

Recent Alabama Statistics:

195,958
serious crimes a year

282 homicides

19,101 violent crimes

176,497
property crimes

Almost all crimes take place in the communities where the victims live, work or go to school.

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JOHN TYSON MAKES IT OFFICIAL CAMPAIGN FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL ALREADY OFFERS LOCAL SOLUTIONS TO FIGHT CRIME

MONTGOMERY-- Mobile County District Attorney John Tyson, Jr. filed the papers to run for Alabama Attorney General today, pledging to support citizens and local authorities on the frontline in the war against crime.

"Crime affects thousands of Alabamians and every Alabama community," Tyson said. "Many people don't know that the Attorney General is supposed to be the chief law enforcement officer for the state. I am an experienced local crime fighter. I have been responsible for more than 25,000 felony convictions. **As Attorney General, I am going to work tirelessly to help make Alabamians safer by supporting the people who fight crime at the local level.**"

Tyson notes that in 2004, there were more than 195,000 serious crimes in Alabama – about one for every 23 citizens. He said that almost every one of these crimes took place at the local level...at home, at school, at work, on the highways, even at church.

"Police and sheriff's officers, district attorneys, educators, parents, young Alabamians - these are the people on the front lines." Tyson said. **"It's time the Alabama Attorney General gave them the support they need to win."**

Tyson is Mobile County District Attorney and has served in that position for more than 11 years. Before that, he served 14 years as a member of the Alabama Board of Education. Since becoming Mobile County District Attorney, Tyson has been responsible for more than 25,000 felony convictions including: 636 child abuse convictions, 448 murder convictions, 153 white-collar crime convictions, \$6.5-million ordered in white-collar crime restitution, and \$22,183,996 in worthless checks recovered.

Tyson said that as Mobile County District Attorney he used technology and modern management techniques to cut the time to handle criminal cases in half. He organized volunteers to help elderly crime

victims who couldn't afford to repair their damaged homes. He taught teachers how to use the law to maintain discipline and backed them up by intervening when they believed discipline problems might lead to violence.

Citizens can find help on Tyson's web site www.johntysonjr.com on:

- How to identify child molesters and protect children
- How to protect children from the horrific dangers of meth
- How to protect children from internet pornography
- How to avoid being a victim of fraud
- Who to call for help in their communities

Local authorities can download information on:

- A program for schools that can reduce violence and improve learning time
- Suggestions on how to increase convictions of child molesters
- How to teach youngsters the dangers of illegal alcohol and drugs
- How to organize volunteers to help elderly crime victims

"I am not waiting until after the election to provide help," Tyson said. "I am getting information to citizens and local authorities now through my web site and through personal visits throughout the state."

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