## DIVISION OF CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION

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RE: Legislative Report on Human Trafficking and Narcotics, Quarter 3

The number of **Human Trafficking Investigations** initiated by the Department of Justice and the number of prosecutions generated from the investigations.

January 1, 2024, and March 31, 2024

DCI Human Trafficking Unit received 31 reports.

- Four (4) reports have been opened as criminal cases and a number of the reports remain under investigation.
- One (1) case was submitted to federal prosecution and 2 others have been staffed with prosecution, awaiting a decision on acceptance (1 state and 1 federal).

The number of investigations by the Division of Criminal Investigation that were referred to federal prosecutors and resulted in charges being filed in federal court (including the individual charges, location of violations)

Six (6) cases referred for federal prosecution in Narcotics for drugs and/or firearms charges:

• Butte / Missoula: 3

Great Falls: 1

• Billings: 2