



TEN POINT PLAN TO FIGHT VIOLENT CRIME IN HENNEPIN COUNTY

1. No more “Catch and Release” of Violent Repeat Offenders:

- Request significant bail and conditions for repeat felons and for felons on probation or supervised release.
- Hold violent offenders who are on probation for presumptive sentences without bail pending speedy violation hearings whenever possible.
- Focus prosecutions on repeat offenders and file speedy trial demands on behalf of the public when necessary.
- Strengthen partnerships between law enforcement, corrections and probation officers, and the County Attorney’s Office.

2. Empower Victims of Violent Crime

- As County Attorney, I will meet personally with the family of every homicide victim.
- Increase the use of community-impact statements at sentencing hearings.
- Transparency to victims as to all charging and settlement negotiations.
- Enhance culturally competent communication efforts to victims within BIPOC and immigrant communities, leveraging community organizations to provide resources and support.

3. Get Stolen and Illegal Firearms Off the Streets

- Partner with law enforcement, ATF, and the Department of Corrections to supervise and monitor gun offenders for illegal firearms or unlawful possession of firearms.
- Aggressively prosecute cases involving stolen or illegal firearms



4. Fix our Broken Juvenile Justice System:

- Work with Hennepin County Bench to update policies regarding the detention of violent juvenile offenders, protecting the public and the offender.
- Require serious juvenile offenders to be seen by a judge prior to release from custody.
- Lead a metro-wide effort for a state-of-the-art juvenile detention facility in partnership with other counties for pre-adjudication detention of serious violent juvenile offenders with mental health and chemical dependency services.

5. Aggressively Prosecute Carjacking Cases

- Support legislation creating a new Carjacking offense with mandatory penalties.
- Partner with the US Attorney and federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies to address carjacking “rings” and dangerous offenders.
- Increase the charging and conviction rates on motor vehicle thefts that are gateway offenses to carjackings.

6. Hold Fentanyl Dealers Accountable

- Support common sense legislation that increases the penalties for possession and sale of fentanyl to equal penalties for heroin sale and possession (fentanyl is 50 times more potent than heroin).
- Support legislation to make fentanyl a Schedule I controlled substance.
- Partner with US Attorney’s Office, public health agencies, law enforcement, and the community to reduce fentanyl use and overdoses in Hennepin County.
- Prosecute dealers who knowingly sell fentanyl resulting in overdose or death with felony assault or Third-Degree Homicide.



7. Enforce the Law:

- Reject proposals to uniformly stop charging “lower-level” felony offenses.
- Reject proposals to uniformly charge certain felony offenses as misdemeanors or gross misdemeanors.

8. Support Lawful Traffic and Investigation Stops

- No prohibition on the use of evidence seized after a lawful investigative stop of a motor vehicle—especially illegal firearms.
- Ensure substantial added jail time for any offender who dangerously flees the police, requiring law enforcement to end the pursuit.
- Support legislation creating a more serious felony for recklessly fleeing from law enforcement.

9. Transparency in All Charging Decisions

- Create a public dashboard to provide the public with data on felony cases charged and declined for all categories of cases.
- All charge declination letters will be public documents with redactions when appropriate.
- Strengthen the County Attorney’s relationship with law enforcement and ensure consultation on charging decisions.

10. Create a Violent Crime Reduction Standing Committee

- A county-wide working group consisting of local, state, and federal law enforcement, local and state elected officials, probation and corrections personnel, and community leaders. The steering group will meet regularly and publicly and will hold itself accountable for results.