

SPOTLIGHT ARTICLE

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Frank P. Carrubba is the head of the Crime Strategies Unit (CSU) at the San Francisco District Attorney's Office. Mr. Carrubba joined the office in 2014 at the request of District Attorney George Gascón to establish the CSU. Prior to this appointment, Mr. Carrubba enjoyed a twenty-five-year career as a prosecutor with the Santa Clara County District Attorney's Office where he supervised Narcotics, General Felonies, and served in the Sexual Assault and Gang Units. As a Santa Clara County prosecutor, Mr. Carrubba developed the wiretapping unit and successfully indicted major violent criminal street gangs. Mr. Carrubba was also instrumental in the successful investigation and prosecution of multiple "cold" murder cases.

Before being awarded the Smart Prosecution grant, Mr. Carrubba and his team took more of a traditional approach to analyzing evidence and solving problems. Mr. Carrubba believes that one of the most challenging parts of his job

is learning how to think about and approach problems in new and innovative ways. With the support of the Smart Prosecution grant, Mr. Carrubba has been able to hire an analyst and collaborate with a researcher. Both the analyst and research partner provide valuable support to CSU and help guide its efforts to approach public safety issues in new and innovative ways. Matthew Yee, the Smart Prosecution analyst, conducts social media investigations, predictive analytics investigations, and social networking analysis to assist CSU. The research partner, Justice and Security Strategies (JSS), is vital to the success of the CSU. Craig Uchida, President of JSS, takes a unique approach to solving crime and addressing public safety issues. He relies on research, data, newly developed survey tools, and predictive analytics to develop strategies.

Together, this team has had many great successes since the Smart Prosecution grant was awarded. Most recently, Mr. Carrubba and his team became excited about an investigation involving a large-scale, multi-jurisdictional group of people, committing robberies at high-end, commercial retail establishments. To commit these crimes, individuals cut across a wide swath of territory, from Seattle to Los Angeles, and over to Honolulu. More than \$100,000 worth of merchandise was being stolen during each robbery. Following these crimes, CSU took a leading role in the investigation. They have shared information with police officers and retail representatives from all over the country, and after all their hard work, this investigation will proceed to the grand jury. Mr. Carrubba and his team are looking forward to continuing their hard work and making a difference in their neighborhoods.

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Frank Carrubba, Assistant District Attorney

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The Association of Prosecuting Attorneys, Smart Prosecution Initiative, in partnership with the Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance hosted the Smart Prosecution Intersite Meeting in Houston, Texas on May 12th - 13th, 2016. The meeting brought together team members, including the research partner, from 8 Smart Prosecution sites: Los Angeles, San Francisco, Houston, Chicago, Brooklyn, Baltimore City, St. Louis and San Diego. During the meeting, attendees exchanged information and ideas in peer to peer networking sessions and developed plans for technical assistance. Subject matter experts presented on a variety of topics including: How Prosecutors Should Respond to Crime Victims with Trauma – Presented by Joy McCormack and JaShawn Hill; Analyzing Your Crime Problem: Effective Problem Solving – Presented by Julie Wartell; Strategies to Reduce Crime: Use of Crime Gun Intelligence – Presented by Chuck Reno; Effective Implementation of Evidence Based Strategies and Interventions – Presented by Roger Przybylski; and Research 201: Beyond the Basics – Presented by Craig Uchida. The meeting was a huge success and we'd like to thank all the participants for their hard work.

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