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District Attorney Investigator Named “Investigator of the Year”

VENTURA, California - The Ventura County District Attorney’s Office is proud to recognize Supervising Investigator Terry Dobrosky for his recent honor as the 2022 Los Angeles Internet Crimes Against Children (LA-ICAC) Investigator of the Year. LA-ICAC is a regional network of coordinated task forces covering five Southern California counties. It is dedicated to investigating, prosecuting and developing effective responses to internet crimes against children.

Dobrosky, a member of the DA Bureau of Investigation since 2016, received the LA-ICAC award at an event in Los Angeles. That same day the task force announced the arrest of 141 people in a wide-ranging crackdown on child sex predators across five Southern California counties, including Ventura County. A pioneer in his field, he developed a relationship with Cyacomb Forensics in 2020 to test new forensic software. The United Kingdom based company uses a new type of block hashing technology that allows law enforcement to locate partial files of child sexual abuse materials without requiring the full file.

Investigator Dobrosky along with Ventura County Prosecutor Rikole Kelly developed a model that is utilized state-wide to comply with search warrant guidelines, which substantially reduces the hundreds of individual warrants that would be needed to investigate cyber crimes against children.

In June of 2022, because of his high-level expertise, Dobrosky was called as an expert witness in a peer-to-peer federal child pornography case (*United States v. Lopez, CR 19-628-AB*) where the Assistant United States Attorney commended his work. The AUSA felt that Investigator Dobrosky was exceptional on the stand and noted the defendant’s expert repeatedly referenced Dobrosky’s testimony with praise.

Dedicated, driven and passionate are just some of the descriptions used by his colleagues in the Bureau of Investigation. The Ventura County District Attorney’s Office congratulates him on his award.

“Terry is a vital member our Bureau of Investigation, who is protecting children from online predators,” said District Attorney Erik Nasarenko. “We congratulate Terry on this well-deserved award and thank him for his continued efforts in the world of cyber investigations.”

Supervising Investigator Terry Dobrosky began his law enforcement career with the LAPD in 1998. He joined the Oxnard Police Department in 2002. Since joining the DA Bureau of Investigation, he has supervised the Sexual Assault Unit and now oversees the daily operations of the Southern California High Tech Task Force (SCHTTF)



Supervising Investigator Terry Dobrosky receiving the 2022 Los Angeles Internet Crimes Against Children Investigator of the Year award on Wednesday, September 14, 2022.



Speaking at the same event, Ventura County Prosecutor Rikole Kelly addresses the 141 arrests of child sex predators made across Southern California as part of Operation Protect the Innocent.

The Ventura County District Attorney's Office is the public prosecutor for the county's 850,000 residents. The office employs approximately 300 employees including attorneys, investigators, victim advocates, and professional support staff who strive to seek justice, ensure public safety, and protect the rights of crime victims.