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WORLD OF COURTWATCH

WE ARE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS PASSIONATE ABOUT CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM. HELP US CREATE A FAIRER SYSTEM BY JOINING OUR EFFORTS IN ADVOCACY, COURT-WATCHING, AND COMMUNITY OUTREACH.

HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

RETIRED COMMUNITY MEMBERS

LAW STUDENTS

COLLEGE STUDENTS



JOIN US FOR A REWARDING EXPERIENCE WHERE YOUR TIME CAN TRULY MAKE A DIFFERENCE. DIVE INTO A BIT OF STUDY ABOUT HOW HEARINGS WORK, THEN ENJOY A FEW AFTERNOONS OF HANDS-ON PRACTICE GUIDED BY EXPERIENCED COURTWATCHERS. IT'S AN OPPORTUNITY TO ENGAGE WITH THE JUSTICE SYSTEM FIRSTHAND, CONTRIBUTING TO TRANSPARENCY AND FAIRNESS. IF COURTWATCHING ISN'T FOR YOU, FEAR NOT! WE OFFER A VARIETY OF OTHER PROJECTS WHERE YOU CAN ALSO MAKE A MEANINGFUL IMPACT. JOIN US TODAY AND BE A PART OF POSITIVE CHANGE.



WE'RE NOW PARTNERING WITH COURTWATCH DC!

We are excited to announce that sister orgs Courtwatch PG and Courtwatch DC are in collaboration! We are thrilled to be working with them and look forward to growing together and making a greater impact in our communities



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OUR VOTE IS NOT A VALENTINE OR A LOVE LETTER, IT IS RATHER A TOOL THAT WE USE TO PUT PEOPLE IN OFFICE THAT WE CAN THEN HOLD ACCOUNTABLE FOR THE LIBERATION OF OUR PEOPLE. VOTING IS THE START OF AN ACCOUNTABILITY RELATIONSHIP.

“THE WAY TO RIGHT WRONGS IS TO TURN THE LIGHT OF TRUTH UPON THEM.”

— IDA B. WELLS-BARNETT

Qiana Johnson

QIANA JOHNSON
FOUNDER AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, LIFE AFTER RELEASE
CO-CONDUCTOR, HARRIET'S WILDEST DREAMS



DID YOU KNOW THAT EVEN IF YOU HAVE BEEN CONVICTED OF A FELONY, IF YOU HAVE COMPLETED SERVING A COURT-ORDERED SENTENCE OF IMPRISONMENT, YOU ARE ELIGIBLE TO REGISTER TO VOTE?

[CLICK HERE TO SEE IF YOU ARE REGISTERED](#) OR [HERE TO REGISTER!](#)

LIFE AFTER RELEASE'S 2ND POST CONVICTION FORUM "BEYOND THE VERDICT"

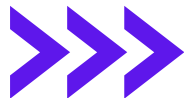


LAR'S EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR QIANA JOHNSON, COURTWATCH EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CARMEN JOHNSON, AND RETIRED JUDGE ALEX WILLIAMS

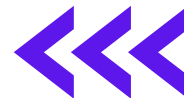
ON SEPTEMBER 7, 2024, LIFE AFTER RELEASE HOSTED ITS 2ND POST-CONVICTION FORUM AT THE CREATIVE SUITLAND ARTS CENTER. TITLED "BEYOND THE VERDICT," THE FORUM BROUGHT TOGETHER LEGAL PROFESSIONALS, COMMUNITY ADVOCATES, AND FORMERLY INCARCERATED INDIVIDUALS TO FOCUS ON PATHWAYS TO POST-CONVICTION RELIEF. ATTENDEES WERE ABLE TO GAIN INSIGHTS INTO NAVIGATING THE COMPLEXITIES OF POST-CONVICTION PROCESSES, SUCH AS EXPUNGEMENTS, PARDONS, AND RESENTENCING.



LAR'S EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR QIANA JOHNSON WITH THE STATE'S ATTORNEY AISHA BRAVEBOY



[CLICK HERE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE DIFFERENT MEANS OF RELEASE HEARD AT THE FORUM](#)



FOR THE FIRST TIME, UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF ELIZABETH OYER, THERE WAS A CONCERTED EFFORT TO BRING THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE INTO COMMUNITY SPACES. WE WERE HONORED TO HAVE THEM PARTICIPATE IN A PANEL AT OUR FORUM.

THE EVENT FOSTERED NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES AND PROVIDED A PLATFORM FOR OPEN DIALOGUE ABOUT REFORMING SYSTEMIC INJUSTICES WITHIN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM. IT WAS A POWERFUL GATHERING AIMED AT EMPOWERING THOSE AFFECTED BY CONVICTIONS TO RECLAIM THEIR FUTURES.

[CLICK HERE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE SPEAKERS](#)



LAR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR QIANA JOHNSON, LAR DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS RITA GRAY, AND OUR MISTRESS OF CEREMONY - THE FIRST FORMERLY INCARCERATED CITY COUNCIL MEMBER (CHARLOTTE, NC) TIAWANA BROWN



Courtwatching is taking care of each other. Taking care of our community. Our loved ones need people like you to help.

VIOLENT CRIME DOWN NATIONWIDE, UP AND DOWN IN MARYLAND

Over the past few years, crime rates in the United States have shown a mix of changes. While the overall crime rate has decreased, certain types of crimes, such as robbery and rape, have witnessed an unfortunate uptick.

According to the FBI's Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program, the overall violent crime rate has shown a decline in recent years. This includes decreases in homicide and aggravated assault. However, during the same period, robbery and rape have shown an increase.

This situation raises important questions about the factors contributing to these trends, and what steps can be taken to address the rise in robbery and rape cases. Increased public awareness, targeted law enforcement efforts, and investment in social programs may be potential avenues to explore in tackling these concerning trends.

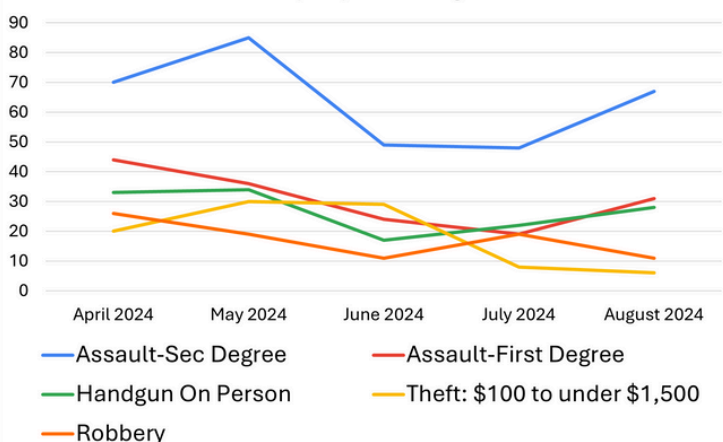
United States ²	Homicide		Rape		Robbery		Aggravated Assault	
	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023
Baltimore MD Police	90	142	105	97	1,590	1,502	2,624	3,028
Baltimore County MD Police	11	16	47	83	405	374	1,133	1,192

Source: Major Cities Chiefs Association, Midyear Comparison 1 January 1 to June 30, 2024, and 2023

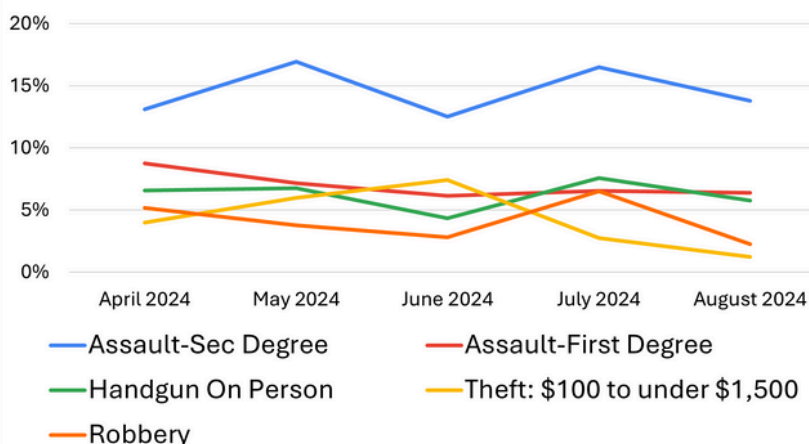


COURT WATCH PG HAS GATHERED THE BELOW DATA FROM APRIL TO AUGUST 2024 TO SEE TRENDS IN PRINCE GEORGE COUNTY.

Top Charges in 2024 Bond Hearings
Frequency of each charge



Top Charges as a Proportion of All Charges Each Month



BETWEEN APRIL 1ST TO AUGUST 31ST, COURT WATCH PG WATCHED AND COLLECTED DATA ON 605 BOND REVIEW CASES, WHERE LOVED ONES WERE BROUGHT BEFORE A JUDGE. EXAMINING THE CHARGES IN THESE BOND REVIEW CASES OVER TIME PROVIDES INSIGHTS INTO WHY LOVED ONES ARE BEING ARRESTED AND JAILED IN OUR COMMUNITY.

BETWEEN APRIL AND AUGUST, SECOND DEGREE ASSAULT REMAINED THE MOST COMMONLY CHARGED CRIME, CHARGED 319 TIMES. THE SECOND MOST COMMON CHARGE WAS FIRST DEGREE ASSAULT, WHICH WAS CHARGED 154 TIMES. THIS IS FOLLOWED BY HANDGUN ON PERSON (134 TIMES), THEFT: \$100 TO UNDER \$1,500 (93 TIMES), AND ROBBERY (86 TIMES).

WE ALSO EXAMINED THE FREQUENCY OF THESE CHARGES AS A PROPORTION OF THE TOTAL NUMBER OF CHARGES EACH MONTH. IN JUNE, THE FREQUENCY OF ALL OF THE MOST COMMON CHARGES DECLINED, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THEFT (\$100 TO UNDER \$1,500), WHICH SPIKED TO ITS HIGHEST POINT. SECOND DEGREE ASSAULT REMAINS THE MOST COMMON CHARGE OVER THE FIVE MONTHS, MAKING UP BETWEEN 13 TO 17% OF ALL CHARGES BROUGHT AGAINST COMMUNITY MEMBERS.

House Bill 814 Juvenile Law - Reform

In March of this year the Maryland House of Delegates gave overwhelming final approval to its version of a juvenile justice reform measure that aims to combine accountability and rehabilitation.

House Speaker Adrienne A. Jones (D-Baltimore County) who supported the bill stated; “I brought this bill forward because our juvenile system is clearly failing a small set of children who are repeat offenders. They are not monsters or teen villains,” she said. “They’re children and they are increasingly calling out for our help because they are not getting the services they need.”

Jones continued: “I know this bill is going to disappoint both sides of the debate, and I’m comfortable with that reality. What I’m not comfortable with is the way the debate around this bill...has been framed. In fact, I’m incredibly disappointed. We aren’t going to deny children their constitutional rights.”

Those against this bill have stated; “When our children who are struggling get the support they need, and when programs that work have the resources necessary to be fully implemented, public safety will improve for all of us. The Maryland General Assembly demonstrated this understanding when they spent the last five years fixing juvenile justice. However, with the passage of HB 814, leadership and the House Judiciary Committee have decided to take Maryland back to being ranked as one of the worst human rights violators of children in the entire United States. The intentional rollback of the Juvenile Justice Reform Act comes after just one year, without any facts, data, or evidence to justify it, and without consulting all the experts who worked so hard and relied on best practices, science, and evidence-based approaches that would actually improve public safety for all of us.

Juvenile law reform seeks to address the unique needs and challenges faced by youth in the criminal justice system. This includes implementing programs aimed at reducing recidivism, offering mental health support, and providing educational and vocational opportunities for young offenders.

HB 814 includes a provision that allows children to be incarcerated before they have even been found guilty, even if they have only been charged with a misdemeanor. Read more HB 814 provisions [here](#). Read the entire bill [here](#).

Sources: [Maryland Matters](#)

[ACLU of Maryland Statement on this bill](#)



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Where the pulse of justice beats strong and stories of impact resonate across our nation's courtrooms. Whether you're a legal enthusiast, a concerned citizen, or simply curious about the stories unfolding in courtrooms across the country, the National Courtwatch News Podcast invites you to listen, learn, and engage with the issues that shape our society's moral compass.

NATIONAL COURTWATCH NEWS

topic: **YOUTH AND THE JUSTICE SYSTEM**

WITH

DR. CARMEN JOHNSON

DR. AUTUMN REDCROSS

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Maryland Cannabis Reforms: Pardons, Legalization, and Reducing Recidivism

We are happy to have the Cannabis Councilman, Martin Mitchell, as part of the Life After Release Team

Maryland has recently taken major steps to reform its cannabis laws, embracing both medical and recreational use while addressing the long-standing impacts of past cannabis convictions. Under new legislation, adults aged 21 and older can now legally possess and consume recreational cannabis. Individuals are allowed to have up to 1.5 ounces of cannabis flowers or 12 grams of cannabis concentrates. Additionally, Marylanders can grow up to two mature weed plants at home for personal use. Only licensed dispensaries are permitted to sell cannabis products, ensuring regulated access.

For medical purposes, registered patients with qualifying conditions can legally use weed. Patients under 18 require a caregiver to access cannabis, and the Maryland Marijuana Commission oversees both the recreational and medical programs.

One of the most significant outcomes of these reforms is the pardon of over 175,000 individuals with prior cannabis convictions, announced by Governor Wes Moore in July 2023. This sweeping action aims to correct the disproportionate impact of cannabis-related offenses on communities of color. With the legalization of recreational cannabis, Maryland is also working toward reducing recidivism rates by automatically expunging simple weed possession charges by July 2024. These measures are expected to improve access to jobs and housing for those previously convicted, reducing the likelihood of reoffending.

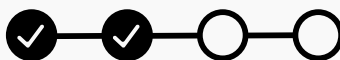
By shifting resources away from enforcing minor weed laws, Maryland is focusing more on addressing serious crimes, while also working to correct the inequities caused by past cannabis-related enforcement. Governor Moore's actions represent a significant stride toward justice and equity in the state's criminal justice system. The combination of expunging records, legalizing cannabis, and shifting enforcement priorities is expected to have a lasting positive impact on communities affected by the war on drugs.

We hope to educate the community, promote transparency, and advocate for equitable and fair cannabis policies. Stay tuned for updates as we push for impactful change!



LEGISLATION TRACKER

STAY UP TO DATE ON BILLS THAT WE HAVE WROTE, COWROTE, OR ARE SUPPORTING



WE HAVE SUBMITTED A NEW PIECE OF LEGISLATION FOR THE UPCOMING SESSION

MD FAIR TAXATION FOR RETURNING CITIZENS ACT, WRITTEN BY HELPING OURSELVES TO TRANSFORM AND LIFE AFTER RELEASE

THE MARYLAND FAIR TAXATION FOR RETURNING CITIZENS ACT IS A PROPOSAL DESIGNED TO HELP INDIVIDUALS REINTEGRATING INTO SOCIETY BY ADDRESSING THE FINANCIAL CHALLENGES THEY FACE DUE TO STATE TAX DEBTS ACCRUED DURING INCARCERATION. IT SEEKS TO FREEZE TAXES AND HALT INTEREST ACCUMULATION WHILE PEOPLE ARE IN PRISON, PREVENTING ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL PENALTIES. THIS HELPS RETURNING CITIZENS AVOID BURDENS LIKE LOSING ACCESS TO DRIVER'S LICENSES OR VEHICLE REGISTRATION DUE TO UNPAID TAXES, THEREBY PROMOTING ECONOMIC STABILITY AND REDUCING RECIDIVISM

SUMMARY ON VISITS OF DISTRICT COURTS

THIS SUMMER, COURTWATCH PG PARTNERED WITH VERA TO OBSERVE BOND HEARINGS IN SEVERAL MARYLAND COUNTIES, INCLUDING ST. MARY'S, CALVERT, AND CHARLES COUNTIES.



CALVERT COUNTY



ST. MARY'S COUNTY

WE PUT TOGETHER A "CALL TO ACTION" ON SOCIAL MEDIA TO GAIN THE SUPPORT OF THE COMMUNITY IN JOINING US AT THESE HEARINGS, THESE POSTS GARNERED OVER 500 HITS. UPON ARRIVAL TO THESE COURTS, WE WERE SHOCKED TO SEE ONLY 2-3 PEOPLE LISTED ON THE DOCKET FOR THE DAY. WHILE WE DON'T WANT TO SEE OUR COMMUNITY MEMBERS JAILED, THIS STOOD OUT AS ODD. OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MADE THE DECISION TO REVISIT ONE OF THESE COUNTIES, THIS TIME UNANNOUNCED, AND WE WERE SHOCKED TO SEE A MUCH MORE "NORMAL" DOCKET SIZE. THIS LEADS US TO BELIEVE THAT THEY KNEW WE WERE COMING AND PREPARED FOR IT.

WE ALSO REALIZED THAT JUDGES INTERPRET THE LAW DIFFERENTLY. THE VARYING INTERPRETATIONS OF MARYLAND RULE 4-216.1 BY JUDGES ARE TROUBLING AND DANGEROUS FOR INDIVIDUALS APPEARING IN COURT. THIS RULE, WHICH GOVERNS PRETRIAL RELEASE CONDITIONS, IS INTENDED TO ENSURE FAIRNESS IN SETTING BAIL OR BOND. HOWEVER, SUBJECTIVE RULINGS AND PERSONAL BIASES CAN LEAD TO INCONSISTENT OUTCOMES, AS ONE JUDGE MIGHT DEEM AN INDIVIDUAL FIT FOR PRETRIAL RELEASE WHILE ANOTHER, UNDER SIMILAR CIRCUMSTANCES, MIGHT IMPOSE HIGHER BAIL OR DENY RELEASE ALTOGETHER. SUCH DISCREPANCIES MEAN THAT TWO PEOPLE IN SIMILAR SITUATIONS COULD FACE VASTLY DIFFERENT OUTCOMES BASED ON A JUDGE'S PERSPECTIVE, IMPACTING THEIR LIBERTY AND FUTURE. THIS UNPREDICTABILITY NOT ONLY AFFECTS INDIVIDUALS' ABILITY TO PREPARE FOR TRIAL OR RETURN TO THEIR COMMUNITY BUT ALSO HIGHLIGHTS THE NEED FOR STANDARDIZED PRACTICES TO MITIGATE THE RISK OF OUTCOMES BEING SWAYED MORE BY PERSONAL VIEWS THAN BY LEGAL STANDARDS.

WE'VE OBSERVED THAT OUR ONGOING PRESENCE AT THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COURTHOUSE HAS LED TO A GROWING MUTUAL RESPECT BETWEEN US AND THE COURT STAFF. OVER TIME, OUR CONSISTENT INVOLVEMENT HAS ALLOWED US TO BUILD A RAPPORT, MAKING OUR ROLE IN THE COURTROOM A RECOGNIZED AND VALUED PART OF THE JUDICIAL PROCESS. THIS DEVELOPMENT UNDERSCORES THE CRUCIAL ROLE OF COURTWATCHING IN MAINTAINING JUDICIAL ACCOUNTABILITY.

THE MUTUAL RESPECT WE'VE GARNERED REFLECTS THE POSITIVE IMPACT OF HAVING A VISIBLE, CONSISTENT OBSERVER IN THE COURTROOM. IT SUGGESTS THAT WHEN COURTWATCHING IS A REGULAR PART OF THE JUDICIAL LANDSCAPE, IT FOSTERS A CULTURE OF TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY. THIS ENVIRONMENT HELPS ENSURE THAT JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS ARE CONDUCTED FAIRLY AND WITH RESPECT FOR ALL PARTIES INVOLVED, ULTIMATELY CONTRIBUTING TO A SAFER AND MORE JUST COMMUNITY.

OUR EXPERIENCE HIGHLIGHTS A BROADER NEED FOR EXPANDED COURTWATCHING EFFORTS ACROSS THE STATE. BY ESTABLISHING A PRESENCE IN MORE COURTROOMS, WE CAN REPLICATE THIS EFFECT AND ENSURE THAT MORE COMMUNITIES BENEFIT FROM THE OVERSIGHT AND ACCOUNTABILITY THAT COMES WITH IT. THE RECOGNITION AND RESPECT WE'VE ACHIEVED AT THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COURTHOUSE SERVE AS A MODEL FOR HOW CONSISTENT, RESPECTFUL COURTWATCHING CAN HELP UPHOLD JUSTICE AND ENHANCE PUBLIC TRUST IN THE LEGAL SYSTEM.

COURTWATCHING VERSUS COURT SUPPORT



WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE AND WHY ARE THEY IMPORTANT?



COURT WATCHING INVOLVES OBSERVING AND DOCUMENTING COURT PROCEEDINGS, OFTEN WITH A FOCUS ON TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY. COURTWATCHERS ATTEND HEARINGS, TAKE NOTES, AND REPORT ON WHAT THEY SEE TO THE PUBLIC OR TO ORGANIZATIONS CONCERNED WITH LEGAL REFORM. THEIR GOAL IS TO ENSURE THAT THE JUDICIAL PROCESS IS FAIR AND THAT ANY IRREGULARITIES OR INJUSTICES ARE HIGHLIGHTED.

COURT SUPPORTING IS MORE ABOUT ACTIVELY ASSISTING INDIVIDUALS INVOLVED IN COURT CASES, TYPICALLY BY OFFERING EMOTIONAL SUPPORT, ADVOCACY, OR PRACTICAL HELP. THIS MIGHT INVOLVE HELPING PEOPLE UNDERSTAND COURT PROCEDURES, PROVIDING RESOURCES FOR LEGAL REPRESENTATION, OR OFFERING MORAL SUPPORT TO DEFENDANTS OR PLAINTIFFS DURING THEIR PROCEEDINGS. COURT SUPPORTERS AIM TO EMPOWER INDIVIDUALS AND ENSURE THEY HAVE THE ASSISTANCE THEY NEED TO NAVIGATE THE LEGAL SYSTEM EFFECTIVELY.

COURT WATCHING AND COURT SUPPORTING ARE BOTH CRUCIAL, THOUGH FOR DIFFERENT REASONS. COURT WATCHING UPHOLDS TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY IN THE JUDICIAL SYSTEM BY INDEPENDENTLY OBSERVING AND DOCUMENTING COURT PROCEEDINGS. THIS OVERSIGHT CAN UNCOVER BIAS, PROCEDURAL ISSUES, OR SYSTEMIC FLAWS, FOSTERING LEGAL REFORM AND DETERRING MISCONDUCT, ULTIMATELY ENSURING JUSTICE IS SERVED. COURT SUPPORTING, MEANWHILE, FOCUSES ON DIRECTLY HELPING INDIVIDUALS INVOLVED IN COURT CASES BY PROVIDING CRITICAL ASSISTANCE, SUCH AS EXPLAINING LEGAL PROCEDURES, CONNECTING THEM WITH LEGAL RESOURCES, AND OFFERING EMOTIONAL SUPPORT. THIS HELPS LEVEL THE PLAYING FIELD, ENSURING ALL INDIVIDUALS CAN NAVIGATE THE LEGAL SYSTEM EFFECTIVELY, REGARDLESS OF THEIR RESOURCES.

We are
excited to
welcome
aboard,
Mckayla



McKayla is a formerly incarcerated organizer committed to abolishing the prison industrial complex and dismantling the school to prison. Her motivation to be the work is rooted in liberation, freedom and Black Joy.



SHOUTOUTS AND ACKNOWLEDGMENTS !

WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS TO COURTWATCH PG

ALYIMA WILLIAMS

WE ARE DELIGHTED TO ACKNOWLEDGE ALYIMA AS OUR COURTWATCH PG FELLOW AT LIFE AFTER RELEASE. ALY IS A DEDICATED AND DILIGENT WORKER, CHARACTERIZED BY HER QUIET DEMEANOR AND SHARP INTELLECT. HER THOUGHTFUL NATURE AND BRILLIANT MIND ENABLE HER TO ANALYZE SITUATIONS WITH PRECISION WHILE MAINTAINING AN AWARENESS OF THE BIGGER PICTURE. AS AN IDEA-DRIVEN VISIONARY, SHE CONSISTENTLY BRINGS VALUABLE PERSPECTIVES AND INNOVATIVE SOLUTIONS TO OUR TEAM. ALYIMA'S CONTRIBUTIONS ARE DEEPLY APPRECIATED, AND SHE HAS EARNED THE ADMIRATION AND RESPECT OF HER COLLEAGUES AND PEERS. WE ARE INCREDIBLY FORTUNATE TO HAVE HER AS PART OF OUR TEAM. WE LOVE YOU ALY...



HAPPY BELATED BIRTHDAY!!

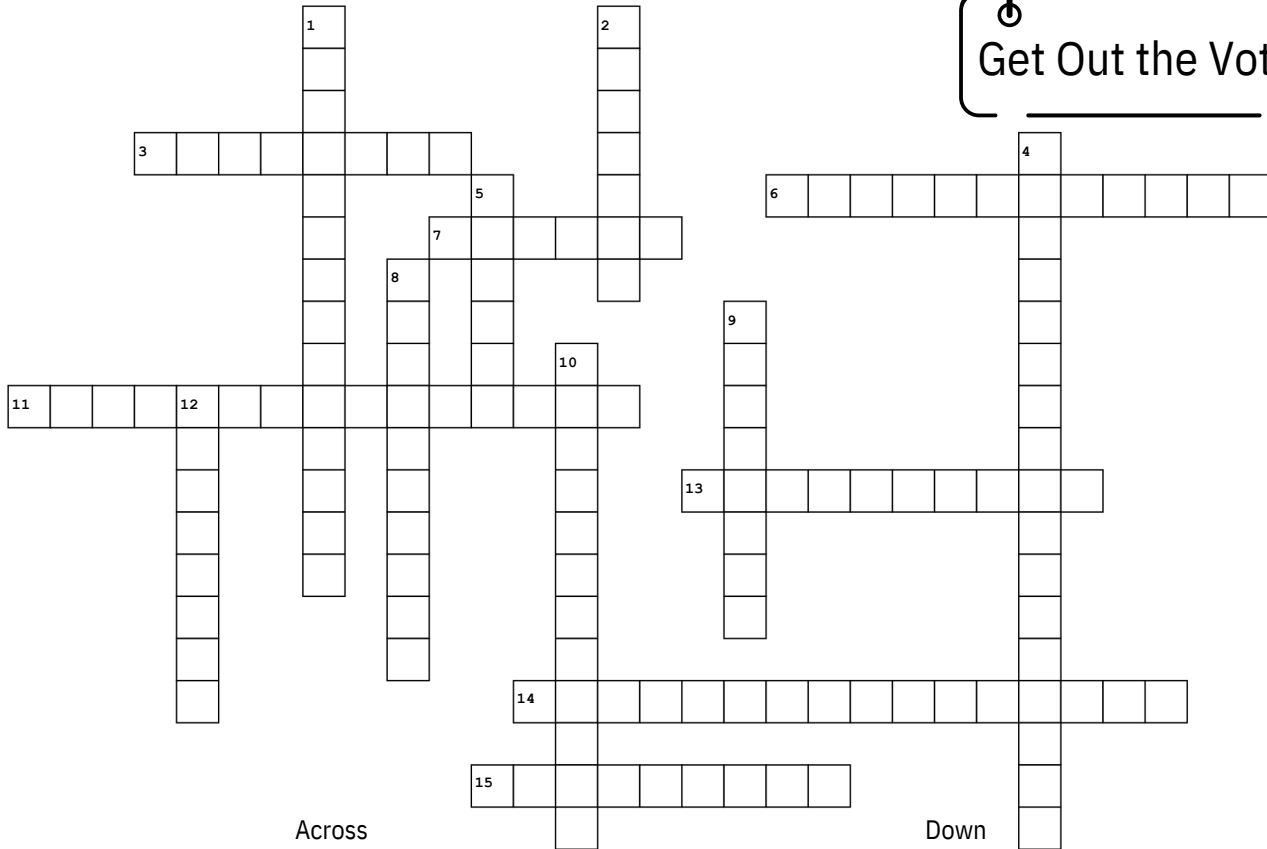
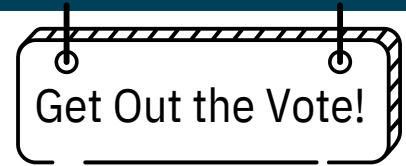
CARMEN JOHNSON!

WE HOPE YOUR SPECIAL DAY ON SEPTEMBER 15TH WAS AS REMARKABLE AS YOU ARE. YOUR LEADERSHIP AND DEDICATION INSPIRE US EVERY DAY, AND WE'RE SO GRATEFUL FOR ALL YOU DO FOR COURTWATCH PG. WISHING YOU A YEAR AHEAD FILLED WITH JOY, SUCCESS, AND EVERYTHING THAT MAKES YOU HAPPY!

FIONA APPLE,

THOUGH A BIT LATE, WE COULDN'T LET SEPTEMBER 13TH PASS WITHOUT SENDING YOU WARM WISHES. YOU CONTINUE TO TOUCH OUR LIVES IN PROFOUND WAYS. MAY THE YEAR AHEAD BE FILLED WITH CREATIVITY, INSPIRATION, AND ALL THE LOVE YOU DESERVE!





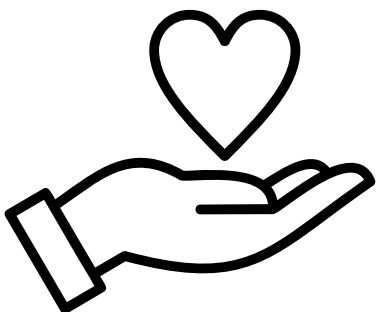
Across

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- 3. The right to vote in political elections.
- 6. The process of signing up to be eligible to vote.
- 7. A meeting of supporters or members of a specific political party or movement.
- 11. Held to select candidates for a particular political party. (2 words)
- 13. The systematic initiation of direct contact with individuals, usually for political campaigning.
- 14. Group of people representing the states, who formally cast votes for the president. (2 words)
- 15. A person currently holding a political office.
- 1. Manipulating electoral district boundaries for political advantage.
- 2. The percentage of eligible voters who participate in an election.
- 4. A ballot used when there are questions about a voter's eligibility. (2 words)
- 5. Paper or electronic method for casting a vote.
- 8. A direct vote in which an entire electorate is invited to vote on a particular proposal.
- 9. Organized effort to influence the decision-making process within a specific group.
- 10. Location where voting takes place. (2 words)
- 12. Type of vote submitted by mail when a voter is unable to attend in person.

**SUPPORT OUR POST CONVICTION MOVEMENT:
YOUR CONTRIBUTION MATTERS!**

AS WE GEAR UP FOR OUR NEXT POST CONVICTION FORUM, WE'RE REACHING OUT TO ASK FOR YOUR SUPPORT. YOUR GENEROSITY CAN TRULY MAKE A WORLD OF DIFFERENCE IN OUR MISSION TO PROMOTE JUSTICE AND REFORM. BY DONATING TODAY, YOU'RE HELPING US BUILD A BRIGHTER FUTURE FOR THOSE IN NEED. EVERY CONTRIBUTION, NO MATTER THE SIZE, COUNTS. JOIN US IN MAKING A POSITIVE IMPACT - DONATE NOW AND BE A PART OF THE CHANGE. THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!



crossword answer key

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