitted by district attorneys pursuant to NRS 178.750 (which can be found [here](#)). NRS 178.750 requires each district attorney to submit a report to the NSC relating to each case filed for the previous year which included a charge of murder or voluntary manslaughter.

At its January 2026 meeting, the Nevada Department of Sentencing Policy provided the Sentencing Commission with a report on initial results from the Nevada Local Justice Reinvestment Grant. That report can be found [here](#).