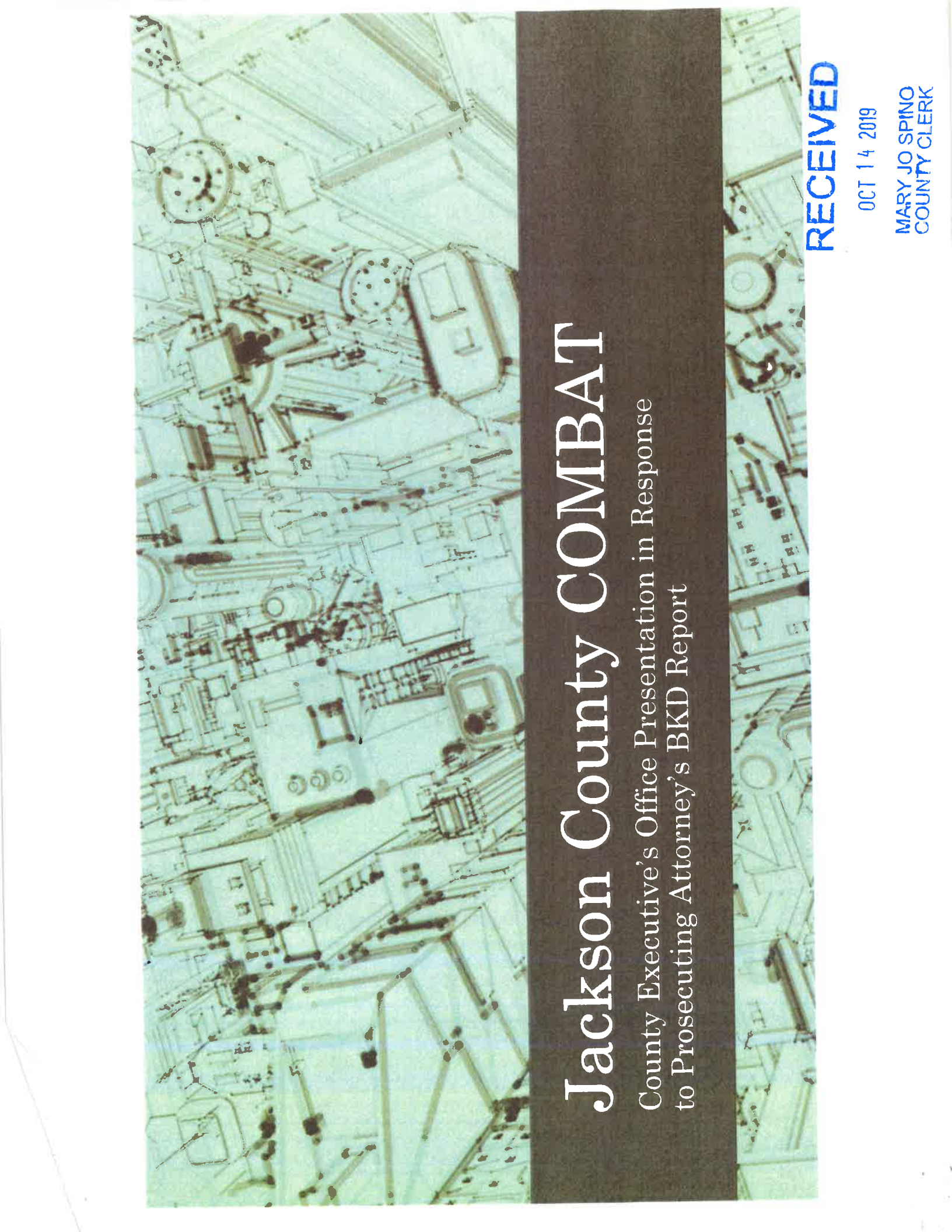


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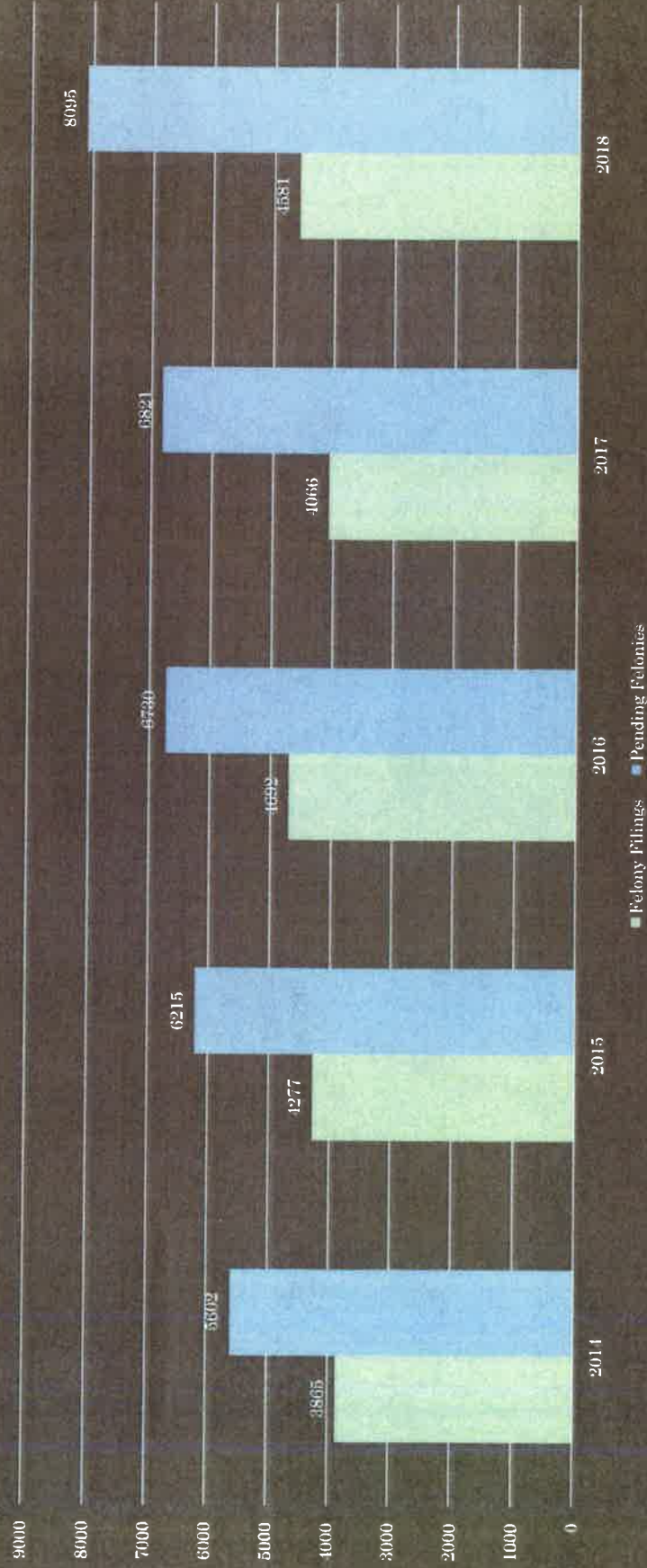
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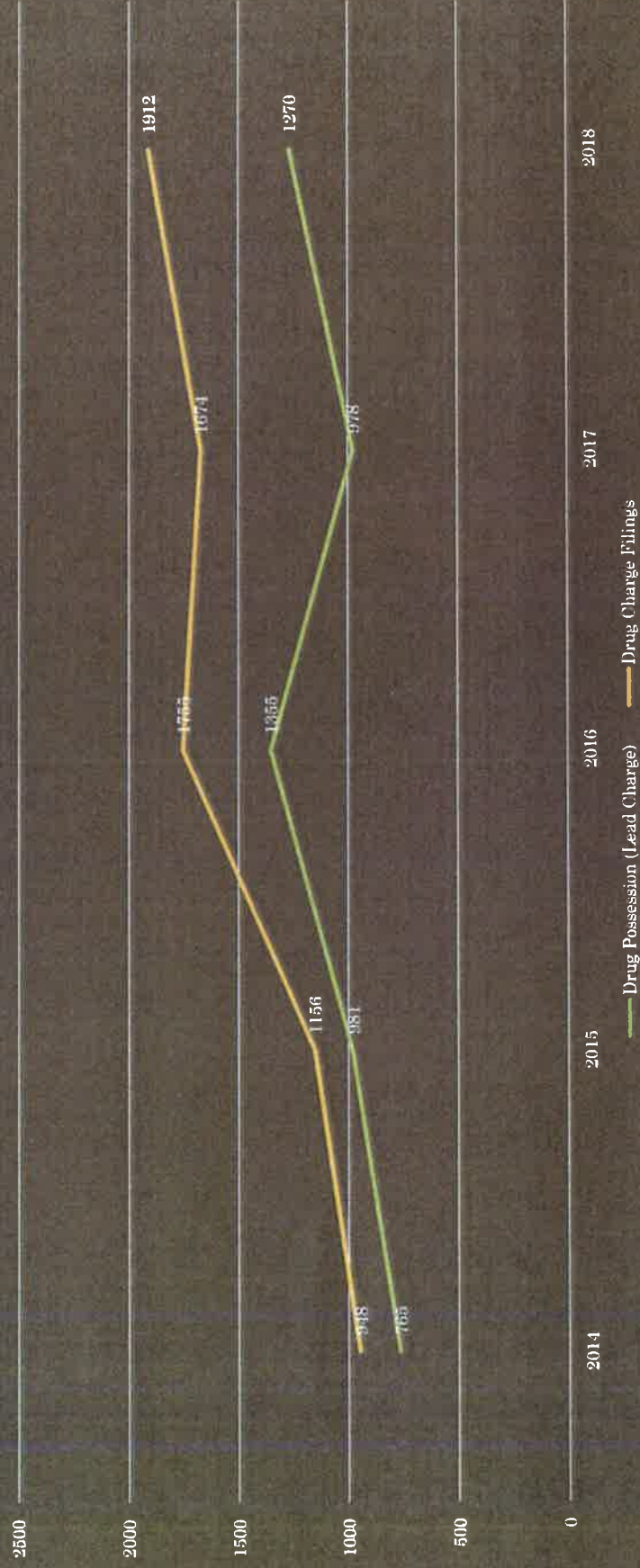
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Jackson County Felony Filings



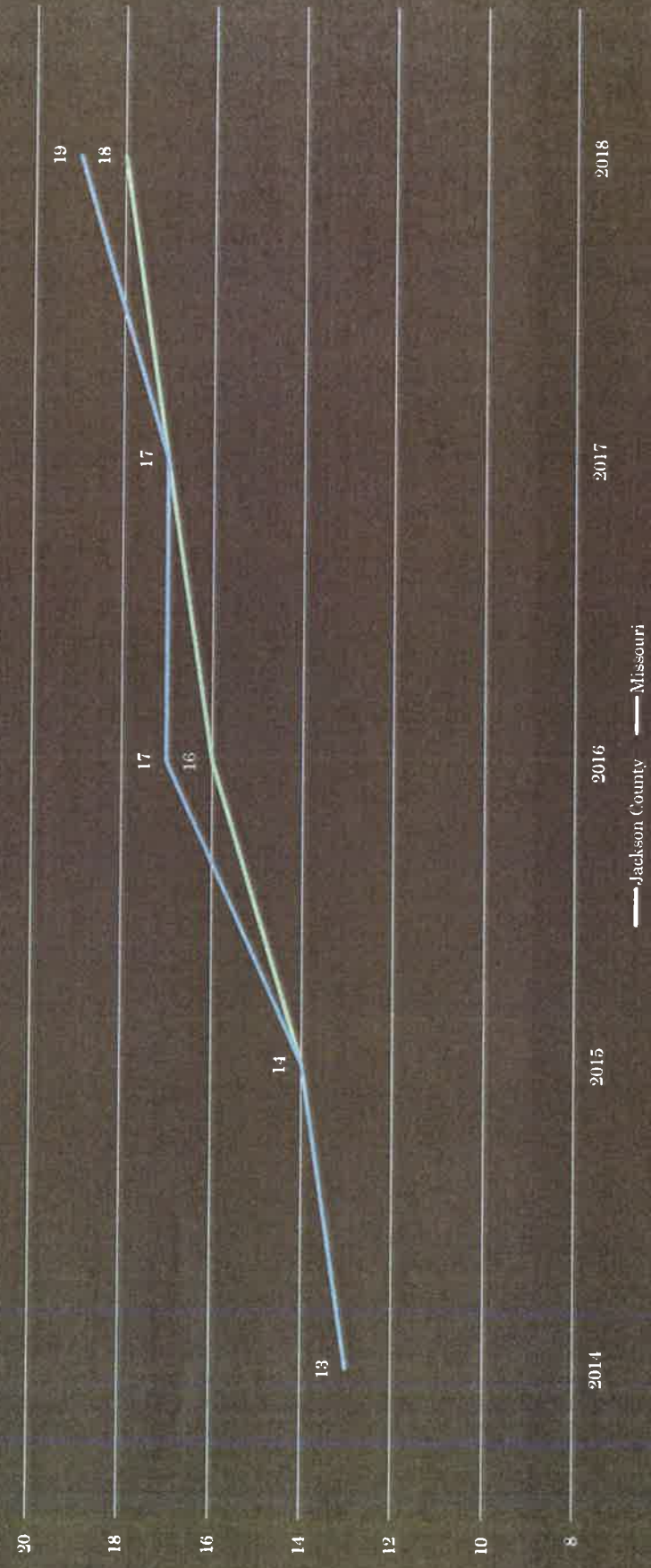
Source: 16th Circuit Court, Annual Statistical Reports

Jackson County Felony Drug Filings



Source: 16th Circuit Court, Annual Statistical Reports

Jackson County Drug Overdose Deaths (per 100,000)



Source: CDC, Compressed Data File (County-level data)

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Program Profile: Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) (1983-2009)

Evidence Rating: No Effects - More than one study

Date: This profile was posted on June 03, 2011

[Program Summary](#)

A school-based drug use prevention program that was taught by police officers, starting in the sixth grade and extending through the senior year of high school. The program is rated No Effects. There was no statistically significant impact on drug use or attitude towards drug use compared with the comparison group.

Additional Resources:

- Learn more about the Evidence Ratings
- Find out how to [Nominate a Program](#) for review
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Program Snapshot

Age: 11 - 18

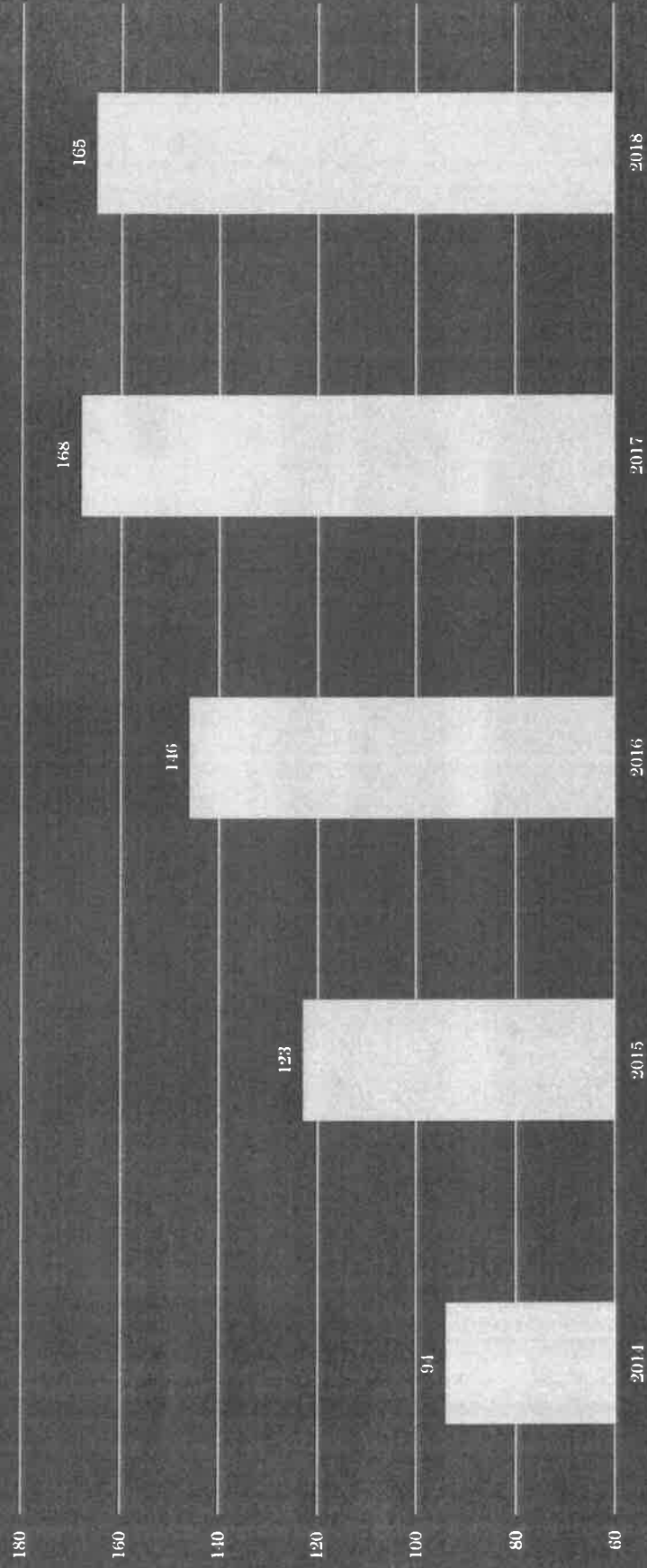
Gender: Both

Race/Ethnicity: Black, Asian/Pacific Islander, Hispanic, white

Geography: Rural, Suburban, Urban

Jackson County Murders

(Annual Total)



Source: Missouri Highway Patrol, Uniform Crime Reports

Importance of Objective Analysis Violent Crime

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Program Profile: Kansas City (MO) No Violence Alliance

Evidence Rating: No Effects - One Study

Date: This profile was posted on November 05, 2018

[Program Summary](#)

This is a focused deterrence violence-reduction strategy. The goal was to cover the city's exposure to violent crime, including reducing the numbers of homicides and aggravated assaults committed by chronic violent offenders operating within organized groups and other social networks. The program is rated No Effects. Two years postimplementation, there was no statistically significant impact on homicides group-member-involved homicides and aggravated assaults.

Additional Resources:

- Learn more about the Evidence Rating
- Find out how to Nominate a Program for review
- See our Glossary of terms and definitions
- Access our FAQs

Program Snapshot

Gender: Both

Race/Ethnicity: Black
Hispanic, Other

Geography: Urban

Setting (Delivery): One Community Setting, High Crime Neighborhoods-Hot

KC strategy to stop homicides failed. It's replaced with a retooled program from 2001.

BY GABRIELE BICE
The Kansas City Star



BKD Report Summary

- All money spent was appropriated by the Legislature
- All money spent was pursuant to a lawfully executed contract
- No finding that any state or county law was violated
- Report contains numerous inaccuracies, omissions and misleading statements
- This presentation will highlight 10 such errors, omissions and misleading statements

Source of Information

BKD Report

“We placed reliance upon information provided to us for evaluation or through conversations and interviews with relevant parties.”¹

“This relationship does not constitute a conflict of interest as this scope is a permissible nonattest service (...).”²

attest verb

attest | A - test • V

attested; attesting; attests

Definition of *attest*

transitive verb

1 **a** to affirm to be true or genuine

specifically : to authenticate by signing as a witness

1. BKD Report Cover Letter & BKD Response Letter 9/25/19

2. BKD Response to RFQ, Pg. 20

Who was not contacted or interviewed?

- Anti-Drug/COMBAT Commission
 - Current or former members
- County Legislature
 - Current or former members
- County Executive
 - Current or former
- County Counselor
 - Current or former
- Legislative Auditor
 - Current or former
- COMBAT Director
 - Former
- Any Outside Agency
 - Current or former
- Prosecuting Attorney
 - Current or former

Errors, Omissions and Misleading Statements

Example #1

BKD Report:

“There has been a pattern of COMBAT funds being spent without the approval or knowledge of COMBAT management during the Scope Period.”

Actual:

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Actual:

COMBAT management, during the period of the report, was not contacted to determine if this is an accurate statement, but more importantly:

- No statutory requirement
- No County ordinance requirement
- No Legislative Resolution nor Executive Order

Errors, Omissions and Misleading Statements

Example #2

Type	Current Department Code	Title	2016	2017	2018
Car Allowance	1001-County Executive	Chief of Health Services	\$ 315.30	\$ 630.60	\$ 52.55
Car Allowance	1001-County Executive	Chief of Staff	222.33	-	-
FMV-Use	1001-County Executive	Chief of Staff	334.56	655.12	16.82
Gas	1001-County Executive	Chief of Staff	29.04	60.88	1.45
Phone Allowance	1001-County Executive	Chief of Staff	44.17	50.80	-
Car Allowance	1001-County Executive	Executive Assistant	43.53	-	-
Car Allowance	1001-County Executive	Executive Assistant	-	60.00	20.00
Phone Allowance	1001-County Executive	Executive Assistant	-	33.00	-
Phone Allowance	1001-County Executive	Executive Assistant	6.38	-	-
Car Allowance	1221-Office of Communications	Communications Liaison	3,060.20	2,118.60	-
Car Allowance	1605-Park Safety and Interpretation	Director of Corrections (Now	-	-	-
Phone Allowance	1605-Park Safety and Interpretation	Chief of Park Safety)	8,800.00	9,600.00	-
Car Allowance	2701-Corrections Department	Director of Corrections (Now	-	-	-
Phone Allowance	2701-Corrections Department	Chief of Park Safety)	660.00	55.00	-
Car Allowance	4101-Prosecuting Attorney	Director of Corrections	-	-	5,000.00
Phone Allowance	4101-Prosecuting Attorney	Manager of Detention	-	-	-
Car Allowance	4101-Prosecuting Attorney	Operations	-	247.50	137.50
Phone Allowance	4101-Prosecuting Attorney	Chief of Operations	1,034.50	996.00	1,543.80
Car Allowance	4101-Prosecuting Attorney	Chief of Operations	113.36	109.56	109.56
Phone Allowance	4101-Prosecuting Attorney	Director of Communications	2,760.00	2,760.00	2,760.00
Car Allowance	4101-Prosecuting Attorney	Director of Communications	303.60	303.60	303.60

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Example #3

BKD Report:

Actual:

2018 Actual Revenue:

- \$26,372,034

2018 Over/Under Budget

- \$2,758,034

2018 Percent Over/Under

- 11.7%

Errors, Omissions and Misleading Statements

Example #3

BKD Report:

2018 Actual Revenue:

• ~~\$26,372,034~~

2018 Over/Under Budget

• ~~\$2,758,034~~

2018 Percent Over/Under

• ~~11.7%~~

Actual:

2018 Actual Revenue:

• \$24,626,625

2018 Over/Under Budget

• \$1,012,625

2018 Percent Over/Under

• 4.3%

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Example #4

BKD Report:

“If sales tax collections in 2019 are the same as in 2018, there will be an additional \$2.2 million in excess revenue. Added to the undesignated fund balance of \$1.56 million (above), there would be a \$3.76 million fund balance in FY20.”

Actual:

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Actual:

If sales tax collections in 2019 are the same as in 2018, there will be an additional \$470,000 in excess revenue. Added to the undesignated fund balance of \$1.56 million (above), there would be a \$2.03 million fund balance in FY20.

Errors, Omissions and Misleading Statements Example #5

BKD Report:

“Under White, there have been nominal budget increases, continuing significant amounts over budget, up to 11.7% in 2018.”

Actual:

Errors, Omissions and Misleading Statements

Example #5

BKD Report:

~~“Under White, there have been nominal budget increases, continuing significant amounts over budget, up to 11.7% in 2018.”~~

Actual:

The highest “variance to budget %” under the current County Executive is only 5.5% in 2017.

Errors, Omissions and Misleading Statements

Example #6

BKD Report:

“We have observed a pattern of Finance under-budgeting sales tax revenue, which appears to exceed the concept of “conservatism” with **an average excess since 2015 of 10.2% each year.**”

Actual:

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Example #6

BKD Report:

~~"We have observed a pattern of Finance under-budgeting sales tax revenue, which appears to exceed the concept of "conservatism" with an average excess since 2015 of 10.2% each year."~~

Actual:

"We have observed a pattern of Finance under-budgeting sales tax revenue, which appears to exceed the concept of "conservatism" with **an average excess since 2015 of 5.33% each year.**"

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Example #7

BKD Report:

“Concerns had been raised regarding the use of COMBAT funds for capital improvement project unrelated to the intent of the Anti-Crime Tax and without COMBAT’s knowledge. Specifically, COMBAT funds being used on the following construction projects... Rock Island... Truman Courthouse”

Actual:

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Actual:

No COMBAT funds were used on the Rock Island Rail Corridor or Historic Courthouse Renovation.

Errors, Omissions and Misleading Statements

Example #8

BKD Report:

“COMBAT is responsible for the distribution of the Anti-Crime Tax revenues.”

Actual:

Errors, Omissions and Misleading Statements

Example #8

BKD Report:

~~“COMBAT is responsible for the distribution of the Anti-Crime Tax revenues.”~~

Actual:

“There is no state law or county ordinance that requires those funds to be allocated in any particular percentages to the various entities that receive COMBAT funding. The amount appropriated is up to the County Legislature.”¹

Errors, Omissions and Misleading Statements

Example #9

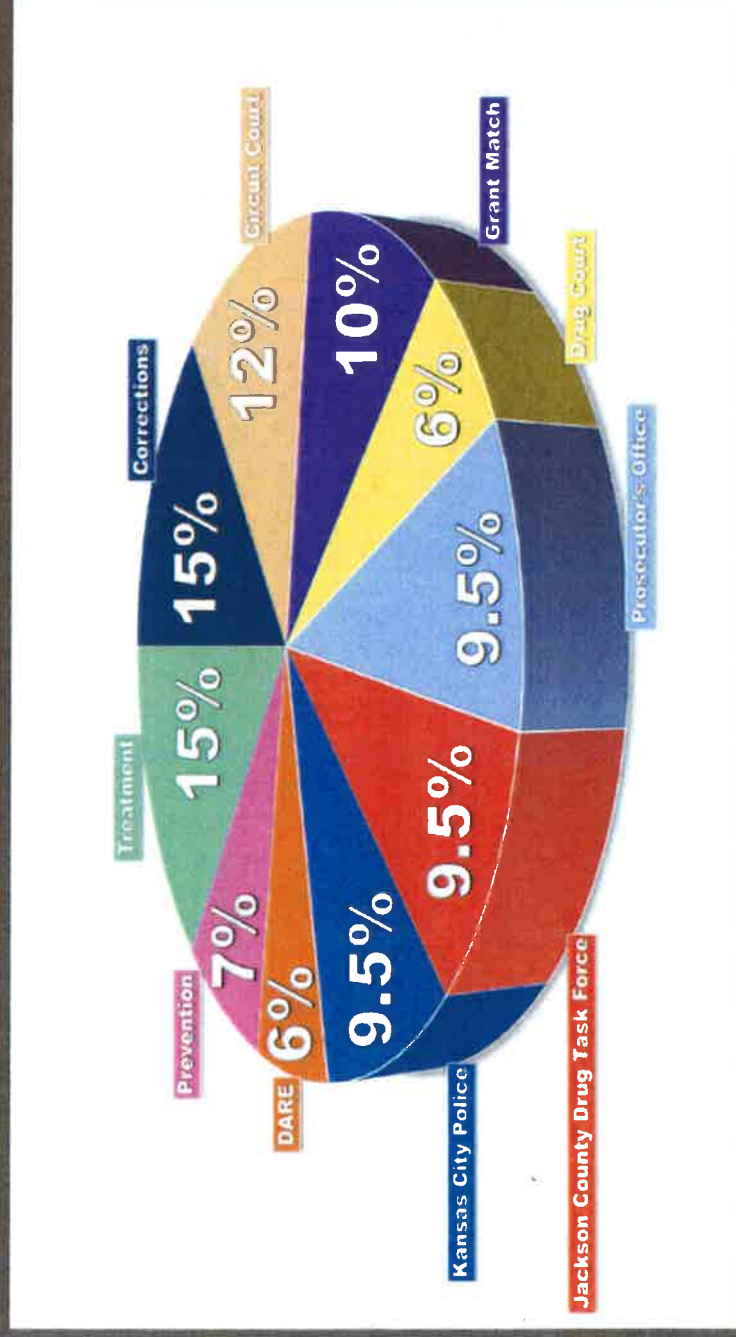
BKD Report:

“Funding percentages for County departments were set by the Resolution 10950 on September 11, 1995 and are included in the County department's annual budget.”

Actual:

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Example #9



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Example #9

BKD Report:

~~“Funding percentages for County departments were set by the Resolution 10950 on September 11, 1995 and are included in the County department’s annual budget.”~~

Actual:

“(. .) Resolution 10950 is just what it says, a statement of intent only. The intent can be changed by the Legislature’s subsequent adoption of legislation expressing a different intent, whether it be by resolution approving a contract or by ordinance adopting an annual budget or otherwise appropriating funds (. .) the legislature has, to our best understanding, regularly deviated from the allocation set out in Resolution 10950.” ¹

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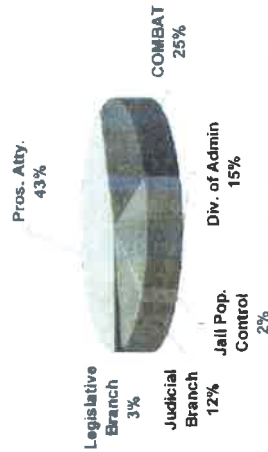
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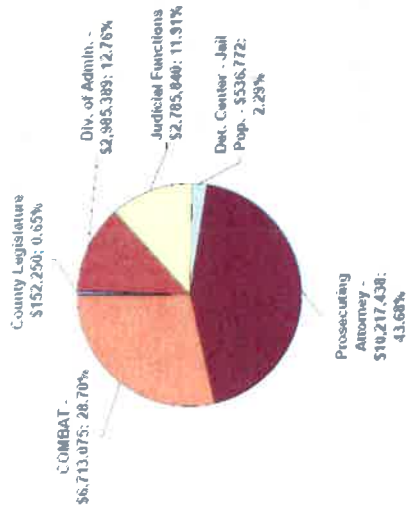
AVAILABLE:



RECOMMENDED APPROPRIATIONS:

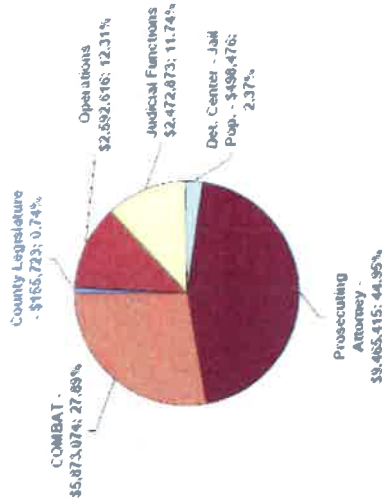


ANTI-DRUG SALES TAX FUND 2006 BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS



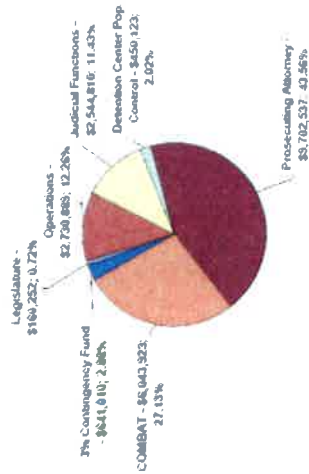
Total Appropriations - \$23,390,764

ANTI-DRUG SALES TAX FUND 2007 BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS



Total Appropriations - \$21,058,177

ANTI-DRUG SALES TAX FUND 2008 BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS



Total Appropriations - \$22,273,544

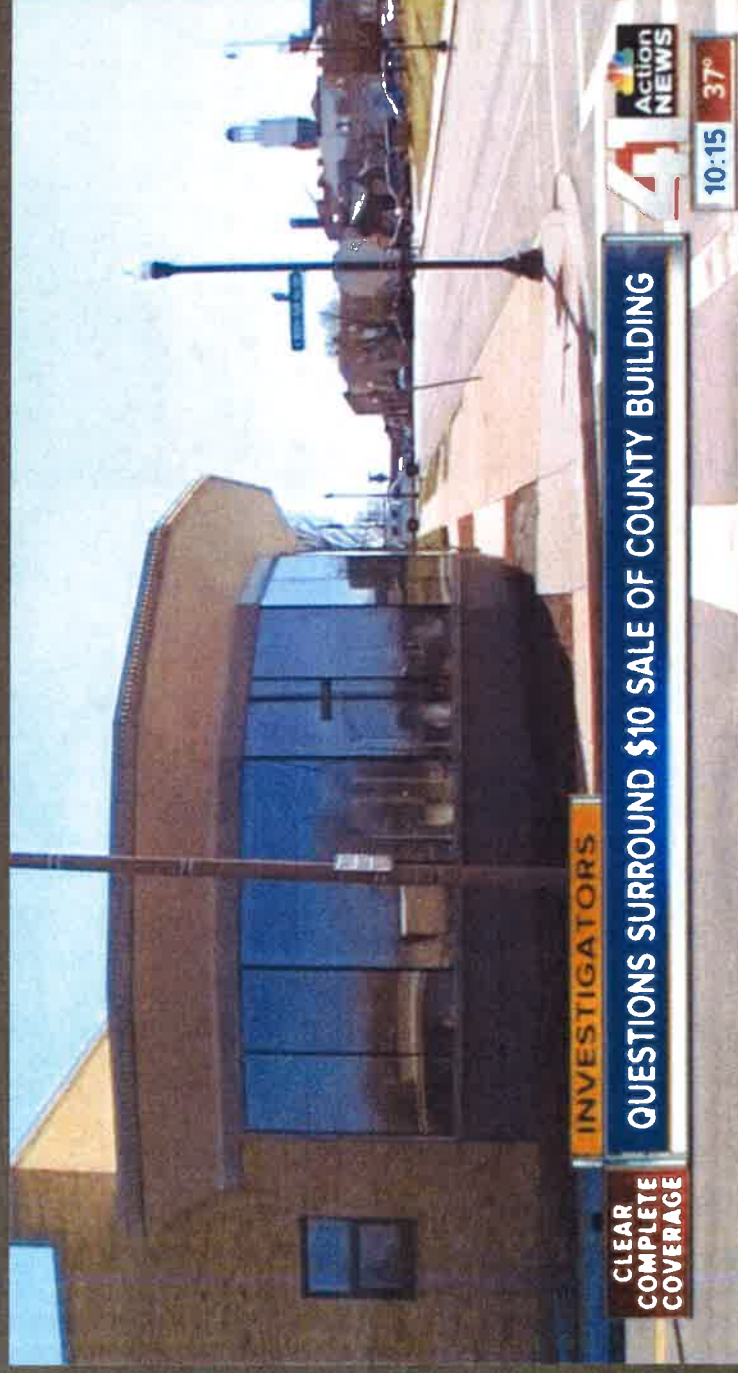
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2005-2008 Budget Books

2019

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Example #10



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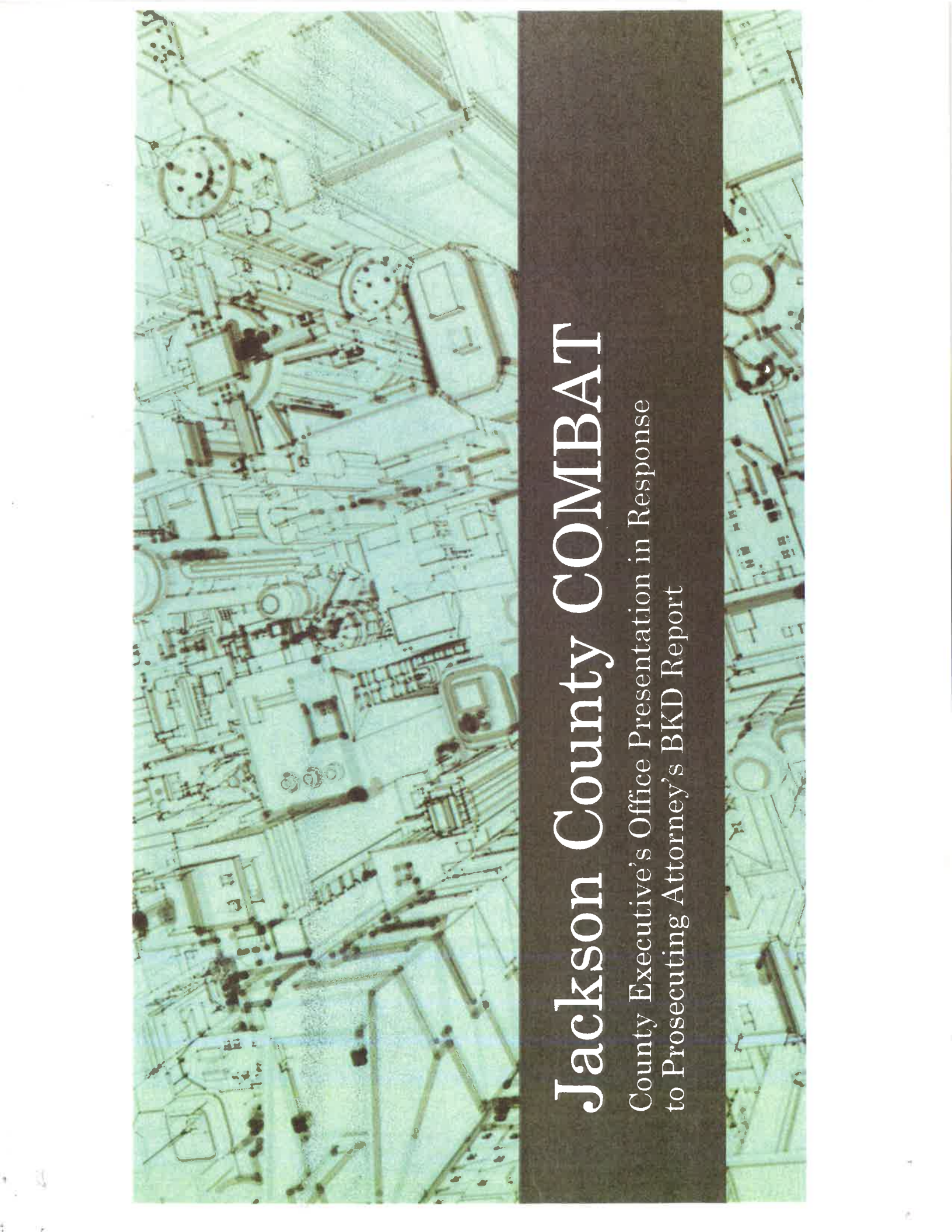


- Over \$1 million in COMBAT funds used to renovate
- Building sold by the County in 2017 for \$10¹

- Who directed their work?
- Were there areas or issues they were told to stay away from?
 - Example: MyArts?
- Were they told to not contact certain people?
 - Administration?
 - COMBAT Commission?
 - Legislators?
- What was included in the three earlier versions of their report?
- Can they provide the sources for all of the information in their report?
- Why did they feel it was important to add the following statement to their contract:
 - “While Jackson County has referred to this engagement as an “audit”, it is not a financial statement audit, but instead a consulting project that includes forensic account and data analytics.

Questions

The Legislature, COMBAT Commission and community deserves to hear from BKD directly.

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