

# LAKE COUNTY PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE

## Prosecutor Bernard A. Carter



### About Prosecutor Carter

Lake County Prosecutor Bernard A. Carter has built a career, not only on prosecuting crime, but also on trying to prevent it through proactive engagement, innovative partnerships, and an unwavering commitment to the people of Lake County. His contributions to public safety, youth empowerment, technological advancement, and community collaboration continue to shape a stronger, safer, and more informed region.



For more information call  
219-755-3720

### Our Office...

The Lake County Prosecutor's Office is committed to upholding justice, protecting the community, and serving victims of crime with integrity and compassion. Our team prosecutes criminal cases ranging from misdemeanors to major felonies, works closely with law enforcement agencies to investigate and bring offenders to justice, and provides vital support to victims and their families throughout the legal process. We also engage in community outreach and education initiatives to prevent crime, promote public safety, and strengthen trust between residents and the justice system.



***"Every case we prosecute, every victim we protect, is part of our commitment to keeping Lake County safe."***

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## Careful Carter Gun Safety Program for K through 5 Schools

The *Careful Carter Gun Safety Program* is designed to teach children in grades K–5 the importance of staying safe around unsecured firearms through engaging stories, interactive lessons, and our friendly dog mascot, Careful Carter. Through a partnership with Lake County Schools, we hope to empower young students with the S.A.F.E. method—Stop, Avoid Touching, Find an Adult, Exit the Area—so they know exactly what to do if they ever encounter an unsecured firearm. By combining literacy skills with life-saving safety education, we aim to create a lasting impact that will keep our children safe, informed, and confident in making smart choices.

## LC PROSECUTOR'S HOMICIDE TASK FORCE

The Lake County Prosecutor's Homicide Task Force is a specialized unit dedicated to investigating and solving homicide cases throughout the county. It is comprised of highly skilled law enforcement officers from several cities in Lake County, along with the Indiana State Police and the Indiana Excise Police. The Homicide Task Force operates under the leadership of Executive Director and Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Tim Brown, who files criminal charges once cases have been investigated. By combining resources, expertise, and interagency cooperation, the Homicide Task Force works tirelessly to bring justice to victims and their families, while enhancing public safety in our communities.

## LC PROSECUTOR'S CLERGY COUNCIL

The Lake County Prosecutor's Clergy Council, in partnership with Lake County Clerk Mike Brown, unites faith leaders from across the community to deepen their understanding of the criminal justice system. Through education, open dialogue, and resource sharing, clergy gain valuable perspective on crime prevention, victim services, and the justice process. This knowledge empowers them to more effectively guide and advocate for their congregations while building stronger partnerships between law enforcement and the faith community to advance safety, justice, and hope.

## LC PROSECUTOR'S HIGH TECH CRIME UNIT

The Lake County Prosecutor's High Tech Crime Unit, under the leadership of Executive Director and Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Edgar Rodriguez, and in partnership with Purdue University Northwest, specializes in extracting and analyzing critical information from electronic devices. Using advanced technology and forensic expertise, the unit recovers digital evidence that can be vital in solving cases, identifying suspects, and supporting successful prosecutions. This partnership enhances our ability to keep the community safe by ensuring that no piece of digital evidence goes overlooked.

## LET'S TALK MENTORING PROGRAM



## *Child Support*

The Lake County Prosecutor's Child Support Division works to ensure children receive the financial support they deserve—establishing, enforcing, and collecting child support orders to promote stability and the well-being of families in our community. For more information, call **219-883-3333**.

Let's Talk Mentoring Program is more than a conversation—it's a commitment to our youth. Through group discussions on real-life success stories, one-on-one sessions on making positive choices and guidance for achieving goals, we are helping young people build a foundation for a brighter future.

(Featured above: Prosecutor Carter and staff with Let's Talk students from Pierce Middle School in Merrillville at the end of the program fishing trip.)