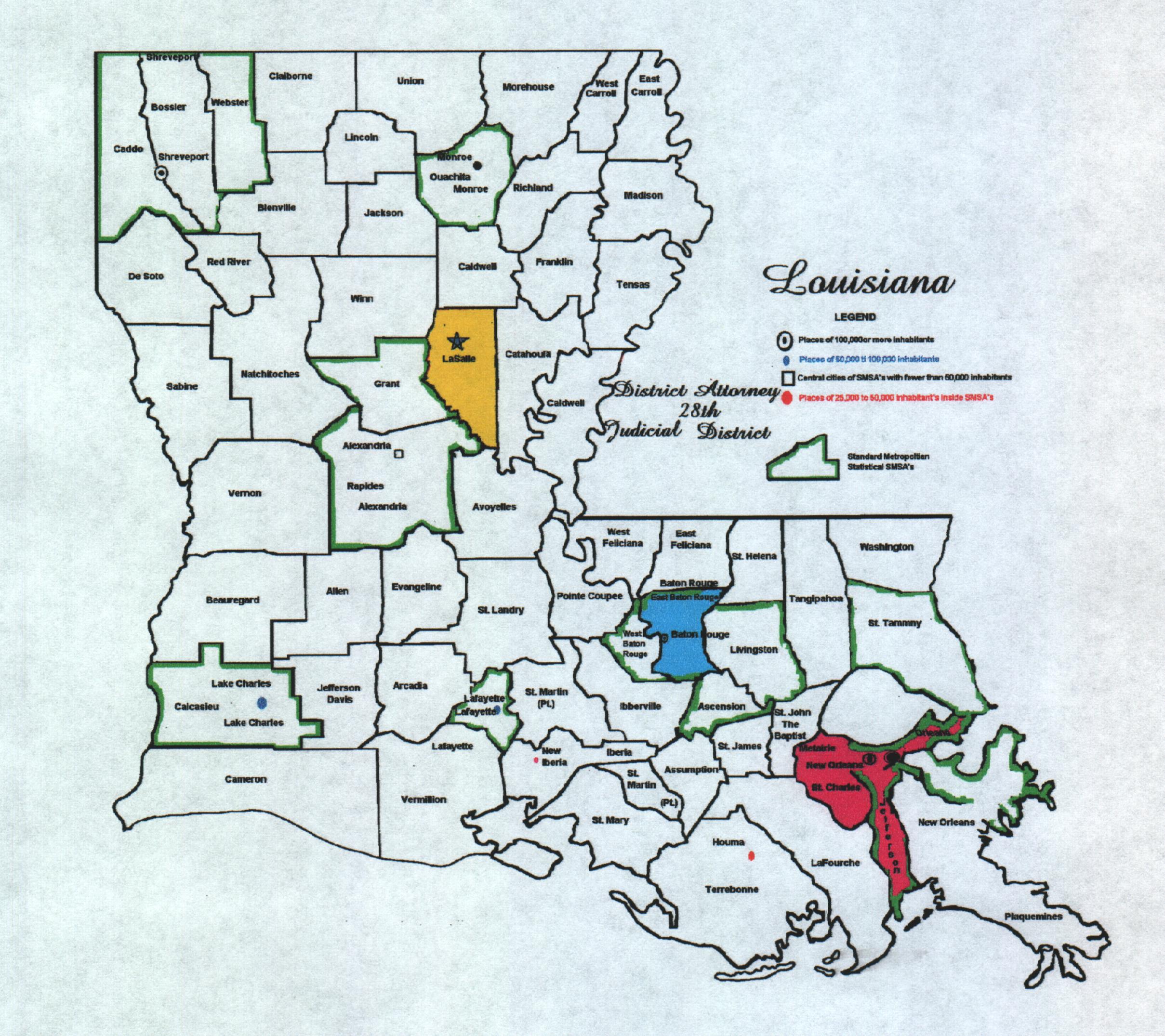
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For The Year Ended December 31, 2003

Under provisions of state law, this report is a public document. A copy of the report has been submitted to the entity and other appropriate public officials. The report is available for public inspection at the Baton Rouge office of the Legislative Auditor and, where appropriate, at the office of the parish clerk of court.

Release Date 4-23-04



* District Attorney of the Twenty-Eighth Judicial District

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON THE COMPONENT UNIT FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Honorable Reed Walters District Attorney of the Twenty-Eighth Judicial District State of Louisiana LaSalle Parish

I have audited the accompanying component unit financial statements of the District Attorney of the Twenty-Eighth Judicial District, LaSalle Parish, Louisiana, a component unit of the LaSalle Parish Police Jury, as of December 31, 2003 and for the year then ended as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the District Attorney of the Twenty-Eighth Judicial District, LaSalle Parish, Louisiana, and management. My responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on my audit.

I conducted my audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards in the United States of America and Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States of America. Those standards require that I plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. I believe that my audit provides a reasonable basis for my opinion.

In my opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the District Attorney of the Twenty-Eighth Judicial District as of December 31, 2003, and the results of its operations for the year then ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States of America.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, I have also issued my report dated May 20, 2004, on my consideration of the LaSalle Parish District Attorney 28th Judicial District's internal control over financial reporting and my tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be read in conjunction with this report in considering the results of my audit.

My audit was made for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements taken as a whole. The

combining statements and graphs listed in the table of contents are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the financial statements of the District Attorney of the Twenty-Eighth Judicial District, LaSalle Parish, Louisiana. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, in my opinion, is fairly presented in all material respects in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

Jena, Louisiana May 20, 2004

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

The Honorable Reed Walters District Attorney of the Twenty-Eighth Judicial District State of Louisiana

LaSalle Parish

I have audited the component unit financial statements of the District Attorney of the Twenty-Eighth Judicial District, LaSalle Parish, Louisiana, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2003, and have issued my report thereon dated May 20, 2004. I conducted my audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States of America.

<u>Compliance</u>

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the District Attorney of the Twenty-Eighth Judicial District, LaSalle Parish, Louisiana, financial statements are free of material misstatement, I performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of my audit, and accordingly, I do not express such an opinion. The results of my test disclosed no instance of noncompliance that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*, except as shown below and discussed in the "Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs".

2003-C-1 Flowers Purchased with Public Funds

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing my audit, I considered the District Attorney of the Twenty-Eighth Judicial District, LaSalle Parish, Louisiana's internal control over financial reporting in order to determine my auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing my opinion on the financial statements and not to provide assurance on the internal control over financial reporting. My consideration of the internal control over financial reporting would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control over financial reporting that might be material weaknesses. A material weakness is a condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that misstatements in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. I noted no matters involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operation that I consider to be material weaknesses.

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Jena, Louisiana May 20, 2004 John R. Vercher

COMPONENT UNIT FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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COMBINED BALANCE SHEET - ALL FUND TYPES AND ACCOUNT GROUPS DECEMBER 31, 2003

		nmental Types	Fiduciary Fund Type		
	General	Special Revenue	Agency	General Fixed Assets	Total (Memorandum Only)
ASSETS & OTHER DEBITS Cash	\$ 5,425	\$ 13,756	\$ 3,560	\$-0-	\$ 22,741
Investments Receivables: Grant Revenue	2,324 -0-	-0- 6,719	-0- -0-	-0- -0-	2,324 6,719
Commissions on Fines & Forfeitures	2,927	-0-	-0-	-0-	2,927
Due From Other Funds	-0-	-0-	1,194	-0-	1,194
Due From Other Gov. Units	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
Office Furniture & Fixture	-0-	-0-	-0-	3,341	3,341
Office Equipment Books & Library	-0- -0-	-0- -0-	-0- -0-	50,649 152	50,649 152
TOTAL ASSETS & OTHER DEBITS	\$ 10,676	\$ 20,475	\$ 4,754	<u>\$ 54,142</u>	<u>\$ 90,047</u>
LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY Liabilities					
Accounts Payable	\$ 4,120	\$ -0-	\$ -0-	\$ -0-	\$ 4,120
Payroll Taxes	-0-	-0-	4,754	-0-	4,754
Due To Other Funds	1,194	-0-	-0-	-0-	1,194
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>\$ 5,314</u>	\$0-	\$ 4,754	<u>\$</u> -0-	\$ 10,068
Fund Equity - Investment in General Fixed Assets	\$ -0 -	\$-0-	\$-0-	\$ 54,142	\$ 54,142
Fund Balance -	-				
Unreserved/Undesignated	5,362	20,475	-0-	-0-	25,837
Total Fund Equity	\$ 5,362	\$ 20,475	\$-0-	\$ 54,142	\$ 79,979
TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY	\$ 10,676	\$ 20,475	\$ 4,754	<u>\$ 54,142</u>	\$ 90,047

DISTRICT ATTORNEY OF THE TWENTY-EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT STATE OF LOUISIANA COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES-ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2003

		General Fund		Special Revenue Funds		Total morandum Only)
REVENUES Fines & Forfeitures – Commissions	\$	39,216	\$	-0-	\$	39,216
Worthless Check Collection	·	45,081		-0-		45,081
Intergovernmental -		0		00.004		02 024
Federal Grants		-0- 5 401		92,924 36,266		92,924 41,667
Other		5,401		50,200		
TOTAL REVENUES	\$	89,698	\$	129,190		218,888
EXPENDITURES						
General Government - Judicial	٠	FO 440	<u>ሱ</u>	04 094	¢	154,394
Salaries & Benefits	\$	59,410	\$	94,984	\$	7,946
Travel & Conference		7,946		-0- 12,381		22,489
Office Expense		10,108		-0-		2,200
Insurance		2,200		-0-		6,585
Dues		6,585		-0-		2,199
Utilities		2,199		-0-		22,763
Court Cost & Professional		22,763		-0-		4,800
Auto Lease		4,800		-0-		6,035
Auto Expense		6,035		-0-		1,423
Other Expenditures		1,423		-0-		
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$	123,469	\$	107,365	\$	230,834
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES						
OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES BEFORE OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	\$	(33,771)	\$	21,825	\$	(11,946)
Other Financing Sources (Uses)						
Transfers To Other Funds	\$	-0-	\$	(26,720)	\$	(26,720)
Transfers From Other Funds	*	26,720	·	-0-		26,720
State Grants		56,342				56,342
Payments to JJDC		(56,342)				(56,342)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	\$	26,720	\$	(26,720)	\$	-0-
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES						
OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES AND	ጥ	(7 064)	¢	(4.895)	¢	(11,94 6)
OTHER EINANCING SOURCES (USES)		ເຊຍລາຍ	30	(4.030)	Ψ	(11,070)

FUND BALANCE – END OF YEAR	\$ 5,361	\$ 20,476	\$ 25,837
FUND BALANCE – BEGINNING OF YEAR	\$ 12,412	\$ 25,371	\$ 37,783
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	\$ (7,051)	\$ (4,895)	\$ (11,946)

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DISTRICT ATTORNEY OF THE TWENTY-EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT STATE OF LOUISIANA STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE – BUDGET (GAAP) BASIS AND ACTUAL - GENERAL FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2003

	 Budget	 Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	
REVENUES Fines & Forfeitures – Commissions Worthless Check Collection Fees	\$ 36,700 45,500	\$ 44,617 45,081	\$	(7,917) 419
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 82,200	\$ 89,698	\$	(7,498)

EXPENDITURES

General Government - Judicial					
Salaries & Benefits	\$	58,500	\$	59,410	\$ (910)
Travel & Conference		8,400		7,946	454
Office Expense		8,550		10,108	(1,558)
Auto Lease		5,000		4,800	200
Insurance		2,100		2,200	(100)
Dues		6,400		6,585	(185)
Utilities		2,150		2,199	(49)
Court Cost & Professional		23,435		22,763	672
Other Expenditures		1,700		1,423	277
Auto Expense		6,000		6,035	 (35)
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	_\$	122,235	\$	123,469	\$ (1,234)
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	\$	(40,035)	\$	(33,771)	\$ 6,264
Other Financing Sources (Uses):			-		
Transfer In (Out)	\$	23,693	\$	26,720	\$ 3,027
State Grants		54,000		56,342	2,342
Payment to JJDC		(60,733)		(56,342)	 4,391
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	\$	16,960	\$	26,720	\$ 9,760

EXCESS (DEFICEINCY OF REVENUES)

OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES AND OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)

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FUND BALANCE – BEGINNING OF YEAR

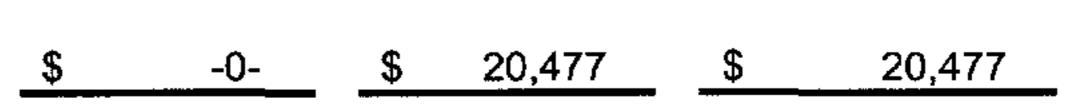
FUND BALANCE – END OF YEAR

COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE – BUDGET (GAAP) BASIS AND ACTUAL SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2003

REVENUES	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
Intergovernmental -	_		

Federal and State Grants Other	\$	101,802 26,300	\$ 92,924 36,266	\$ (8,878) 9,966
TOTAL REVENUES	\$	128,102	\$ 129,190	\$ 1,088
EXPENDITURES General Government - Judicial				
Salaries & Benefits Office & Postage	\$	97,393 13,861	\$ 94,983 12,381	\$ 2,410 1,480
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	_\$	111,254	\$ 107,364	\$ 3,890
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures Before Other Financing Sources (Uses)	\$	16,848	\$ 21,826	\$ 4,978
Other Financing Sources (Uses) Transfers From Other Funds	\$	(42,219)	\$ (26,720)	\$ 15,499
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	\$	(42,219)	\$ (26,720)	\$ 15,499
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under Expenditures After Other Financing Sources (Uses)		(25,371)	(4,894)	20,477
FUND BALANCE – BEGINNING OF YEAR	\$	25,371	\$ 25,371	\$ -0-

FUND BALANCE - END OF YEAR



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Notes to the Financial Statements

INTRODUCTION

As provided by Article V, Section 26 of the Louisiana Constitution of 1974, the District Attorney has charge of every criminal prosecution by the state in his district and is the legal advisor to the Grand Jury. He performs other duties as provided by law. The District Attorney is elected by the qualified electors of the judicial district for a term of six years. His jurisdiction covers the Twenty-Eighth Judicial District of the State of Louisiana.

(1) <u>SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES</u>

A. BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The accompanying financial statements of the District Attorney of the Twenty-Eighth Judicial District have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) as applied to government units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles.

B. REPORTING ENTITY

As the governing authority of the parish, for reporting purposes, the LaSalle Parish Police Jury is the financial reporting entity for LaSalle Parish. The financial reporting entity consists of (a) the primary government (police jury), (b) organizations for which the primary government is financially accountable, and (c) other organizations for which nature and significance of their relationship with the primary government are such that exclusion would cause the reporting entity's financial statements to be misleading or incomplete.

Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 14 established criteria for determining which component units should be considered part of the LaSalle Parish Police Jury for financial reporting purposes. The basic criterion for including a potential component unit within the reporting entity is financial accountability. The GASB has set forth criteria to be considered in determining financial accountability. This criteria includes:

1. Appointing a voting majority of an organization's governing body, and

a. The ability of the police jury to impose its will on that organization and/or

b. The potential for the organization to provide specific financial benefits to or impose specific financial burdens

- on the police jury.
- 2. Organizations for which the police jury does not appoint a voting majority but are fiscally dependent on the police jury.

3. Organizations for which the reporting entity financial statements would be misleading if data of the organization is not included because of the nature or significance of the relationship.

Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued)

Because the police jury controls the district attorney's capital budget and pays some of its operating expenses, the district attorney was determined to be a component unit of the LaSalle Parish Police Jury, the financial reporting entity. The accompanying financial statements present information only on the funds maintained by the district attorney and do not present information on the police jury, the general government services provided by that governmental unit, or the other governmental units that comprise the financial reporting entity.

C. FUND ACCOUNTING

The District Attorney uses funds and account groups to report on its financial position and the results of its operations. Fund accounting is designed to demonstrate legal compliance and to aid financial management by segregating transactions relating to certain government functions or activities.

A fund is a separate accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts. An account group, on the other hand, is a financial reporting device designed to provide accountability for certain assets and liabilities that are not recorded in the funds because they do not directly affect net expendable available financial resources.

Funds of the District Attorney are classified as governmental funds. Governmental funds account for the District Attorney's general activities, including the collection and disbursement of specific or legally restricted monies, and the acquisition of general fixed assets. Governmental funds of the District Attorney include:

General Fund

The General Fund was established in compliance with Louisiana Revised Statute 15:571.11, which provides that 12 percent of the fines collected and bonds forfeited be transmitted to the District Attorney to defray the necessary expenditures of his office.

The Worthless Check Collection Fee Special Revenue Fund consists of fees collected in accordance with Louisiana Revised Statute 16:15, which provides for a specific fee whenever the District Attorney's office collects and processes a worthless check. Expenditures from this fund are at the sole discretion of the District Attorney and may be used to defray the salaries and expenses of the office of the District Attorney, but may not be used to supplement the salary of the District Attorney. Revenues and expenditures of this fund are reported in the General Fund.

Title IV-D Special Revenue Fund

The Title IV-D Special Revenue Fund consists of incentive payments and reimbursement grants from the Louisiana Department of Social Services, authorized by Act 117 of 1975, to establish family and child support programs compatible with Title IV-D of the social security act. The purpose of the fund is to enforce the support obligation owed by absent parents to their families and children, to locate absent parents, to establish paternity, and to obtain family and child support.

Victim Assistance Special Revenue Funds

The Victim Assistance Special Revenue Fund is to account for revenue from the state and expenditures to assist victims and their families through the criminal justice process and to facilitate the delivery of victims' services and rights as provided by law.

Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued)

C. FUND ACCOUNTING - (Cont.)

Domestic Violence Special Revenue Funds

The domestic violence fund is used to account for revenues and expenditures of the domestic violence task force. The Twenty-Eighth Judicial District District Attorney Domestic Violence Task Force is a unit of the Twenty-Eighth Judicial District Attorney's Office designed to assist those victims of domestic violence in LaSalle Parish receive shelter, court assistance and all other forms of assistance available to them through any local or state agency both public and private. The task force receives its funding from a grant by the Federal Government administered through the Red River Delta Law Enforcement Planning Council.

Pre-Trial Intervention Fund Special Revenue Funds

The pre-trial intervention program is a diversion program which is offered to selected offenders as an alternative to prosecution. Individuals who volunteer to participate in the program are assessed a fee and receive coordinated assistance in job placement, educational and vocational referrals, personal and group counseling, and referrals to other community agencies appropriate to their needs. Fees received may be used for any purpose at the sole discretion of the District Attorney.

Agency Fund

This fund is used to account for payroll and related withholding taxes paid from the office's various funds.

D. BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

Governmental fund financial statements report using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized when they are both measurable and available. Available means collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay current liabilities. The District considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the fiscal year. Expenditures are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred, except for general obligation bond principal and interest which are reported as expenditures in the year due.

Fiduciary Type Fund - agency fund assets and liabilities are accounted for on the modified accrual basis.

Purchase of various operating supplies are regarded as expenditures or expenses at the time purchased, and inventories of such supplies (if any) are not recorded as assets at the close of the fiscal year due to immateriality.

Other Financing Sources (Uses) - When Applicable

Transfers between funds that are not expected to be repaid (and any other financing source/use) are accounted for as other financing sources (uses). Other financing sources are recorded when received and other financing uses are recorded when transferred.

Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued)

E. BUDGETARY PRACTICES

The District Attorney adopts its budget annually on the modified accrual (GAAP) basis of accounting. Budgetary comparisons are included in the accompanying financial statements. All budgetary appropriations lapse at the end of each fiscal year. Budgetary control is exercised at the fund level rather than individual budgetary line item or functional area. The budget was amended during the year. Fund balances from the proceeding year is budgeted as revenue for the ensuing year. The budget was amended during the year.

F. CASH, CASH EQUIVALENTS AND INVESTMENTS

Cash includes amounts in demand deposits, interest bearing demand deposits, and money market accounts. Cash equivalents include amounts in time deposits. Under state law, the District Attorney may deposit funds in demand deposits, interest bearing demand deposits, money market accounts, or time deposits with state banks organized under Louisiana law and national banks having their principal offices in Louisiana.

Under state law, the District Attorney may invest in United States of America bonds, treasury notes, or certificates. Investments are stated at cost.

G. FIXED ASSETS AND LONG-TERM LIABILITIES

Fixed Assets used in the District Attorney's office (governmental fund type operations) acquired with District Attorney funds are accounted for in the general fixed assets account group rather that in the governmental funds. No depreciation has been provided on general fixed assets. All fixed assets are valued at historical cost. Donated fixed assets, if any, are stated at their estimated fair value on the date donated. There are no public domain "infrastructure" general fixed assets.

Fixed assets acquired with Police Jury funds are accounted for and reported by LaSalle Parish Police Jury.

Long-term liabilities expected to be financed from the governmental fund are accounted for in the general longterm debt account group, not in the general fund.

Debt payments made by the Police Jury on the behalf of the District Attorney are reported by the LaSalle Parish Police Jury.

The two account groups are not funds. They are concerned only with the measurement of financial position and do not involve measurement of results of operations.

H. COMPENSATED ABSENCES

The District Attorney has the following policy relating to vacation and sick leave:

Each employee receives 1-4 weeks vacation leave each year depending on the length of employment. Employees also receive 10 days sick leave plus 2 days for each year employment. Sick leave can be accumulated to a maximum of 90 days.

Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued)

H. COMPENSATED ABSENCES – (CONT.)

The cost of current leave privileges, computed in accordance with GASB Codification Section C60 is recognized as current-year expenditure in the General Fund when leave is actually taken. The cost of leave privileges not requiring current resources is recorded in the general long-term obligations account group.

Accumulated absences were not accrued in these financial statements, as such amounts were immaterial at December 31, 2003.

I. BAD DEBTS

Uncollectible amounts due for commissions, fees, etc. are accounted for utilizing the allowance method when they are deemed uncollectible. Uncollectible amounts at December 31, 2003 were immaterial.

J. TOTAL COLUMNS ON STATEMENTS - OVERVIEW

The total columns on the statements - overview are captioned "Memorandum Only" to indicate that they are presented only to facilitate financial analysis. Data in these columns do not present financial position or results of operations, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. Neither is such data comparable to a consolidation.

K. USE OF ESTIMATES

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

L. ENCUMBRANCES

The LaSalle District Attorney does not utilize encumbrance accounting.

(2) CASH AND INVESTMENTS - (C.D.'S IN EXCESS OF 90 DAYS)

Deposits

It is the District's policy for deposits to be 100% secured by collateral at market or par, whichever is lower, less the amount of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation insurance. The District's deposits are categorized to give an indication of the level of risk assumed by the District at year end. The categories are describes as follows:

Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued)

- Category 1 Insured or collateralized with securities held by the LaSalle District Attorney or by its agent in the LaSalle District Attorney's name.
- Category 2 Collateralized with securities held by the pledging financial institution's trust department or agent in the LaSalle District Attorney's name.
- Category 3 Uncollateralized.

Bank Balance 12/31/2003

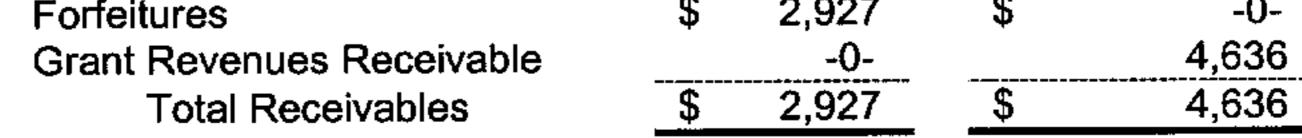
Demand Deposits (Category 1) Time Deposits (category 1)	\$ 24,143 3,276
Total	\$ 27,419
Secured as Follows: FDIC (Category – 1)	\$ 27,419

These deposits are stated at cost, which approximates market. Under state law, these deposits (or the resulting bank balances) must be secured by federal deposit insurance or the pledge of securities owned by the fiscal agent bank. The market value of the pledged securities plus the federal deposit insurance must at all times equal the amount on deposit with the fiscal agent. These securities are held in the name of the pledging fiscal agent bank in a holding or custodial bank that is mutually acceptable to both parties. At December 31, 2003, the District Attorney had \$54,736 in deposit (collected bank balances). These deposits were secured from risk by \$54,736 of federal deposit insurance.

(3) <u>RECEIVABLES</u>

The following is a summary of receivables at December 31, 2003:

	_	eneral Fund		pecial nue Fund
Commissions on Fines &			-	_
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Allowance for doubtful accounts is considered immaterial and therefore, is not presented.

Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued)

(4) CHANGES IN GENERAL FIXED ASSETS

A summary of changes in general fixed assets follows:

	Balance 12/31/2002		Additions		Deletions		Balance 12/31/2003	
General Fixed Assets, at Cost:					. <u></u>			
Office Furniture & Fixtures	\$	3,341	\$	-0-	\$	-0-	\$	3,341
Office Equipment		50,649		-0-		-0-		50,649
Books & Libraries		152		-0-		-0-		152
Total Fixed Assets	\$	54,142	\$	-0-	\$	-0-	\$	54,142
Investment in General Fixed Assets:								
General Fund Revenues	\$	26,159	\$	-0-	\$	-0-	\$	26,159
Federal Grant Funds		19,709		-0-		-0-		19,709
State Grant Funds		6,174		-0-		-0-		6,174
JDC Fund Computer		2,100		-0-		-0-		2,100
Total Investments in Fixed Assets	\$	54,142	\$	-0-	\$	-0-	\$	54,142

(5) <u>PENSION PLANS</u>

Plan Description. The District Attorney and Assistant District Attorneys are members of the Louisiana District Attorney's Retirement System (System), a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan administered by a separate board of trustees.

Assistant District Attorneys who earn, a minimum, the amount paid by the state for assistant district attorneys and are under the age of 60 at the time of original employment and all district attorneys are required to participate in the System. For members who joined the System before July 1, 1990, and who elected not to be covered by the new provisions, the following applies: Any member with 23 or more years of creditable service regardless of age may retire with a 3 per cent benefit reduction for each year below age 55, provided that no reduction is applied if the member has 30 or more years of service. Any member with at least 18 years of service may retire at age 55 with 3 per cent benefit reduction for each year retiring below the age of 62. The retirement benefit is equal to 3 per cent of the member's average final compensation multiplied by the number of years of his membership service, not to exceed 100 per cent of his average final compensation.

For members who joined the System after July 1, 1990, or who elected to be covered by the new provisions the following applies: Members are eligible to receive normal retirement benefits if they are age 60 and have 10 years of service credit, are age 55 and have 24 years of service credit, or have 30 years of service credit regardless of age. The normal retirement benefit is equal to 3.5 per cent of the member's final-average compensation multiplied by years of membership service. A member is eligible for early retirement if he is age 55 and has 18 years of service credit. The early retirement benefit is equal to the normal retirement benefit reduced 3 per cent for each year the member retires in advance of normal retirement age. Benefits may not exceed 100 per cent of average final compensation. The System also provides death and disability benefits. Benefits are established by state statute.

Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued)

(5) <u>PENSION PLANS --(Cont.)</u>

The System issues an annual publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for the System. That report may be obtained by writing to the Louisiana District Attorneys Retirement System, 1645 Nicholson Drive, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70802-8143 or by calling (225)267-4824.

Funding Policy. Plan members are required by state statute to contribute 7.0 percent of their annual covered salary and the district attorney is required to contribute at an actuarially determined rate. The current rate is 2.5 percent of the ad valorem taxes collected throughout the state and revenue sharing funds as appropriated by the legislature. The contribution requirements of plan members and the district attorney are established and may be amended by state statute. As provided by Louisiana Revised Statute 11:103, the employer contributions are determined by actuarial valuation and are subject to change each year based on the results of the valuation for the prior fiscal year. The District Attorney's contributions to the System for the year ending December 31, 2003 was \$0, equal to the required contributions for the year.

(6) **OPERATING LEASES**

The District Attorney's office is obligated with Sabine State Bank for an operating lease. Operating leases do not give rise to property rights or lease obligations, and therefore, the result of the lease agreements are not reflected in the account groups.

The minimum annual commitments under the operating lease is as follows:

Year Ending	
December 31	Automobile
2004	4,800
2005	4,800
2006	1,600
Total	\$ 11,200

(7) EXPENSES AND DEBT SERVICE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY NOT INCLUDED IN THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The accompanying financial statements do not include certain expenses and debt service of the District Attorney paid out of the funds of the criminal court fund of the Police Jury of LaSalle Parish or directly by the State of Louisiana.

(8) FEDERAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The District Attorney participates in the United States of America Department of Health and Human Services Support Enforcement, Title IV-D Program, Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number 13.783. This program is funded by indirect assistance payments, in the form of reimbursements of a portion of certain expenditures, received from the Louisiana Department of Social Services.

Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued)

(8) FEDERAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM - (CONT.)

The reimbursement payments are restricted by a formal agreement between the District Attorney and Department of Social Services and include a budget of expected expenditures for each fiscal year ending June 30. The District Attorney submits reimbursement requests to the Department of Social Services on a monthly basis.

(9) AGENCY FUND

The agency fund of the District Attorney's Office is used to pay payroll due from the various funds of the office. Use of the agency fund allows efficient accounting of payroll, withholding and payment of payroll taxes and benefits. During the year the following transactions accrued in the agency fund:

Receipts Transfers from Various Funds	<u>\$ 154,394</u>
Disbursements Salaries, Taxes and Benefits	<u>\$ 154,394</u>

(10) INTERFUND RECEIVABLES, PAYABLES

	Interfund Receivables		Interfund Payables		
Agency Fund General Fund	\$	1,204 -0-	\$	-0- 1,204	
	\$	1,204	\$	1,204	
Total					

(11) CHANGES IN GENERAL LONG-TERM DEBT

The following is a summary of long-term debt transactions of the District Attorney for the year ended December 31, 2003.

 alance nber 31, 2002	Additions		Del	etions	Balance December 31, 2002		
\$ 297	\$	-0-	\$	297	\$	-0-	

COMBINING BALANCE SHEET SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS DECEMBER 31, 2003

	_	Pre-Trial ervention	 IV-D	ictim istance		nestic lence	 Total
ASSETS & OTHER DEBITS Cash	\$	8,716	\$ 4,790	\$ 195	\$	55	\$ 13,756
Receivables: Grant Revenues		-0-	 4,636	 2,083	· 	-0-	 6,719

TOTAL ASSETS & OTHER DEBITS	\$ 8,716	 9,426	\$ 2,278	\$ 55	\$	20,475
LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY						
Fund Equity - Fund Balance - Unreserved/Undesignated	\$ 8,716	\$ 9,426	\$ 2,278	\$ 55	\$	20,475
Total Fund Equity	\$ 8,716	\$ 9,426	\$ 2,278	\$ 55	_\$	20,475
TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY	\$ 8,716	\$ 9,426	\$ 2,278	\$ 55	\$	20,475

COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, & CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE

SPECIAL REVENUE FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2003

		re-Trial ervention		IV-D		Victim sistance	_	omestic iolence		Total
REVENUES Intergovernmental -	•	-	•		•	05 000	¢	40.044	ሱ	00.004
Federal Other	\$	-0- <u>31,016</u>	\$	55,683 <u>5,250</u>	\$	25,000 0-	\$	12,241 -0-	¢ 	92,924 36,266
TOTAL REVENUES		31,016	\$	60,933	\$	25,000	<u>\$</u>	12,241	\$	129,190
EXPENDITURES			_			_ /	~		•	
Salaries & Benefits Office & Postage	\$	-0- 73	\$	54,257 6,920	\$	24,776 <u>61</u>	\$ 	15,950 <u>5,327</u>	\$	94,983 12,381
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$	73	_\$	61,177	\$	24,837	\$	21,277		107,364
Excess (Deficiency) Of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures Before Other Financing Sources (Uses)	\$	30,943	\$	(244)	\$	163	\$	(9,036)	\$	21,826
Other Financing Sources (Uses) Transfer (To) From	\$	(26,720)	\$	-0-	_\$	-0-	\$	-0-	\$	(26,720)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	\$	(26,720)	\$	-0-	\$	-0-	\$	-0-	\$	(26,720)
Excess (Deficiency) Of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures & Other			-		•		•	(0,000)	•	(4.004)
Financing Sources (Uses) FUND BALANCE –	\$	4,223 4,493	\$	(244) 9,671	\$	163 2,116	\$	(9,036) 9,091	\$	(4,894) 25,371
BEGINNING OF YEAR FUND BALANCE - END OF YEAR	\$	8,716	\$	9,427	\$	2,279	\$	55	\$	20,477

COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, *Ə* CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE BUDGET (GAAP) BASIS & ACTUAL

SPECIAL REVENUE FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2003

	PRE-	TRIAL INTER	VENTION	IV-D				
	Budget	Actual	Variance	Budget	Actual	Variance		
REVENUES Intergovernmental	-0-	\$-0-	\$-0-	\$ 52,400	\$ 55,683	\$ 3,283		
Other	26,300	31,01	6 4,716	-0-	5,250	5,250		

TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 26,300	\$ 31,016	\$ 4,71	6 \$ 52,400	\$ 60,933	\$ 8,533
EXPENDITURES Salaries & Benefits Office & Postage	\$-0- 200	•	\$-0 12	. ,	\$ 54,257 6,920	\$ 214 680
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>\$</u> 200	<u>\$</u> 73	<u>\$</u> 12	7 \$ 62,071	\$ 61,177	\$ 894
Excess (Deficiency) Of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures Before Other Financing Sources (Uses)	\$ 26,100	\$ 30,943	\$ 4,843	3 \$ (9,671)	\$ (244)	\$ 9,427
Other Financing Sources (Uses) Transfer (To) From Total Other Financing	\$ (30,593	3) \$ (26,720)	<u>\$ 3,87</u>	<u> </u>	\$-0-	\$ -0-
Sources (Uses)	\$ (30,593	3) \$ (26,720)	\$ 3,87	3 \$ -0-	\$ -0-	\$ -0-
Excess (Deficiency) Of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures & Other Financing Sources (Uses) FUND BALANCE – BEGINNING OF YEAR	\$ (4,493 <u>4,493</u>		\$	• • • •	\$ (244) <u>9,671</u>	\$ 9,427 0-
FUND BALANCE-END OF YEAR	<u>\$</u> -0-	\$ 8,716	\$ 8,71	<u>6 \$ -0-</u>	\$ 9,427	\$ 9,427

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

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	DOMESTI	C VIOLENCE				V		SSISTANCE	Ξ	
 Budget	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	Actual	V	ariance		Budget		Actual		/ariance
\$ 19,000 -0-	\$	12,241 -0-	\$	(6,759) -0-	\$	30,402 -0-	\$	25,000 -0-	\$	(5,402) -0-
\$ 19,000	\$	12,241	\$	(6,759)	\$	30,402	\$	25,000	\$	(5,402)
\$ 17,922 6,000	\$	15,950 5,327	\$	1,972 673	\$	25,000 61	\$	24,776 61	\$	224 -0-
\$ 23,922	\$	21,277	\$	2,645	<u> </u>	25,061		24,837	\$	224
\$ (4,922)	\$	(9,036)	\$	(4,114)	\$	5,341	\$	163	\$	(5,178)
\$ (4,169)	\$	-0-	\$	4,169		(7,457)	\$	-0-	\$	7,457
\$ (4,169)	\$	-0-	<u>\$</u>	4,169		(7,457)	\$	-0-	\$	7,457
\$ (9,091)	\$	(9,036)	\$	55	\$	(2,116)	\$	163	\$	2,279
 9,091		9,091		-0-		2,116		2,116		-0-
\$ -0-	\$	55	\$	55	\$	-0-	\$.	2,279	_\$	2,279

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COST For the Year Ended December 31, 2003

I have audited the financial statement of the District Attorney of the Twenty-Eighth Judicial District, LaSalle Parish, Louisiana, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2003 and have issued my report thereon dated May 20, 2004. I conducted my audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States of America. My audit of the financial statements as of December 31, 2003 resulted in an unqualified opinion.

Section I Summary of Auditor's Reports

a. Report on Internal Control and Compliance Material to the Financial Statements

Internal Control Reportable Conditions Yes No Material Weaknesses Yes 🛛 No

Compliance

Compliance Material to Financial Statements Yes No

b. Federal Awards (Not Applicable)

Internal Control Material Weaknesses Yes]No Rep	ortable	Conditions	□Yes □ No
Type of Opinion On Compliance For Major Programs	Unqualified Disclaimer		Qualifie Adverse	

Are the finding required to be reported in accordance with Circular A-133, Section .510(a)?



Identification Of Major Programs: (Not Applicable) **C.**



Dollar threshold used to distinguish between Type A and Type B Programs:

Is the auditee a 'low-risk' auditee, as defined by OMB Circular A-133?



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SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COST – (CONT.) For the Year Ended December 31, 2003

Section II Financial Statement Findings Required To Be Reported In Accordance With GAGAS

Reference	Description of Finding	Recommendation
2003-C-1	Flower Purchased with Public Funds	
	During the testing of expenditures, it was discovered	
	that the District Attorney's Office had purchased sympathy flowers for local funerals. Attorney	· · ·
	General Opinion 1940-1942, Page 3882 states that	

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state boards or other agencies may not purchase floral	
offerings for funerals.	

Section III – Internal Control

No items to report.

Section IV Federal Awards Findings and Questioned Costs.

There are no findings to be reported.

ANTICIPATED COMPLETION DATE	December 31, 2004
CONTACT PERSON	J. Reed Walters
CORRECTIVE ACTION PLANNED	The District Attorney's Office will discontinue making sympathy floral purchases and the District Attorney will reimburse the office for the purchase.
ON OF FINDING	l with Public Funds

MANAGEMENT'S CORRECTIVE ACTION FOR CURRENT YEAR AUDIT FINDINGS

REFERENCE

DESCRIPTIO

2003-C-1

Flowers Purchased

Management Letter Comment

District Attorney of the Twenty-Eighth Judicial District LaSalle Parish, Louisiana PO Box 1940 Jena, Louisiana 71342

During the course of my audit, I observed conditions and circumstances that may be improved. Below are situations that may be improved (if any), recommendations for improvements, and the District Attorney's response. I have also listed the prior year management letter comments (if any) and management's response to those comments.

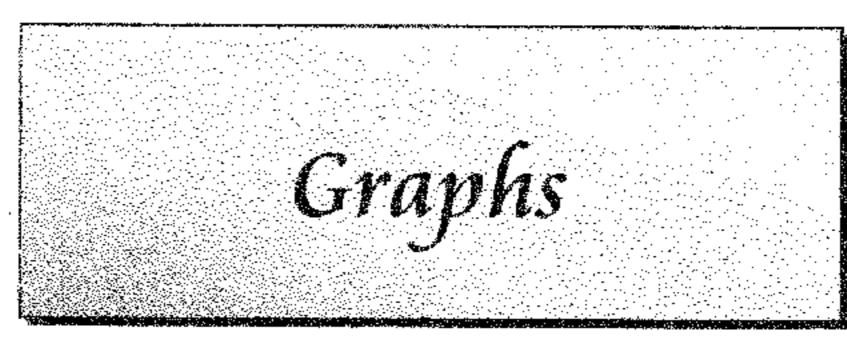
A) There are no current year management letter comments.

<u>MANAGEMENT'S SUMMARY</u> <u>OF PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS</u>

Legislative Auditor State of Louisiana Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804-9397

The management of the District Attorney of the Twenty-Eighth Judicial District, Parish of LaSalle, Louisiana has provided the following action summaries relating to findings brought to their attention as a result of their audit for the year ended December 31, 2002.

A) There were no prior year management letter comments or findings.



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