

SALT LAKE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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LAW ENFORCEMENT BUREAU  
Special Investigations Unit

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# **SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS UNIT (SIU)**

**Investigates a wide range of complex and sensitive cases against both persons and property.**



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# SIU - INVESTIGATION RESPONSIBILITIES

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- Homicide
- Death Investigations- suicide, accidental, overdose
- Assault
- Domestic Violence
- Special Victims - rape, sexual assault, child abuse
- Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA)
- Threat Assessments
- Drug Investigations
- Officer Involved Critical Incidents (OICI)
- Background Investigations
- Robbery
- Theft
- Vandalism
- Burglary
- Fraud



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# SIU - STAFFING OVERVIEW

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Detectives specialize in various types of investigations but are trained to handle all types of cases.

Outside agencies regularly seek SIU's assistance due to its expertise, strong partnerships, and specialized capabilities.

## Staffing with Sheriff's Office

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2 Sergeants

9 Detectives

1 Victim Advocate

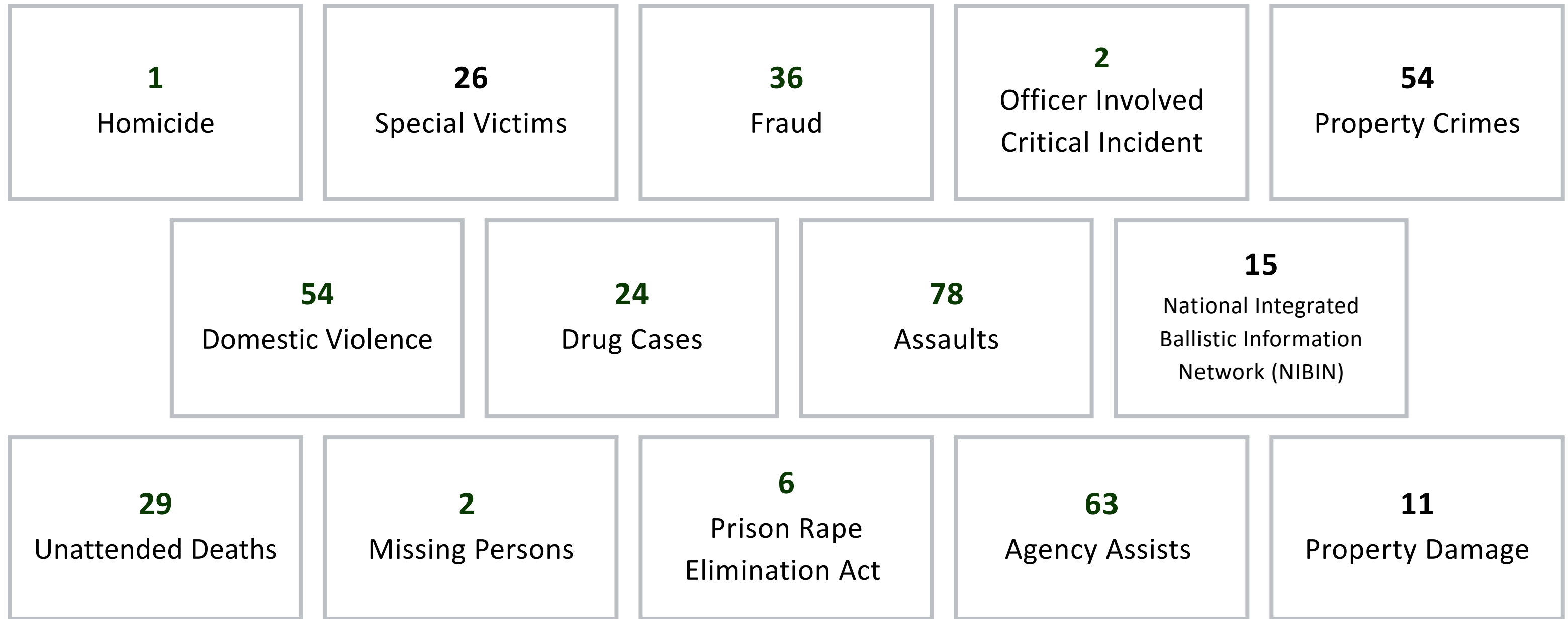
**Combined into Special  
Investigations Unit (SIU)**



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# SIU - INVESTIGATION STATISTICS

**401 INVESTIGATIONS** JULY 1, 2024 - MARCH 30, 2025



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# SIU - INVESTIGATION DETAILS

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## Homicide

- Mt. Olympus Trailhead | ~3,000 hours, 51 warrants | Title III wiretap added 1,080 hours | 5 gang members arrested

## Unattended Deaths

- 21 in the canyons | 4 in the islands | 4 in the jail

## Agency Assists

- 57 among all agencies within the county | 1 Wyoming - assisted identifying vehicle in nationwide ATM theft ring | 1 Juab County - consulted on death investigation | 1 Moab - linked to multi state ATM theft (TX, OK, CO, NE); ATM found in Nephi | 1 Davis County - SVU case involving CSAM | 2 San Juan County - homicide cases

## Assault Investigations

- 1 aggravated assault on peace officer | 3 aggravated assaults by prisoners | 74 assaults by prisoners

## Special Victims

- 14 felony cases | 30 search warrants | 5 arrests | 2 out of state assists

## Domestic Violence

- 42 investigations | misdemeanor to felony level cases

## Fraud

- 33 felony cases, 1 federal | ~400 hours, 40 subpoenas/warrants | \$45,500 recovered

## Victim Advocate

- 17 cases supported | 2 callouts | created new training



# SIU - TASK FORCE INVOLVEMENT

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Detectives serve on specialized task forces to enhance investigative capabilities, strengthen interagency collaboration, access critical intelligence, and use federal resources.

- **Child Abduction Response Team (CART):** rapid, multi-agency response to child abduction cases - Utah AG's Office
- **Human Trafficking Task Force:** investigates trafficking cases and supports victims through coordinated response - Utah AG's Office
- **Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC):** targets online child exploitation - Utah AG's Office
- **ATF Task Force:** supports gun violence investigations and ballistic analysis through the National Integrated Ballistic Information Network (NIBIN) - Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF)
- **Fentanyl Death Investigation Task Force:** investigate overdose deaths linked to fentanyl distribution - Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA)
- **FBI Cyber Crimes Task Force** (*in process*): focuses on cyber-enabled fraud and digital threats
- **FBI Violent Crimes Task Force** (*in process*): tackles violent crime through federal partnerships and intelligence sharing
- **Secret Service Financial Crimes Task Force:** collaborates on investigations into fraud and financial crimes (works with task force but not formally assigned)



# SIU - TASK FORCE DETAILS

## Child Abduction Response Team (CART)

Two call outs to support time-sensitive investigations

## Human Trafficking

In 2024, the task force opened 4,782 Child Sexual Abuse Material (CSAM) cases—a 498% increase since 2018

## Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC)

Assisted other agencies with four cases to date, resulting in federal and state charges

## Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF)

13 cases resulting in federal indictments; SIU has assisted five agencies to date, with additional requests anticipated due to specialized resources

## Fentanyl Death Investigation

Consulted/assisted four agencies on overdose investigations

## FBI Cyber Crimes Task Force

In partnership with Homeland Security Investigations (HSI), tracked a suspect to Canada in a multi-million-dollar ski pass fraud involving stolen credit cards used to purchase lift tickets (IKON Case)



# QUESTIONS?

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