

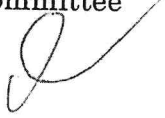
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STATE OF MONTANA

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TO: Law and Justice Interim Committee  
FROM: Attorney General's Office   
RE: Report pursuant to Montana Code Annotated § 41-3-210(4)  
DATE: August 25, 2021

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On behalf of the Attorney General, and pursuant to Mont. Code Ann. § 41-3-210(4), please find attached a report that constitutes the “aggregated information regarding the status of the cases reported by the county attorneys, including data on the total number of cases reported, the number of cases declined for prosecution, and the number of cases charged.” We look forward to answering any questions you may have regarding this data at the Law and Justice Interim Committee meeting on September 14, 2021.

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July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021 Reporting Period

County Name	Total Cases Reported in Period	Cases Declined in Period	Cases Charged in Period	Cases Under Review BY CA	Cases in Active Investigation	Cases deemed insufficient information to Proceed	Other
Beaverhead	24	0	7	2	8	7	0
Big Horn	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Blaine	5	0	1		1	3	0
Broadwater	6	1	1	1	3	0	0
Butte-Silver Bow	90	12	4	2	31	35	6
Carbon	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Carter	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Cascade	261	9	21	5	0	226	0
Chouteau	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Custer	39	5	1	3	28	1	1
Daniels	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Dawson	23	0	0	1	15	0	7
Deer Lodge	26	0	0	4	13	1	8
Fallon	8	0	1	1	2	0	4
Fergus	2	0	0	1	0	0	1
Flathead	246	10	1	28	0	0	207
Gallatin	76	0	15	6	1	0	54
Garfield	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Glacier	8	0	0	0	1	4	3
Golden Valley	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
Granite	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Hill	25	1	2	0	0	22	0
Jefferson	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Judith Basin	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
Lake	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Lewis and Clark	150	1	22	7	14	100	6
Liberty	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Lincoln	38	11	2	0	8	17	0
McCone	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Madison	31	6	8	3	2	12	0
Meagher	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Mineral	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Missoula	250	4	1	47	27	163	8
Musselshell	8	0	0	0	6	2	0
Park	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Petroleum	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Phillips	6	0	0	0	1	5	0
Pondera	4	0	0	0	0	3	1

Powder River	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Powell	21	0	2	3	0	16	0
Prairie	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ravalli	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Richland	8	0	0	0	2	6	0
Roosevelt	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Rosebud	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Sanders	21	9	0	0	4	5	3
Sheridan	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Stillwater	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Sweet Grass	4	1	0		2	1	0
Teton	3	0	0	0	2	1	0
Toole	8	0	0	1	1	6	0
Treasure	5	0	4	0	0	1	0
Valley	9	0	2	1	3	2	1
Wheatland	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Wibaux	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Yellowstone	507	24	10	158	311	0	4

NR – No report provided to the Attorney General for this period at the time of submittal.

Report of Allegation of Sexual Abuse of a Child or Sexual Exploitation of a Child

**CASE REPORT FORM**

Unique Case Identifier: Report ID # 506988 and previously reported as #506517

Date initial report received by the County Attorney: by CPS early to mid-June 2021

Type of Report:

- Child Protective Services Information (CPI)  
 Child Protective Services – Request for Services (CFS)  
 Child Protective Services (CPS)

Status of Report:

- Insufficient information to proceed.  
 Active Law Enforcement investigation.  
 Received by County Attorney and under review.  
 Charges filed  
    o Date Filed: \_\_\_\_\_  
    o Case Status:  
         Pending  
         Sentenced  
         Dismissed  
 Prosecution has been declined  
    o Date declined: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

Other comments: This is a student allegedly in a sexual relationship with her tenured high school math teacher. Despite multiple attempts to investigate by law enforcement, neither the student nor her parents have cooperated at all. They have refused an initial forensic interview even to determine if further investigation is warranted. They refuse to be interviewed or do any written statements. The alleged victim has denied everything that has been reported. CPS has also reached out and has been completely rebuffed. If at any point they change their minds, this case will be re-opened.

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Allegations of Sexual Abuse or Sexual Exploitation of a Child  
As required by 41-3-210, MCA (2019)

CPS # 493821

Agency Case # BLD21-00070 Agency: Belgrade Police Department

Date Reported: 01/21/21

Type of Report: SEXUAL CRIME

Status of Report: Closed - Referred Externally

Date: 03/26/21

\_\_\_ Charges Filed Date Filed: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_

Case Status

\_\_\_ Pending

\_\_\_ Sentenced

\_\_\_ Dismissed

\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ Prosecution declined Date Declined: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_

\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Other Comments:

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Report of Allegation of Sexual Abuse of a Child or Sexual Exploitation of a Child

**CASE REPORT FORM**

Unique Case Identifier: 489507

Date initial report received by the County Attorney: 1/19/2021

Type of Report:

- Child Protective Services Information (CPI)
- Child Protective Services- Request for Services (CFS)
- Child Protective Services (CPS)

Status of Report:

- Insufficient information to proceed.
- Active Law Enforcement Investigation.
- Received by County Attorney and under review.
- Charges Filed
  - o Date Filed: 1 / 22 / 21
  - o Case Status:
    - Pending
    - Sentenced 7/19/21
    - Dismissed

- Prosecution has been declined
  - o Date declined:     /     /

Other Comments:

35 years MSP w/ 20 suspended. 10 year parole  
restriction

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## CASE REPORT FORM

Unique Case Identifier: **498399**

Initial Report Received by County Attorney: **March 10, 2021**

### Type of Report:

- Child Protective Services Information (CPI)
- Child Protective Services – Request for Services (CFS)**
- Child Protective Services (CPS)
- Type of Report not provided on HB640 Form

### Status of Report:

- Out of Yellowstone County's Jurisdiction
- HB640 Report Received from DPHHS – To Law Enforcement for Investigation
- Law Enforcement Report Received by County Attorney and under review**
- Law Enforcement Report under review by Court Services
- Delinquent Youth Petition Request under review by County Attorney
- Informal Disposition through Court Services
- Informal Disposition through DPHHS
- Charges Filed on: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Case Status:
  - Pending
  - Diversion Agreement
  - Sentenced
  - Dismissed
  - Acquitted
- Prosecution Declined on: \_\_\_\_\_

### Notes:

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Report of Allegation of Sexual Abuse of a Child or Sexual Exploitation of a Child

**CASE REPORT FORM**

Unique Case Identifier: #493414

Date initial report received by the County Attorney: 01/19/21

Type of Report:

- Child Protective Services Information (CPI)
- Child Protective Services – Request for Services (CFS)
- Child Protective Services (CPS)

Status of Report:

- Insufficient information to proceed.
- Active Law Enforcement investigation.
- Received by County Attorney and under reviewed.
- Charges filed
  - o Date Filed: 04 / 26 / 21
  - o Case Status:
    - Pending
    - Sentenced
    - Dismissed
- Prosecution has been declined
  - o Date declined:      /      /

Other comments:

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Report of Allegation of Sexual Abuse of a Child or Sexual Exploitation of a Child

MISSOULA COUNTY CASE REPORT FORM

Unique Case Identifier: 493108

Date initial report received by the County Attorney: January 15, 2021

Type of Report:

- Child Protective Services Information (CPI)  
 Child Protective Services – Request for Services (CFS)  
 Child Protective Services (CPS)

Status of Report:

- Insufficient information to proceed  
 Active law enforcement investigation  
 Received by County Attorney and under review

Charged Filed

Date filed: 08/20/2019

Case Status:

- Pending  
 Sentenced  
 Dismissed  
 Prosecution has been declined

Date declined: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_

OTHER

Other comments:

Defendant in August 2019 sexual assault is deceased. MTD filed 04/14/2020. JW Case ID 19-

2366. Other reports insufficient in information.

Report of Allegation of Sexual Abuse of a Child or Sexual Exploitation of a Child

**CASE REPORT FORM**

Unique Case Identifier: J 3657

Date initial report received by the County Attorney: 1/17/21

Type of Report: 2/17/21 (2d report)

- Child Protective Services Information (CPI)
- Child Protective Services – Request for Services (CFS)
- Child Protective Services (CPS)

Status of Report:

- Insufficient information to proceed.
- Active Law Enforcement investigation.
- Received by County Attorney and under review.
- Charges filed
  - o Date Filed: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_
  - o Case Status:
    - Pending
    - Sentenced
    - Dismissed
- Prosecution has been declined
  - o Date declined: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_

Other comments:

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Report of Allegation of Sexual Abuse of a Child or Sexual Exploitation of a Child

As required by 41-3-210, MCA (2019)

Unique Case Identifier: DFS 498031

Date initial report received by the County Attorney: 6/28/21

Type of Report:

- Child Protective Services Information (CPI)
- Child Protective Services – Request for Services (CFS)
- Child Protective Services (CPS)
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Status of Report:

- Insufficient information to proceed.
- Active Law Enforcement investigation.
- Received by County Attorney and under review.
- Charges filed
  - o Date Filed: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_
  - o Case Status:
    - Pending
    - Sentenced
    - Dismissed
    - Other: \_\_\_\_\_
- Prosecution has been declined
  - o Date declined: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_

Other: Not cross reported due to no concerns of sexual abuse

Other comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Report of Allegation of Sexual Abuse of a Child or Sexual Exploitation of a Child

As required by 41-3-210, MCA (2019)

**CASE REPORT FORM**

Unique Case Identifier: 600472

Date initial report received by the County Attorney: 06/11/21

Type of Report:

- Child Protective Services Information (CPI)
- Child Protective Services – Request for Services (CFS)
- Child Protective Services (CPS)

Status of Report:

- Insufficient information to proceed. \_\_\_\_\_
- Active Law Enforcement investigation. 7/19/21 - by City of Dillon Police
- Received by County Attorney and under review. \_\_\_\_\_
- Charges filed
  - o Date Filed: \_\_\_ / \_\_\_ / \_\_\_
  - o Case Status:
    - Pending
    - Sentenced
    - Dismissed
- Prosecution has been declined
  - o Date declined: \_\_\_ / \_\_\_ / \_\_\_

Other comments:

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