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A Letter from the Attorney General

Peter F. Neronha



Everything we do, we do in service of the people of Rhode Island. When I became Attorney General in 2019, I knew I wanted to use every tool at our disposal to improve the lives of Rhode Islanders. This directive required us to push past the status quo and use the full scope of our authority. And we achieved significant results: we protected residents from gun violence, deceptive sales practices, and fraud; held polluters accountable; advocated on behalf of victims of violent crime, including cases of child sex abuse within the Diocese of Providence; and helped to ensure Rhode Islanders have access to accessible, affordable health care, among many other initiatives.

Appropriately, the more than 260 lawyers and staff members who make up this office, the majority of whom are Rhode Islanders themselves, show up to work every day

to serve the people of this state. Not because the job is easy (it isn't), but because they are committed to our collective mission. My Office continues to operate at an extraordinarily high level, and Rhode Islanders reap the benefits. We are the people's lawyers, and that principle consistently guides our work.

As you will see in our annual report, the last of my Administration, the results speak for themselves, and I'm enormously proud of all of the attorneys and staff who together achieved those results. Without a doubt, this Office has changed over these past two terms, and it is now stronger than ever.

It has been my great honor to serve as your Attorney General, and with my Office of dedicated public servants, we will be running through the tape, so to speak. It is my hope that the next Attorney General takes the Office to even greater heights, because I believe we can always do more to improve the lives of all Rhode Islanders.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "P. Neronha".



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Keeping Our Communities Safe

Delivering Results

The **Criminal Division** is comprised of **150 staff members**, consisting of prosecutors, investigators, victim advocates, and support staff. Cases are prosecuted by attorneys assigned to specialized units focusing on public integrity, civil rights, narcotics and violent crimes, gangs, firearms, Medicaid fraud, and special victims, including child abuse, domestic violence, sexual assault, and elder abuse.

In 2025, the Criminal Division handled **65 trials** overall. Of those cases tried, prosecutors secured **35 guilty verdicts**, 24 defendants were found not guilty; four cases resulted in a hung jury; and no cases resulted in a mistrial.

Some notable verdicts include:

- On March 12, 2025, **Shawn Mann** (age 34) was sentenced to serve two consecutive life sentences at the ACI for the murder of 24-year-old Miya Brophy-Baermann and the attempted murder of Sheron Robinson.
- On March 28, 2025, **Michael Lambert** (age 48) and **Gary Gromkiewicz** (age 37) were both sentenced to life at the ACI for the murder and conspiracy to murder Leila Duarte DaLuz after the defendants viciously assaulted her and left her to drown in Carbuncle Pond.
- On May 2, 2025, **Chandler Cardente** (age 30) was sentenced to serve 35 years at the ACI after pleading nolo contendere to six counts of first-degree child molestation against a female victim under the age of 14 in December 2021.
- On June 10, 2025, **Nelson Nunez** (age 34) was sentenced to serve 13 years at the ACI for multiple counts related to fentanyl trafficking, following an investigation by the Rhode Island State Police High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area Task Force (HIDTA).

- On October 15, 2025, **Daniel Famiglietti** (age 60) was sentenced to serve seven years at the ACI for driving under the influence and causing a crash that killed 53-year-old Linda Sherman in 2024.

Gun Laws in Action

Ghost guns continue to be sought out more frequently by those who are otherwise prohibited from lawfully purchasing or possessing guns in Rhode Island. In 2025, the Office charged and disposed of **81 cases** involving ghost guns.

In 2021, the General Assembly strengthened laws against **straw purchasing**, which occurs when an individual purchases or obtains a gun for another person, knowing that the other person is prohibited from possessing a firearm. These laws go right to the heart of ensuring that firearms don't fall into the wrong hands in Rhode Island. The Office charged **eight cases** of straw purchasing in 2025.

In 2022, the General Assembly passed a bill banning **large capacity feeding devices**, which the Office successfully defended in the United States Court of Appeals in 2024. The Office charged **320 cases** involving magazines with a capacity between 11-30 in 2025.

2025 By the Numbers

430

cases disposed
statewide

247

cases involving
multiple firearms

81

cases involving
ghost guns*

320

cases involving
magazines
with capacity 11-30+

64

cases involving
magazines
with capacity 30+

8

cases involving
straw purchasing,
or "lying & buying"



Keeping Our Communities Safe

Combating Violent Crime with New Tools

Throughout 2025, Attorney General Neronha continued leading legislative and technological efforts to empower law enforcement in tracing and combating the root causes of gun violence in Rhode Island. These innovations enable the Office to aggressively confront and deter the usage of ghost guns and the practice of straw purchasing.

In 2022, the Office connected to the **National Integrated Ballistic Information Network (NIBIN)**. By capturing and comparing ballistic evidence, law enforcement can now generate leads in as few as five hours. This investment has allowed our Office to make crucial connections and help crack cases faster, getting guns and violent offenders off the street quicker than ever before. In 2025, RIAG NIBIN received **244 inputs** from local police departments, resulting in **86 investigative leads**.



Community Violence Intervention

In 2024, the Office established a new role – the Director of Community Violence Intervention and Prevention (CVIP) – to take a proactive approach to violence intervention. Since then, CVIP has engaged with local municipalities and organizations to bridge the gap between state agencies and the local community.

Through CVIP, the Office has supported many community-based organizations' violence prevention grant applications and has provided written support for projects focused on violence intervention and prevention. CVIP secured or assisted in securing federal funds totaling roughly \$936,000 to support a wide range of violence intervention, prevention, and victim services programs, including enhancement of our Cold Case Unit's use of DNA analysis and upgrades to the State's Victim Notification System (VOICE).



Keeping Our Communities Safe

A Proactive Approach

The Office is laser-focused on **effective and aggressive enforcement** of our firearms laws, which requires **proactive measures** aimed at keeping guns out of the hands of criminals and preventing violent crime in the first place, as well as **prosecution and enforcement**, to ensure both accountability and deterrence.

Keeping our communities safe and holding accountable those that endanger Rhode Islanders are among the highest priorities for the Office. The Urban Violent Crime Initiative is a prosecutor-led partnership with the Providence, Pawtucket, and Central Falls Police Departments; the Department of Corrections; and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives. Working together, prosecutors, investigators, and analysts are gathering data and intelligence, analyzing the information, and setting violent crime enforcement priorities.

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Rhode Islanders are entitled under state law to have certain, non-violent offenses expunged from their record, and they deserve to have the process be as seamless and easily accessible as possible.
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Attorney General Neronha



Attorney General Neronha stands with law enforcement partners to announce the closing of two decades-old homicide cold cases on October 29, 2025.

Second Chances

Expungement is the process by which a record of criminal conviction is destroyed or sealed from the court record. An expungement order directs the court to treat the criminal conviction as if it had never occurred, essentially removing it from a criminal record.

Criminal convictions can be prohibitive to finding employment, housing, and other basic needs. For this reason, the Office created an expungement program for certain criminal arrests or convictions, including some misdemeanor crimes and certain non-violent felonies.

In October 2025, Attorney General Neronha hosted an expungement clinic, where **46 attendees met with employees from our Office to take the first step in the expungement process** for non-violent criminal offenses, as provided under state law. Through this service, the Office aims to provide relief from the adverse effects of a nonviolent criminal record.

Since its inception in 2020, and as of March 2026, the Office has received 6177 expungement applications for assessment, the Office completed 3867 expungement applications, with 2260 applicants learning that all or some of their charges were eligible for expungement.



Preserving Our Environment

Paying for Pollution

Access to and enjoyment of Rhode Island's unique natural resources should be available for all as a cornerstone of our public health and quality of life. From protecting public access to the state's coastal and waterfront resources to making sure major energy facilities are properly regulated, the Office has ramped up environmental enforcement efforts.

From federal lawsuits to initiatives with state and local partners, Attorney General Neronha continued his ardent defense of the environment throughout 2025.

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Rhode Island and Connecticut rely on this project for energy pricing stability and affordability, electric grid reliability, environmental health, good-paying union jobs, and more.

Attorney General Neronha

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Revolution Wind

Revolution Wind is located 15 nautical miles off the coast of Rhode Island. It is a wind energy facility expected to deliver enough electricity to the New England grid to power 350,000 homes and save Connecticut and Rhode Island ratepayers hundreds of millions of dollars over 20 years.

On August 22, 2025, the Bureau of Ocean and Energy Management (BOEM) issued a stop work order to Revolution Wind, and did so without identifying any violation of law or imminent threat to safety. At the time, the project was approximately 80% complete, had been vetted and approved through every layer of the federal and state regulatory process, and is supported by binding contracts and legal mandates.

Working with our counterparts in Connecticut, we sued the Trump Administration in Federal District Court in Rhode Island and halted enforcement of two stop work orders issued by this Administration as part of a targeted attack on clean energy.

Because this Office took the Administration to court, **Revolution Wind began delivering power to New England on March 12, 2026.**



Preserving Our Environment

Barletta Settlement

Over the course of construction at the Route 6/10 Interchange, Barletta Heavy Division illegally dumped more than 4,500 tons of contaminated stone and soil from Massachusetts at the site of the project. Under the terms of the State's contract with Barletta, the company was required to analyze any fill brought to the 6/10 project site for contaminants and certify that any fill would be suitable for use at the site. When confronted by state regulators, Barletta deceived state regulators about the true source and contaminated nature of the fill.

On May 5, 2025, Attorney General Neronha announced that Barletta agreed to an **\$11 million settlement** to resolve its violations of Rhode Island solid waste laws. Under the terms of the settlement agreement, Barletta admitted to all of the conduct alleged against it in the civil complaint, and resolved the criminal complaint.

Proceeds from the \$11 million settlement negotiated by Attorney General Neronha were used to establish the Attorney General's 6/10 Children's Fund at the Rhode Island Foundation. This initiative was created to directly fund dental care services for youth in Providence, where a lack of access to these services caused hundreds of elementary and middle school students to have unmet dental care needs every school year.

In March 2026, the Rhode Island Foundation administered grants from the 6/10 Children's Fund to four nonprofits to expand dental care access for Providence children.



Attorney General Neronha joins the Rhode Island Foundation to announce \$7.9 million in grants to provide dental care for Providence children.

Protecting our Shoreline

Rhode Island's shoreline is one of its most valuable resources, and protecting it benefits everyone in our state. So, when Quidnessett Country Club allegedly destroyed shoreline to build an unpermitted seawall, we took them to court.

As alleged, beginning in 2023, the Coastal Resources Management Council (CRMC) identified that Quidnessett Country Club built an unauthorized seawall located along the 14th hole of the Club's golf course. Upon inspection, CRMC staff discovered that a seawall had indeed been wrongfully constructed along the bay shore, that vegetation had been destroyed and cut along the shore, and that tidal waters had been filled with stone and fill material.

Despite multiple orders from the CRMC instructing Quidnessett Country Club to remove the seawall, the wall still stands. Among other actions, the Attorney General is seeking (1) the removal of the illegal seawall and (2) the restoration and stabilization of the site and coastline affected.



Supporting Health Care

Advocating for Affordability and Access to Care

Over the course of 2025, the Office continued its important work in health care – not because the Office was intrinsically built to do so, but because there is a need in the state for forward-thinking leadership on this critical issue.

The Office has engaged in relentless advocacy to ensure that Rhode Islanders have access to affordable health care. From publicly opposing rate increases proposed by various insurance companies to encouraging the Office of the Health Insurance Commissioner to take bold action to strengthen primary care in the state, Attorney General Neronha was a consistent leader in voicing the need for reform in Rhode Island's health care system throughout 2025.

Stabilizing Safety-Net Hospitals

Since 2021, Attorney General Neronha has been deeply committed to ensuring that Roger Williams Medical Center and Our Lady of Fatima Hospital stay open and able to provide quality health care to Rhode Islanders amid financial challenges. In June 2021, the Office concluded a year-long review of a transaction in which Prospect Medical Holdings proposed to transfer its ownership stake in the CharterCARE hospitals to two minority stake owners.

The Office approved the transaction with conditions that required them – and Prospect – to pay \$80 million into escrow for the benefit of the CharterCARE Hospitals, which include Fatima and Roger Williams. The Office held Prospect to these conditions, including securing a court order demanding that Prospect pay \$17 million in outstanding invoices to vendors.



Following the review of a separately proposed transaction, the Office issued a decision on June 20, 2024, that conditionally approved a change in ownership of the CharterCARE hospitals from Prospect Medical Holdings to The Centurion Foundation. Centurion's acquisition would transfer these hospitals from for-profit, private equity ownership to non-profit ownership.

Attorney General Neronha's decision required conditions that would ensure the viability of the hospital system and the continuity of health care services and operations at Roger Williams and Fatima, including the creation of a fund of \$66.8 million to be used for the benefit of the CharterCARE Hospitals.

In January 2025, Prospect filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy in the federal bankruptcy court in Dallas, Texas. After successfully advocating for approval of the hospital sale in bankruptcy court, using escrow funds to ensure the hospitals' continued operation, and working with the General Assembly to pass an \$18 million funding backstop, the Centurion Foundation closed on the sale of Roger Williams Medical Center and Fatima Hospital in March 2026.



Supporting Health Care

A Way Forward

On May 28, 2025, Attorney General Neronha announced a series of health care-related initiatives aimed at providing immediate relief and long-term solutions for Rhode Island's failing health care system.

These initiatives include filing a lawsuit against the three largest Pharmacy Benefit Managers (PBMs), introducing multiple pieces of legislation to increase support for primary care providers, issuing proposed regulations to improve market oversight, and announcing a collaboration between the Attorney General and the Brown University School of Public Health Center for Advancing Health Policy Through Research (CAHPR) to examine potential policy options for state-based health system reform.

The proposals and initiatives set forth by the Attorney General produced results for Rhode Island's health care system, including:

- **\$40 million** included in the General Assembly's budget to increase Medicaid payments to primary care providers
- **3-year pilot program** to eliminate prior authorization requirements for certain primary care services, included in the General Assembly's budget
- **A Pre-Merger Notification Rule** to improve oversight of transactions involving medical practice groups, active as of January 28, 2026.
- **State-based health system reform** options resulting from collaboration with CAHPR.



Attorney General Neronha holds a rally at the State House to urge legislators to raise Medicaid reimbursement rates for primary care.

Expanding Primary Care

On September 30, 2025, Attorney General Neronha announced his decision to conditionally suspend the Office's investigation into the merger between Brown University Health's physician organization, Brown Health Medical Group (BHMG), and Brown Physicians Inc. under the Office's antitrust review authority.

As part of the conditions set forth in the agreement, Brown University Health agreed to take on **40,000 new patients** and hire up to **27 new primary care providers (PCPs)**, among other stipulations that will increase access to primary care for Rhode Islanders and will ensure physicians are better supported and compensated.

Learn more about the Office's health care initiatives at
riag.ri.gov/way-forward



Standing up to Powerful Interests

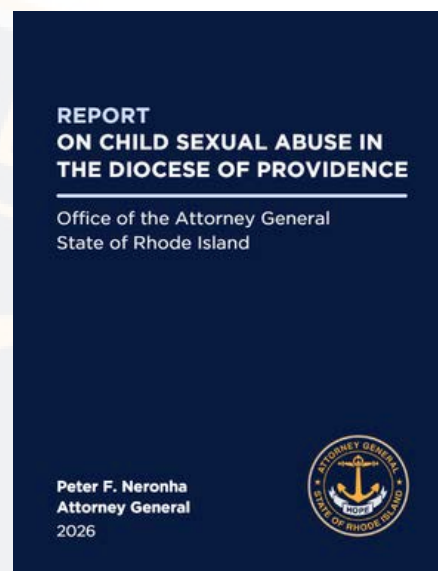
The Diocese Report

On March 4, 2026, Attorney General Neronha published the Office's Report on Child Sexual Abuse in the Diocese of Providence. The report, which describes the Diocese's handling of decades of clergy abuse, is the result of a years-long investigation by the Office of the Attorney General, with assistance from the Rhode Island State Police.

Office investigators reviewed over **250,000 pages of records** produced by the Diocese which included personnel files of accused priests, records of internal investigations of abuse complaints, correspondence involving bishops and other senior Diocesan leaders, "treatment" reports for accused priests, Diocesan policies, and other materials. Detectives and investigators also attempted to reach more than **300 victims**, and made contact with nearly 150 of them, to discuss reported instances of abuse by Diocesan clergy.

Child sexual abuse in the Diocese of Providence occurred on an abhorrent, staggering scale. And as our report describes, for decades the Diocese of Providence engaged in a well-worn pattern of protecting the reputation of the Church and its priests over the welfare of children.

Attorney General Neronha



As a result of the investigation, the Office identified **75 credibly accused clergy**, including 61 Diocesan priests and deacons, 13 religious order members, and one extern priest, who reportedly abused over 300 victims from 1950 to 2011. The Office brought criminal charges against four current and former priests for child sexual abuse they allegedly committed while serving in the Diocese. Three are currently awaiting trial and are presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

In June 2026, the Rhode Island General Assembly passed legislation, recommended by our Office in the Report, which opens a two-year revival window for victims to file civil suits against those responsible for their abuse.

Learn more about the Report at
riag.ri.gov/diocese-report



Standing up to Powerful Interests

Opioid Accountability

The opioid epidemic has had devastating impacts on communities across the United States, which is still felt decades later. In 2024 alone, more than 329 Rhode Islanders lost their lives to accidental overdose, with over **69%** of those deaths attributed to opioids.

In June 2025, Attorney General Neronha announced that Rhode Island recovered nearly **\$30 million** after attorneys general, representing all 55 eligible states and U.S. territories, agreed to sign on to a \$7.4 billion settlement with Purdue Pharma and its owners, the Sackler family. The Sackler family agreed to proceed with the settlement, which resolves litigation against Purdue and Sacklers for their role in creating and worsening the opioid crisis across the country.

Additionally, in July 2025, Attorney General Neronha announced that Rhode Island will recover approximately **\$3 million** in settlements with eight drug makers that manufactured opioid pills and worsened the nationwide opioid crisis. The defendants will pay approximately \$720 million in total nationwide.

As of June 2026, the Office has recovered more than **\$315 million** in cash and lifesaving medication for Rhode Island in settlements with opioid manufacturers, distributors, and consultants who advised those companies. **All funds recovered through Rhode Island's opioid settlements must be used for opioid treatment, prevention, and recovery efforts to combat the opioid epidemic.**



Energy Affordability

At a time when energy prices are soaring, our Office has been advocating for Rhode Islanders over utility profits.

In 2022, the Division of Public Utilities and Carriers (DPUC) approved the sale of The Narragansett Electric Company to Rhode Island Energy based on the Company's commitment to hold ratepayers harmless from any increased costs attributable to the sale.

In 2025, Rhode Island Energy sought to change the method of satisfying the Hold Harmless Commitment through a proposal for miscellaneous bill credits to be issued in the winters of 2026 and 2027. In October 2025, Attorney General Neronha filed a position paper and supporting testimony with the Public Utilities Commission arguing that the discount rate used by Rhode Island Energy significantly understates the value owed to ratepayers by \$37-\$39 million dollars.

Following Attorney General Neronha's advocacy, Rhode Island Energy withdrew the plan to change the Hold Harmless Commitment. Rhode Island ratepayers should get the full relief they deserve, and this Office will continue to stand up for their interests.



Demanding Federal Accountability

Federal Action Response

Since day one, the Trump Administration has taken actions that extend far beyond the President's constitutional authority. These actions are impacting the rights of Rhode Islanders in real time.

But attorneys general across the country have been fighting back swiftly and successfully, creating the biggest and best law firm in the country; one that is working tirelessly to safeguard the rights of Americans. Our Office is leading the charge, taking key issues to Rhode Island federal court and courtrooms across the country.

Since January 20, 2025, this Office has filed **61 cases** against the Administration, with **14 of these cases filed in Rhode Island**, to put a stop to their actions that violate the rights of Americans and harm Rhode Islanders.

As of June 2026, our Office has recovered over **one billion dollars** in monetary value that Rhode Island would have lost without legal action.

The following are examples of cases brought in Rhode Island.



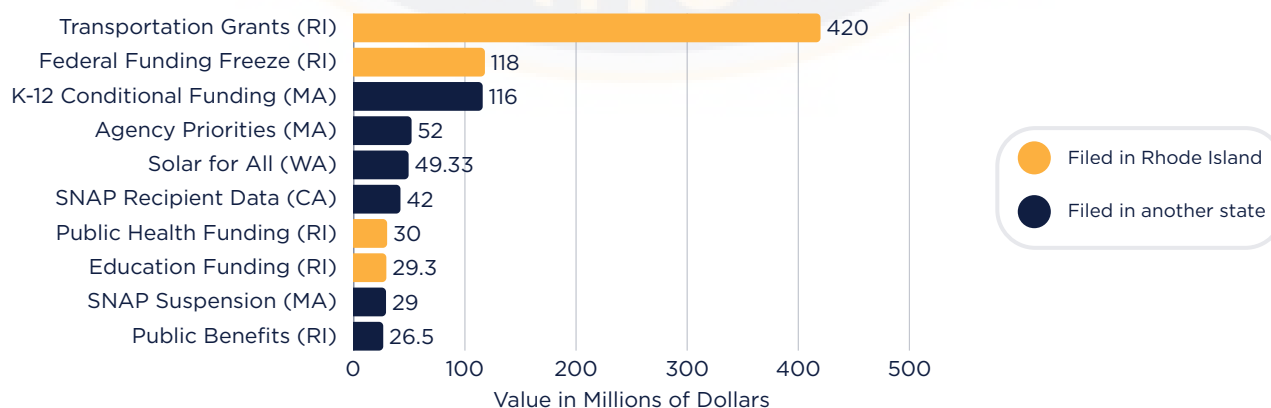
Attorney General Neronha joins other New England attorneys general for a public town hall in Boston in May 2025.

OMB Funding Freeze

On January 28, 2025, Attorney General Neronha co-lead a coalition of 22 attorneys general in filing a lawsuit in Rhode Island to stop the implementation of a Trump administration policy that ordered the withholding of trillions of dollars in funding that every state in the country relies on to provide essential services to millions of Americans.

On January 31, 2025, the U.S. District Court for the District of Rhode Island granted the coalition's request for a temporary restraining order, halting the implementation of the administration's policy.

Top Ten Cases by Monetary Value



Demanding Federal Accountability

Education Funding Freeze

On July 14, 2025, Attorney General Neronha co-lead a coalition of 22 attorneys general and two governors in filing a lawsuit in Rhode Island against the Trump Administration for its unconstitutional, unlawful, and arbitrary decision to freeze funding for six longstanding programs administered by the U.S. Department of Education, just weeks before the start of the school year.

Without this funding, many educational programs would have been impacted, including English as a second language instruction, summer school programs, improvements to classroom technology, and more. In Rhode Island, an estimated \$29 million in federal education funding was frozen, with many ongoing summer learning programs left immediately unfunded.

In August 2025, Attorney General Neronha and the coalition secured an agreement requiring the Trump Administration to release the full balance of remaining education funding at issue in a multistate lawsuit by no later than October 3, 2025.

**“
We are experiencing
creeping authoritarianism
in this country, and as a
people we must continue
to resist.
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Attorney General Neronha



Attorney General Neronha speaks with Rhode Islanders about federal accountability at a town hall in Barrington in March 2025.

Transportation Grants

On May 13, 2025, a coalition of attorneys general filed a lawsuit in Rhode Island against Department of Transportation (DOT) and DOT Secretary Sean Duffy to challenge a directive that requires all state and local governments to assist in federal immigration enforcement as a condition of obtaining DOT funds.

Those funds include grants for highway construction, public transportation maintenance, and competitive funds for airport and railway improvement. If the Administration had been allowed to withhold these federal funds, up to \$628 million in competitive federal grant awards and hundreds of millions more in FHWA funding allocations – including funding for the Washington Bridge project – were at risk in Rhode Island.

In June 2025, the Court issued a preliminary injunction, blocking the Administration from illegally imposing immigration conditions on these funds. Attorney General Neronha and the coalition secured a permanent injunction in this case in November 2025.



Defending Consumers

Returning Money to Wallets

Protecting consumers is a top priority for our Office. The Consumer and Economic Justice Unit helps consumers resolve complaints against businesses, whether it's a refund for a cancelled trip or services paid for but never delivered. From a \$20 overcharge on your bill to complaint amounts in the thousands of dollars, the Consumer Protection Unit helps with issues that impact the lives of Rhode Islanders.

The Office's Consumer Protection Unit, staffed by three investigators who field consumer complaints, returned more than **\$1.5 million** to **434 consumers** in 2025.

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We must protect consumers and businesses alike by enforcing consumer protection laws, and we will continue to do so where unfair and deceptive tactics are employed.

Attorney General Neronha

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2025 By the Numbers

434

complaints resolved

\$1,565,371

total value

Defending Consumers Across the Country

Since taking office, Attorney General Neronha has worked with attorneys general across the country to take on big businesses that put profits over people. In 2025, Attorney General Neronha secured wins for Rhode Island consumers on the national level, including:

- On September 2, 2025, Attorney General Neronha, a coalition of attorneys general, and the Justice Department's antitrust division won significant remedies in a case targeting Google's monopoly over online search in District of Columbia federal court.
- On December 16, 2025, Attorney General Neronha joined 34 other attorneys general in announcing a **\$4.5 million** settlement with auto manufacturers Hyundai and Kia over the sale of vehicles that lacked industry-standard antitheft technology.



Defending Consumers

Uncovering Deceptive Trade Practices

In 2021, Attorney General Neronha worked with the General Assembly to pass legislation that restored the authority of the Office of the Attorney General to protect Rhode Island consumers against violations of the **Deceptive Trade Practices Act (DTPA)**.

In December 2024, Attorney General Neronha filed a lawsuit against A.R. Building Company, Inc. (ARBC), a national real estate management corporation with properties across Rhode Island, alleging they violated the DTPA.

Attorney General Neronha resolved these allegations with a **\$213,000** settlement in April 2025, which included refunds for affected consumers. The terms of the settlement also require ARBC to comply with certain conditions, which include that ARBC will stop charging application fees to prospective tenants and will stop inquiring whether prospective tenants have a disability.



Attorney General Neronha speaks with residents of Atria Senior Living in Portsmouth in July 2025.

“
Because of this settlement,
Rhode Island consumers
who paid unlawful parking
tickets and hidden fees
will be made whole again,
to the tune of more than a
million dollars.

Attorney General Neronha

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In August 2024, the Office filed a lawsuit against parking management company UPP Global, LLC, which alleged that UPP Global engaged in a pattern of unfair and deceptive conduct. The Office alleged that UPP Global knowingly hid the real price of parking, charged consumers hidden fees, and falsely threatened consumer’s license, registration, and credit by issuing parking tickets resembling official government communications.

Attorney General Neronha resolved these allegations with a **\$1.35 million** settlement in June 2026. The terms of the settlement require that Rhode Islanders who paid UPP parking tickets or hidden fees disguised as sales tax in Rhode Island between October 1, 2019, and August 31, 2024, are entitled to a refund for those payments.

In addition to requiring refunds, the terms of the settlement mandate that UPP Global must not threaten consumers with fines or violations that resemble government communications, must accept cash at its Rhode Island facilities; and must stop imposing undisclosed fees in the future.



Advocating for Victims

Cold Case Unit

Unsolved cold cases leave victims seeking justice and closure for years and, in many cases, decades. In 2023, the Office established a Cold Case Unit in the Attorney General's Office to provide for statewide management and advancement of cold cases. Since then, the unit has focused on supporting state and local police departments in their investigations of unsolved cold cases and one member received a certification in forensic genealogy.

In 2025, the Cold Case Unit, in collaboration with the North Providence and Narragansett Police Departments, investigated and closed two decades-old homicide cold cases. By investigating and solving cold cases, we achieve accountability and justice for victims, and deter future crimes.

“In 2023, when I sought funding to launch a Cold Case Unit, my mission was simple – deliver long-awaited answers for victims seemingly forgotten by time and for families who never gave up hope. Since then, through the incredible work of our Cold Case Unit and law enforcement collaborators, we have made significant progress in doing just that.”

Attorney General Neronha



Attorney General Neronha and the Office's Cold Case Unit announces the closing of two decades-old homicide cold cases on October 29, 2025.

Victim Services Team

The Victim Services Team (VST) provides an array of services to felony crime victims and their families. Victim Advocates are assigned to victims and their families to provide guidance and support through the criminal justice process — providing information about victim's rights, notification regarding the status of the offender's case, providing personal assistance at court appearances, and helping victims better understand and participate in the criminal justice process.

In 2025, the Victim Services Team **served 7,604 victims** of felony and misdemeanor crimes. Over **45,000 status notices** were generated notifying victims of scheduled court events from initial arraignment through the appellate process. The Victim Services Team **provided personal support at 12,960 court proceedings** such as trials, bail and violation hearings, and meetings with prosecutors in some instances utilizing several of the online virtual meeting platforms. More than **12,500 referrals** were made to other victim service provider agencies, and over **6000 email and telephone contacts** were made on victim-related matters.



Promoting Transparency & Accountability

Open Government

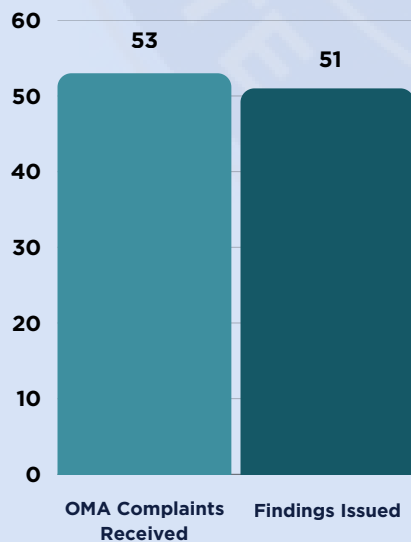
The Office's **Open Government Unit** investigates alleged violations related to the **Access to Public Records Act (APRA)** and the **Open Meetings Act (OMA)**, among other responsibilities.

In July 2025, the Office hosted its annual **Open Government Summit** in partnership with **Roger Williams University Law Alumni Association**. The summit offers both practitioners and members of the public invaluable insight on best practices in promoting a more transparent government. The 2025 Summit had **over 500 in-person and virtual attendees**.

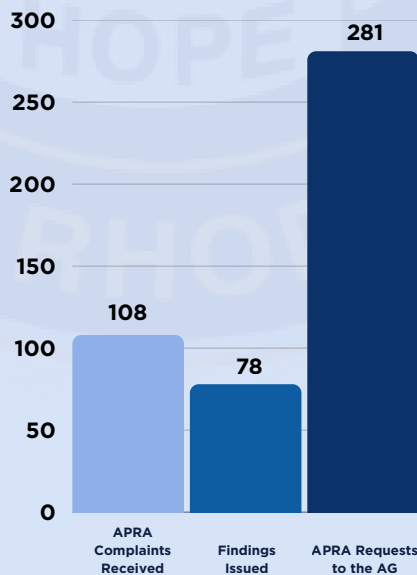
Ahlquist v. Woonsocket Police Department

In 2025, the Open Government Unit investigated a complaint that the Woonsocket Police Department improperly redacted the faces of public officials or employees from body-worn camera footage of a tour of a homeless encampment. In this case, the Office found the redactions impermissible given the public interest and the limited personal privacy interests implicated pertaining to footage that depicted public officials conducting public business.

2025 OMA Statistics



2025 APRA Statistics



OMA Violations
Found: 18
Warnings Issued: 18
Litigation/Civil Penalties Sought: 0

OMA Written Advisory Requests Received: 0
OMA Advisory Opinions Issued: 1

APRA Violations
Found: 28
Warnings Issued: 27
Litigation/Civil Penalties Sought: 1

APRA Written Advisory Requests Received: 0
APRA Advisory Opinions Issued: 1



Law Enforcement Statistics

From: 01/01/2025 to: 12/31/2025

SUPERIOR COURT CASE STATISTICS									
	FILED			DISPOSED			ACTIVE PENDING SC		
COUNTY	MISD	FELONY	TOTAL	MISD	FELONY	TOTAL	MISD	FELONY	TOTAL
Kent	194	639	833	149	626	775	375	2832	3207
Newport	65	271	336	14	35	49	110	810	920
Providence	991	3680	4671	622	2529	3151	1528	12647	14175
Washington	102	277	379	65	261	326	145	1038	1183
Statewide	1352	4867	6219	850	3451	4301	2158	17327	19485

AGE AT DISPOSITION										
	< 90 DAYS		91- 180 DAYS		181- 270 DAYS		271- 360 DAYS		360+ DAYS	
COUNTY	MISD	FELONY	MISD	FELONY	MISD	FELONY	MISD	FELONY	MISD	FELONY
Kent	48	124	18	55	12	41	20	41	51	340
Newport	2	4	2	3	2	8	0	8	8	14
Providence	97	358	59	221	115	294	99	294	251	1424
Washington	18	31	7	19	13	21	6	21	21	173
Statewide	165	517	86	298	142	364	125	364	331	1951

MANNER OF DISPOSITIONS - FELONIES										
COUNTY	GUILTY	NOT GUILTY	NGRI	NG/FILING	PLEA	DISM 48A	DISM JA	MISTRIAL	HUNG JURY	OTHER
Kent	8	2	0	0	536	68	1	0	0	11
Newport	0	2	0	0	21	10	0	0	0	0
Providence	14	14	0	3	1994	415	9	0	0	75
Washington	5	3	0	0	196	41	1	0	0	11
Statewide	27	21	0	3	2747	534	11	0	0	97

MANNER OF DISPOSITIONS - MISDEMEANOR APPEALS										
COUNTY	GUILTY	NOT GUILTY	NGRI	NG/FILING	PLEA	DISM 48A	DISM JA	MISTRIAL	HUNG JURY	OTHER
Kent	0	0	0	1	116	24	1	0	0	7
Newport	0	0	0	0	5	8	0	0	0	1
Providence	0	1	0	5	420	153	0	0	0	43
Washington	0	2	0	0	47	14	0	0	0	0
Statewide	0	3	0	6	588	199	1	0	0	51

MANNER OF DISPOSITIONS - STATEWIDE TOTALS										
COUNTY	GUILTY	NOT GUILTY	NGRI	NG/FILING	PLEA	DISM 48A	DISM JA	MISTRIAL	HUNG JURY	OTHER
Kent	8	2	0	1	652	92	2	0	0	18
Newport	0	2	0	0	26	18	0	0	0	1
Providence	14	15	0	8	2414	568	9	0	0	118
Washington	5	5	0	0	243	55	1	0	0	11
Statewide	27	24	0	9	3335	733	12	0	4	148

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