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Greene, Marengo and Sumter Counties, Alabama

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Dear Madam:

An examination was conducted on the Office of District Attorney, 17th Judicial Circuit, Greene, Marengo and Sumter Counties, Alabama, for the period September 1, 2022 through August 31, 2025. Under the authority of the ***Code of Alabama 1975***, Section 41-5A-19, I hereby swear to and submit this report to you on the results of the examination.

Respectfully submitted,

Crystal Speed

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EXAMINER'S SUMMARY

Office of District Attorney
17th Judicial Circuit
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PURPOSE AND SCOPE OF THE EXAMINATION

This report presents the results of an examination of the Office of District Attorney, 17th Judicial Circuit, Greene, Marengo and Sumter Counties, Alabama, (hereinafter referred to as the "District Attorney") and a review of the District Attorney's compliance with applicable laws and regulations of the State of Alabama in accordance with the requirements of the Department of Examiners of Public Accounts under the authority of the ***Code of Alabama 1975***, Section 41-5A-12.

The Agency Overview contained in this report provides information on the District Attorney's operating authority. The District Attorney's financial information for the examination period is contained in Exhibit 1. Honorable Greg Griggers served as District Attorney from the beginning of the examination period through January 22, 2025, and Honorable Rachel England served as District Attorney from January 23, 2025 through the end of the examination period.

RESULTS OF THE EXAMINATION

Tests performed during the examination did not disclose any significant instances of noncompliance with applicable state and local laws and regulations.

EXIT CONFERENCE

The Officials were invited to and attended an exit conference to discuss the results of the examination. Representing the Department of Examiners of Public Accounts was Crystal Speed, Examiner.

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AGENCY OVERVIEW

Office of District Attorney
17th Judicial Circuit
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The Office of District Attorney, 17th Judicial Circuit, Greene, Marengo and Sumter Counties, Alabama, (hereinafter referred to as the "District Attorney") is responsible for law enforcement activities in the county. This includes the operation and administration of duties for which they were elected or appointed, in accordance with the ***Code of Alabama 1975***, Section 12-17-184, which includes, but is not limited to: (1) To attend on the grand juries, advise them in relation to matters of law, and examine and swear witnesses before them; (2) To draw up all indictments and to prosecute all indictable offenses; (3) To prosecute and defend any civil action in the circuit court in the prosecution or defense of which the state is interested; and (4) To, at any time the grand jury is not in session, issue subpoenas and to administer oaths to individuals and examine them as to any violation of the criminal laws of the state. In addition, the District Attorney is responsible for the Restitution Recovery Division which accounts for restitution, District Attorney fees, and Circuit Court fees for cases in default in the Circuit Court. The Restitution Recovery Division was established by the ***Code of Alabama 1975***, Section 12-17-225.1. The District Attorney is also responsible for the Worthless Check Unit which accounts for fees from service charges and restitution collected for processing worthless checks and the Worthless Check Fund which accounts for fees received from the Worthless Check Unit for processing worthless checks and disbursements. The Worthless Check Unit is established by the ***Code of Alabama 1975***, Section 12-17-224 and the Worthless Check Fund is established by the ***Code of Alabama 1975***, Section 12-17-224 (a) (2) (e) (2) (iii). The District Attorney is also responsible for the Child Support Enforcement Fund which accounts for the cost reimbursement and incentive money paid by the State Department of Human Resources for the purpose of enforcing the support obligations owed by absent parents, locating absent parents, establishing paternity and obtaining child and spousal support.

The following is a brief summary and description of the different funds that were utilized by the Office of District Attorney, 17th Judicial Circuit, Greene, Marengo and Sumter Counties, Alabama, for the period September 1, 2022 through August 31, 2025.

- ***District Attorney's Fund*** – accounts for solicitor's fees levied against defendants who are found guilty. The funds are used for the support of the District Attorney's Office and any other legitimate law enforcement purposes as authorized by the ***Code of Alabama 1975***, Section 12-19-182. This fund also accounts for various state reimbursements, grants, incentives and miscellaneous receipts. In addition, additional docket fees on certain criminal and civil cases and bail bond fees received from the Circuit Clerks in Greene, Marengo and Sumter Counties are accounted for in this fund. These funds are used for the support of the District Attorney's Office and any legitimate law enforcement purpose as authorized by the ***Code of Alabama 1975***, Section 12-19-312. Also included are fees received from the Circuit Clerks of Greene, Marengo and Sumter Counties collected under provisions of the ***Code of Alabama 1975***, Section 12-17-225.1 and the ***Code of Alabama 1975***, Section 45-32-80.20.

- ***Child Support Enforcement Fund*** – accounts for the receipt and disbursement of cost reimbursement and incentive money paid by the State Department of Human Resources for the purpose of enforcing the support obligations owed by absent parents, locating absent parents, establishing paternity and obtaining child and spousal support.

- ***Drug Fund*** – accounts for funds received from the sale of property confiscated during drug investigations.

- ***Drug Task Force Fund*** – accounts for forfeited funds, donations and reimbursements of operating expenses of the 17th Judicial Circuit Drug Task Force.

- ***Seizure Fund*** – accounts for money seized during the arrest of an individual in order to provide for safekeeping until the case is resolved and money that is condemned by federal and state courts for law enforcement purposes.

- ***Equitable Share Fund*** – accounts for the District Attorney's portion of money that is condemned by state courts for law enforcement purposes.

- ***Federal Fund*** – accounts for the District Attorney's portion of money that is condemned by the federal courts for law enforcement purposes.

- ***Worthless Check Unit Fund*** – accounts for fees from service charges and restitution collected for processing worthless checks. The Worthless Check Unit is established by the ***Code of Alabama 1975***, Section 12-17-224.

Financial Information

Summary of Receipts, Disbursements and Cash Balances
September 1, 2022 through August 31, 2025

	District Attorney's Fund	Child Support Enforcement Fund	Drug Fund	Drug Task Force Fund	Seizure Fund	Equitable Share Fund	Federal Fund	Worthless Check Unit Fund	Total
Receipts									
Fees	$ 392,091.24	$	$	$	$	$	$	$ 5,088.12	$ 397,179.36
State Incentives and Cost Reimbursements	16,631.58	581,569.47		265,861.43					864,062.48
Seizures and Condemnations - Federal							39,500.00		39,500.00
Seizures and Condemnations - State	726,928.86				2,273,792.00				3,000,720.86
Merchant Fees								480.00	480.00
Restitution	69,840.40							18,028.70	87,869.10
Proceeds from Sale of Assets				110,605.80		15,000.00			125,605.80
Interest	27,292.61	6.66		32,352.78					59,652.05
Insurance Proceeds	44,525.00			29,575.00					74,100.00
Miscellaneous	23,497.25	75.00		9,593.94	3,134.53		130.92		36,431.64
Total Receipts	1,300,806.94	581,651.13		447,988.95	2,276,926.53	15,000.00	39,630.92	23,596.82	4,685,601.29
Disbursements									
Salaries and Salary Supplements	10,000.00	479,515.08		1,164,521.26		224,765.59			1,878,801.93
District Attorney Expense Allowance	16,200.00								16,200.00
Court Ordered Payments	3,358.61			21,402.50	213,571.17				238,332.28
Professional Services	62,495.92			840.00			9,170.00		72,505.92
Travel, Training and Investigation Expense	67,547.53	337.50		37,536.96		4,550.00	7,175.00		117,146.99
Office Supplies and Maintenance	148,627.75	58,668.61		84,870.30		39,673.33	17,714.02		349,554.01
Contract Services	63,000.00								63,000.00
Automotive Expense	103,643.62			261,915.61		275,576.64	125,737.50		766,873.37
Utilities and Communications	91,921.01	10,279.61		24,180.50		87,054.20			213,435.32
Canine Expense				52,314.13			10,000.00		62,314.13
Equipment Purchases	14,390.18			129,116.12		91,040.55	320,118.30		554,665.15
Merchants (Fees and Restitution)								18,133.42	18,133.42
U. S. Marshalls Service					570,797.00				570,797.00
Advertising	1,450.00					900.00			2,350.00
Dues and Assessments	6,450.00					12,000.00			18,450.00
Miscellaneous	4,239.69	4,329.27		27,277.47	40.00	25,600.00			61,486.43
Total Disbursements	593,324.31	553,130.07		1,803,974.85	784,408.17	761,160.31	489,914.82	18,133.42	5,004,045.95
Excess of Receipts Over/(Under) Disbursements	707,482.63	28,521.06		(1,355,985.90)	1,492,518.36	(746,160.31)	(450,283.90)	5,463.40	(318,444.66)
Operating Transfers In/(Out)									
Transfers In	600,243.46			1,425,900.47	7,891.47	553,520.13	704,585.60		3,292,141.13
Transfers Out	(751,376.01)	(20,502.36)	(78,913.25)	(11,712.08)	(1,932,127.83)	(30,000.00)		(467,509.60)	(3,292,141.13)
Total Operating Transfers	(151,132.55)	(20,502.36)	(78,913.25)	1,414,188.39	(1,924,236.36)	523,520.13	704,585.60	(467,509.60)	
Excess of Receipts and Transfers In Over/ (Under) Disbursements and Transfers Out	556,350.08	8,018.70	(78,913.25)	58,202.49	(431,718.00)	(222,640.18)	254,301.70	(462,046.20)	(318,444.66)
Cash Balances - September 1, 2022	28,648.49	41,815.07	78,913.25	980,149.89	533,222.55	570,821.06	362,963.01	462,046.20	3,058,579.52
Cash Balances - August 31, 2025	$ 584,998.57	$ 49,833.77	$	$ 1,038,352.38	$ 101,504.55	$ 348,180.88	$ 617,264.71	$	$ 2,740,134.86