

The Office of the Richmond Commonwealth's Attorney is a local and constitutional agency that prosecutes violations of city ordinances and state laws. The Office does not have the power to detain or arrest either citizens or immigrants. The Office has no authority to prosecute violations of federal law, including violation of any immigration laws. Those powers and authority are within the purview of various federal agencies and offices.

The Richmond CWA will continue to promote public safety by fulfilling our statutory duty to prosecute felony and misdemeanor crimes that occur in the City of Richmond. All offenders, whether citizens or otherwise, will be treated equally under the law, with procedural due process and all legal safeguards provided by the Constitution of the United States.