



Press Release

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RAY TIERNEY KICKS OFF CAMPAIGN FOR SUFFOLK COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY WILL FIGHT TO KEEP OUR FAMILIES SAFE

CENTRAL ISLIP, NY - Raymond Tierney announced today that he is the Republican and Conservative candidate for Suffolk County District Attorney. Tierney, a lifelong prosecutor, was joined by a coalition of law enforcement officials, and victims whom he has aided at the announcement.

“I have personally tried Colombian drug cartel cases, white-collar crime cases, public corruption cases, and MS-13 racketeering cases—all in Suffolk County. I have personally prosecuted and jailed hundreds of MS-13 members for various crimes including murder.” Tierney said at his kick-off press conference. “For far too long the District Attorney’s Office has stood idly by while our citizens have been victimized and our public treasury fleeced. It has been no different under the current administration.”

A lifelong prosecutor Ray Tierney has spent his career fighting for justice and keeping the men and women of this county safe. Ray has made it his mission to ensure that Law Enforcement can do the job it needs to do and also making sure that victims get the justice they need and deserve.

Ray Tierney has dedicated his life to protecting the families of Suffolk County. As a successful prosecutor, Ray has tackled Suffolk’s gang problem head-on, putting dozens of members of MS-13 behind bars to protect our streets. Thanks to Ray Tierney, countless rapists, murderers, and other criminals are off the streets and behind bars where they belong. As our District Attorney, Ray Tierney will make sure his office is about prosecutions, not press releases.

Tierney has had a long record of successful cases keeping our families safe including: *United States v. Edwin Acosta-Martinez, et al.* - Indictment of 47 members of MS-13 for VICAR and RICO murder, attempted murder, and aid in racketeering. Lead attorney on the case against Jose Suarez and resulted in his conviction.



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United States v. Avides Simon Acosta, et. al - Conviction of over 20 MS-13 members for various VICAR and RICO murder, attempted murder, and aid in racketeering.

People v. Todd Slavik - Tried case and obtained the conviction of a felony offender charged with Forcible Rape.

People v. Matthew Filippi - Tried case and obtained the conviction of church music director over raping a student.

Ray also met and coordinated with Department of Justice officials regarding long-term international criminal prosecutions, and briefed the Attorney General and President on the status of MS-13 prosecutions both nation-wide and in New York.

Tierney added, “What’s happening now? History is repeating itself. There is a security crisis at the border, MS-13 members are once again streaming unchecked into the country and undoubtedly to Suffolk County. Moreover, there is a 100-day moratorium on all deportations including the removal of violent and dangerous criminals. Despite this clear and present danger to the safety of Suffolk County citizens, where is my opponent? Hiding under his desk and doing nothing because it is politically expedient.”

RAYMOND A. TIERNEY

CAREER PROSECUTOR

Raymond A. Tierney, graduated from Brown University in 1988, and St. John's University law school in 1992: He worked for 14 years as an Assistant District Attorney in Suffolk County. During his career in Suffolk, he investigated and prosecuted cases involving organized crime, street gangs, murders and other violent street crime. He also investigated political corruption, domestic violence, child abuse and child pornography. These prosecutions included long-term investigations in which he supervised the efforts of designated teams of detectives utilizing wiretaps, search warrants and grand jury investigations in order to uncover criminal activity and bring those responsible to justice.

While at the D.A.'s office he prosecuted Austen Offen and Constantine Chronis for the beating of Shane Daniels outside of a Hamptons nightclub in 1996. Offen beat the victim into a coma with the car security device known as the "Club" while Chronis, an active NYPD officer, held the crowd back with his service revolver.

In 2008, he joined the United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of New York. While there, he oversaw complex criminal investigations and prosecuted violations of federal criminal law including cases involving the Colombian Norte Valle Cartel responsible for importing over 50 tons of cocaine into the United States.

He also was responsible for prosecuting international white-collar cases such as a case against a call center in India utilized to contact and swindle millions of dollars from U.S. citizens in so-called "IRS Payment" scams.

Much of his career was devoted to the trial and conviction of numerous members of the MS-13 street gang for the commission of murders and other violent crimes on Long Island. He drafted and applied for search and arrest warrants, presented evidence to federal grand juries, prepared and filed indictments, engaged in pretrial discovery, litigated pretrial matters by motion and pretrial hearings and conducted jury trials and sentencing hearings putting hundreds of dangerous MS-13 members behind bars.

Among the cases Ray participated in was the trials of Brentwood MS-13 leader Heriberto Martinez and Carlos Ortega, who together were responsible for the commission of five murders over a five-week period in 2010. This included the murders of 19 year-old Vanessa Argueta and her two-year old son Diego Torres in Central Islip.





Both defendants were convicted of all counts in the indictment and are currently serving life sentences. Ray later tried MS-13 member Adalberto Guzman for shooting two year old Diego. Thanks to Ray and his team, Guzman is serving a life sentence. These five murders, in three separate counties, remained unsolved until federal authorities assumed prosecution of the cases.

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After the U.S. Attorney's Office, he went to the Kings County District Attorney's Office to run their Violent Criminal Enterprises Bureau, Crime Strategies Unit and Body-Worn Camera Unit.

While in Brooklyn, he oversaw all aspects of long-term violent street gang investigations and prosecutions in the office and worked with the NYPD and federal partners on developing investigations to seize guns, prosecute gang murders and allocate resources to dismantle the many criminal street gangs causing most of the violence in Brooklyn.

Ray is a candidate for District Attorney in Suffolk County, running on both the Republican and Conservative lines in the November 2021 election. As a career prosecutor, he is not a member of any political party and is running to rid the District Attorney's Office of the rampant partisan politics it is historically known for. He is particularly concerned with the politicization of criminal justice issues such as "Defund the Police" movement, disastrous bail reform laws and overly burdensome discovery rules, all designed to make it harder to put bad guys away. Ray and his wife are raising their four children in Suffolk County and want them to grow up in a safe and crime free environment.



Resume

EXPERIENCE

KINGS COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

Executive Assistant District Attorney, Kings County District Attorney's Office, 2019 –Present Executive in charge of Violent Criminal Enterprises Bureau, Crime Strategies Unit and Body Worn Camera Unit. Oversees all aspects of bureau responsible for long-term violent street gang investigation and prosecutions. Works with NYPD and federal partners on developing investigations to seize guns and best allocate resources to prosecute the many criminal street gangs causing most of the violence in Brooklyn. Oversee units utilizing the efforts of designated teams of prosecutors, NYPD investigators, district attorney investigators, analysts, paralegals and clerical staff.

UNITED STATES ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, Eastern District of New York, 2008 – 2019

Assistant U.S. Attorney, Criminal Division, 2008 – 2019

Oversaw complex criminal investigations and prosecutions. Prosecuted violations of federal criminal law on behalf of the United States Government. Investigated allegations of criminal conduct. Drafted and applied for search warrants and arrest warrants, presented evidence to federal grand juries, prepared and filed indictments, engaged in pretrial discovery and litigated pretrial matters by motion and pretrial hearings. Conducted jury trials and sentencing hearings. Met and coordinated with Department of Justice regarding long-term international criminal prosecutions, international fugitives and death penalty protocols. Debriefed the Attorney General on status of MS-13 prosecution nation-wide and in New York. Drafted appellate briefs and argued appeals before the Second Circuit Court of Appeals.

SUFFOLK COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

Assistant District Attorney, Suffolk County District Attorney's Office, 2002 – 2008

Assumed prosecution and investigation of state felony prosecutions including political corruption, organized crime, street gangs, homicides, violent street crimes, domestic violence, child abuse and child pornography. Prosecutions included long-term investigations overseeing efforts of designated team of detectives, utilizing wiretaps, search warrants, grand jury investigations and trials.

SHAUB, AHMUTY, CITRIN & SPRATT, L.L.P.

Associate, Shaub, Ahmuty, Citrin & Spratt, L.L.P., 1999-2002

Managed over 75 cases for litigation department of firm; have primary responsibility for all aspects of discovery and trial including depositions, suit evaluations, meeting with clients and expert witnesses, legal research, motion drafting, preparing cases for trial, jury selection and trying cases before juries in Bronx, Queens, Nassau and Suffolk Counties.

SUFFOLK COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

Assistant District Attorney, Suffolk County District Attorney's Office, 1992 – 1999

Prosecuted misdemeanors followed by felony grand jury case evaluation and presentment. Participated in all aspects of state felony prosecutions including homicides, kidnappings, arsons, violent sexual assaults and murder. Worked as District Court Trial Supervisor and supervised over 30 entry level ADAs.



HONORS

Federal Law Enforcement Association Prosecutor of the Year for successful prosecution of over twenty MS-13 members in *United States v. Alvarenga, et al.*, November 2016.

FBI Long Island Gang Task Force “Meritorious Service Award” for successful prosecution and support of the FBI’s mission to combat, disrupt and dismantle the MS-13, March 2015.

Federal Law Enforcement Association Prosecutor of the Year for successful trial prosecution of several MS-13 members in *United States v. Geovany Prado, et al.*, November 2014.

Federal Agent’s “True American Hero Award” for successful trial prosecution of Colombian Norte Valle Boss in *United States v. Carlos Arturo Patiño Restrepo*, March 2011.

Southampton Town Police Department’s “Full Court Press Prosecution Award” for successful prosecution in *United States v. Manning, Coffey, Johnson, Hopson and Gilliam*, September 2010.

Suffolk County District Attorney’s Office Distinguished Trial Advocacy Award for successful trial prosecution in *People v. Austin Offen and Constantine Chronis*, July 1999.

EDUCATION

ST. JOHN’S UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW, Jamaica, NY

Juris Doctor, June 1992

Honors: Articles Editor, *New York International Law Review*, 1991-92

BROWN UNIVERSITY, Providence, RI

Bachelor of Arts in History and English, June 1988

Brown University Varsity Football Team, 1985-88

BAR ADMISSIONS

State of New York

United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit

United States District Court, Eastern District of New York



Representative Cases

KINGS COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE,

EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY, BROOKLYN, NEW YORK

Investigation into the Folk Nation Street Gang, 2019, supervised long-term investigation into SRK and Newkirk subsets of the Folk Nation street gang operating out of the Flatbush area of Brooklyn. The investigation resulted in a 65-count Indictment charging twenty-one Folk Nation gang members with crimes including murder, attempted murder, reckless endangerment, possession of firearms and conspiracy. Specifically, the investigation resulted in these gang members being charged with the commission of two murders.

Investigation into the Bloods Street Gang - Untouchable Gorilla Stone Nation ("UGSN"), 2019, supervised long-term investigation into acts of violence committed by a sub-set of the Bloods UGSN street gang known as Brick Squad, which operated throughout Brooklyn and dealt drugs in all five boroughs of New York and Troy, New York, as well as in the state of Maine. The investigation resulted in a 48-count indictment charging ten gang members with crimes including murder, attempted murder, reckless endangerment, weapons possession, perjury and conspiracy. Specifically, the investigation resulted in gang members being charged with the commission of two murders.

Investigation into Gang War Between OMB and Folk Nation, 2020, supervised long-term investigation examining gang feud between sets of OMB gang and Folk Nation gang occurring in the Brownsville section of Brooklyn. The investigation culminated in the arrest of thirty-four gang members on a 144-count indictment charging them with the commission of a number of crimes including attempted murder, robbery, rape, reckless endangerment, weapons possession and conspiracy.

Investigation into ATM Burglaries, 2020, supervised historical investigation into previously unsolved burglaries of hundreds of ATM machines in Brooklyn, Queens and Manhattan utilizing primarily cellular phone location data, cellular phone records, car GPS data and video surveillance footage. The investigation resulted in the arrest of seven ring members charging them in an 81-count indictment with crimes including burglary, grand larceny and unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.

Investigation into Firearms Trafficking, 2020-21, supervised long-term investigation into the illegal transportation and sale of weapons obtained in the southern United States and sold on the streets of Brooklyn. The investigation resulted in the arrest of four individuals for the sale of forty-four guns.

Investigation into 900 Gang, 2020-21, supervised long-term investigation into the activities of the 900-street gang operating out of the Brownsville and Bedford Stuyvesant sections of Brooklyn. The investigation resulted in an indictment of nineteen gang members charging them with crimes including murder, attempted murder, reckless endangerment, weapons possession and conspiracy. Specifically, the investigation resulted in the gang members being charged with the commission of two murders.



UNITED STATES ATTORNEY'S OFFICE,

EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK ASSISTANT U.S. ATTORNEY, CRIMINAL DIVISION

United States v. Harendra Singh and United States v. Frederick Mei, 2014-2018, obtained convictions against a County/Town restaurateur and Deputy Town Attorney for the solicitation and receipt of bribes in exchange for official action relating to the Town of Oyster Bay's guarantee of approximately \$20 million in loans from a bank and lender.

United States v. Edward M. Walsh, Jr., 2016-2017, obtained convictions against the former Suffolk County Conservative Party Leader for his role in fraudulently obtaining payment for hours allegedly worked at the Suffolk County Sheriff's Office, when the defendant was, in fact, golfing, gambling or performing work on behalf of the Suffolk County Conservative Party. Obtained approximately \$500,000 in restitution and asset forfeiture.

United States v. Frederick Ippolito, 2016, obtained conviction against the former Town of Oyster Bay Commissioner of Planning and Development for tax evasion resulting from the defendant's failure to disclose over \$2 million in "consulting fees" earned from a Town contractor.

United States v. Edwin Acosta-Martinez, et al., 2016-18, indicted forty-seven MS-13 members for various crimes including VICAR and RICO murder, attempted murder and assault in aid of racketeering, Hobbs Act robbery, tampering with evidence, accessory after the fact, arson, conspiracy to distribute cocaine and marijuana, and related weapons charges. The indictment included charges that resulted in the prosecution of multiple defendants for the murder of sixteen separate victims, all of which had gone previously unsolved in the state. Included in these murders was the gang execution of two Brentwood High School girls and the hacking death of four young men inside a park. Prepared for trial for some defendants and completed the death penalty protocols for others. Personally, debriefed the United States Attorney General on the status of the indictment as well as MS-13 gang prosecutions in general in August of 2018. Was the lead trial attorney in the case against Jose Suarez, which resulted in the defendant being convicted for his murder of a Central Islip man and sentence to life imprisonment.

United States v. Avides Simon Acosta, et al., 2014-16, obtained convictions against over twenty MS-13 members for various crimes including VICAR and RICO murder, attempted murder and assault in aid of racketeering, Hobbs Act robbery and related weapons charges. The indictment included charges that resulted in the convictions of multiple defendants for the murder of eight separate victims, all but one of which had not been previously solved.

United States v. Jose Alvarenga, et al., 2012-14, obtained convictions against over twenty MS-13 members for various crimes including VICAR and RICO murder, attempted murder and assault in aid of racketeering, Hobbs Act robbery and related weapons charges. The indictment included charges that resulted in the convictions of multiple defendants for the murder of seven separate victims, all of which had gone previously unsolved in the state.



United States. v. Carlos Arturo Patiño Restrepo, 2009-11, obtained trial conviction for distribution and importation of thousands of kilograms of cocaine from Colombia into the United States. Patiño, a boss in the Norte Valle Drug Cartel, orchestrated multi-ton cocaine shipments to the United States throughout the 1990's, until shortly before his arrest in Colombia in 2007. Presented testimony from thirteen of Patiño's co-conspirators and established that Patiño controlled an entire city in Colombia, through bribes to Colombian police and ties to paramilitary groups, such as the AUC and the FARC. Patiño financed entire regiments, or "blocks" of the AUC to guard the jungle processing labs where the cocaine was manufactured and safeguard the routes used to transport the narcotics out of the country. Both the AUC and the FARC have been designated as terrorist organizations by the United States Department of State. Proved that Patiño and the Norte Valle Cartel employed a variety of methods to transport the cocaine from Colombia through Central America and Mexico, before smuggling the drugs across the border into the United States for eventual distribution in such cities as Los Angeles, Houston, Chicago and New York. Assigned to case shortly prior to initial trial, which ended in a mistrial, after death threat to previous prosecutor. Traveled to Colombia, interviewed witnesses and developed new witnesses, which lead to Patiño's conviction in the re-trial and a sentence of forty years of incarceration.

United States v. Giovanni Prado, et al., 2010-12, obtained convictions for over thirty-five MS-13 members for various crimes including VICAR and RICO murder, attempted murder and assault in aid of racketeering, Hobbs Act robbery, witness tampering, witness retaliation, accessory after the fact, conspiracy to distribute cocaine and related weapons charges. The indictment included charges that resulted in the convictions of multiple defendants for the murder of twelve separate victims, all of which had gone previously unsolved in the state. Included in these murders was the gang execution of 19-year-old Vanessa Arguetta and her two-year-old son, Diego Torres. Participated as co-counsel in the trials of Carlos Ortega, Heriberto Martinez and Adalberto Ariel Guzman for the commission of, among other things, five murders, including the murder of the mother and her son. All three defendants were convicted and are serving life sentences as a result of their convictions on those murders.



SUFFOLK COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE,

ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY, SUFFOLK COUNTY, NEW YORK

People v. Austin Offen and Constantine Chronis, 1996-99, obtained convictions against defendants, an off-duty NYPD officer and an unemployed bouncer, in the racially charged savage beating of an unarmed black man with a car anti-theft device outside of a Hamptons night club on Memorial Day Weekend in 1996. Conducted the sprawling investigation involving overseeing the interviews of hundreds of witnesses, analysis of numerous items of forensic evidence and coordinated with departments of several Suffolk County East End village police departments with no prior experience participating in serious felony trials. Chronis, the NYPD officer, was convicted after jury trial and served fifteen years of incarceration. Offen's initial trial ended in a hung jury but he pleaded guilty shortly thereafter subsequent to discovery of new DNA evidence by crime laboratory at the suggestion of trial prosecutors and was sentenced to ten years of incarceration.

People v. Todd Slavik, 1995-96, prior felony offender charged with forcible rape. Tried case and obtained jury conviction. Defendant sentenced to 25 years of incarceration.

People v. Carl Ciccarello, 1995-97, defendant charged in multiple count indictment with rape and aggravated harassment arising out of domestic abuse case. Initially defendant was charged with trespass and criminal contempt as victim denied rape had occurred. Once case was received, it was determined that victim had been raped. Convinced victim to come forward and testify in grand jury and at trial. Drafted phone and Cellular telephone tower location warrants to assist United States Marshal Service and SCPD Warrant Squad in apprehending defendant who fled the jurisdiction. Defendant convicted of multiple counts of rape and criminal contempt and served sentence in excess of twenty years.

People v. Matthew Filippi, 2003, church music director charged and convicted of raping his eleven-year old student. Spearheaded evidence-based prosecution establishing defendant's guilt without subjecting victim to open court testimony.

People v. Francis Weinsheimer, Jr., 2003-04, obtained jury trial verdict of guilty on burglary and sexual abuse charges on Rocky Point man who broke into neighbor's house and sexually abused woman as she slept next to husband. Defendant fled the scene and was convicted through DNA evidence.

People v. Wernick, et al., 2001-04, conducted investigation into father attempting to trade his four-year old daughter on the internet in exchange for sex with other children. After the father of the child was convicted, examined seized computers and uncovered abuse cases in Nassau County (Wernick), Westchester County and West Virginia. Prosecuted Wernick in Suffolk County and, when he refused to take a plea, rather than have four-year-old victim testify, uncovered further abuse of teen-aged boys occurring in Nassau and Suffolk Counties, which was referred to federal court for prosecution. Wernick was sentenced to thirty years in federal system.



Campaign Information

WHO:

Raymond Tierney

Candidate for Suffolk County District Attorney

As a prosecutor for over 26 years Ray Tierney has the experience and record to keep our families safe. Ray Tierney has received numerous honors including designation as the Federal Law Enforcement Association Prosecutor of the Year, two times, and Federal Agent's "True American Hero Award". Ray Tierney will fight for Law Enforcement and Victims to ensure that justice is served.

WHERE:

Steps outside the Alfonse M. D'Amato U.S. Courthouse
100 Federal Plaza, Central Islip NY 11722

WHEN:

Thursday, March 25, 2021, at 11:00 A.M.

TEAM:

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