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Hillsborough County State Attorney's Office Selected to Participate in Innovative Safety and Justice National Research Project

Tampa, Florida – The Hillsborough County State Attorney's Office is excited to announce having been selected as one of only four prosecutor's offices in the nation to participate in a \$1.7 million grant-funded project under the MacArthur Foundation's Safety and Justice Challenge to study and develop more effective prosecutorial practices.

The grant will fund a two-year project conducted by researchers at Florida International University and Loyola University to examine data and policies to increase effectiveness and fairness in four districts nationwide: Hillsborough, Chicago, Jacksonville, and Milwaukee. In addition to participating in this initiative, the Hillsborough State Attorney's Office will receive \$100,000 to improve its data collection capabilities.

State Attorney Warren said, "From day one, we have embraced data-driven and evidence-based policies to build a safer community and promote justice and fairness. This partnership will help put Hillsborough County at the forefront of innovation in our criminal justice system."

State Attorney Warren will be in Miami, Florida, on March 20, 2018, to meet with the research team and participants to discuss project details and plan. The MacArthur Foundation's Safety and Justice Challenge aims to study and reduce over-incarceration and disparities within the criminal justice system by focusing on how prosecutors can analyze data to improve outcomes and better respond to community needs.

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