

FULTON COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

DA DISPATCH



HAPPY NEW YEAR | JANUARY 2026

Tani T. Willis is the District Attorney for Fulton County, Georgia's largest county and the home to over one million Georgians. It is home to the City of Atlanta, as well as many of the city's suburban communities including Roswell, Springs, the City of South Fulton, and several smaller communities north of Atlanta. She is the first woman to serve in the position.

Tani took office on January 1, 2021, after ousting a longtime incumbent by campaigning on a commitment to both protect Fulton's neighborhoods and reform Fulton's criminal justice system by making it fairer, more transparent, and reducing crime by changing lives rather than just seeking retribution. She also has brought in a new team of highly experienced trial lawyers and civic leaders committed to making the Fulton County District Attorney's office the best in the Southeast and one of the top local prosecutor's offices in the United States.

Tani is a career trial lawyer with deep and broad prosecutorial experience. She has tried over 100 jury trials and has prosecuted hundreds of murder cases. She has prosecuted other serious crimes, including crimes against women and children. Tani's prosecutorial experience as a prosecutor gives her a deep commitment to focusing her prosecutorial efforts on the most dangerous offenders and removing them from society.

Part of that commitment is to ensure that the justice system is fair and equitable while also bringing perpetrators of violence into the justice system. As part of that effort, she has implemented a diversion program, which provides an opportunity to earn one's way out of the justice system for certain individuals, especially young people.



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FEBRUARY

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 Tu Bishvat	2	3	4	5	6 PAY DAY	7
8 SUPER BOWL SUNDAY	9 NATIONAL PIZZA DAY	10	11	12	13	14 VALENTINE'S DAY
15 Maha Shivaratri	16 PRESIDENT'S DAY	17 RAMADAN BEGINS LUNAR NEW YEAR	18 RAMADAN ENDS ASH WEDNESDAY	19 TIMKAT	20 PAY DAY	21
22	23	24	25 LEADERSHIP TRAINING CLASSES	26	27	28

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

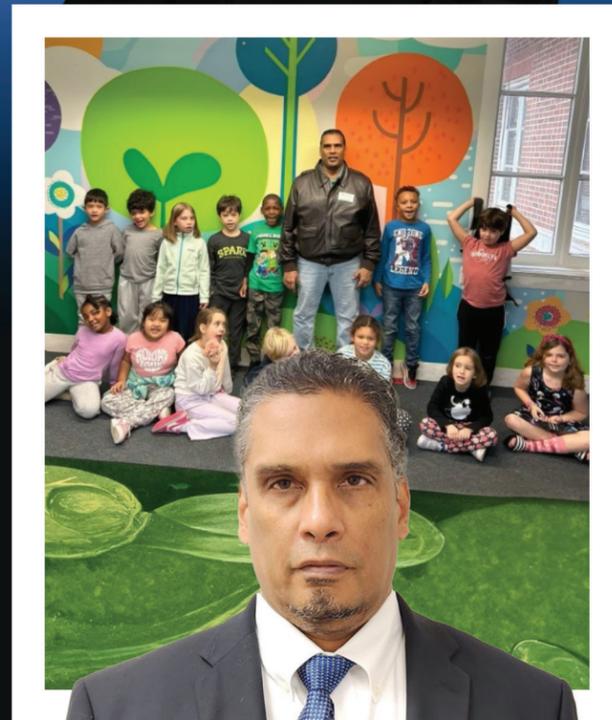
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BOOKS & BADGES

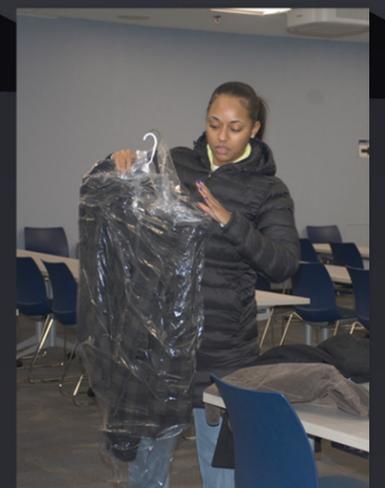
Recently, Deputy Chief Investigator Saul Alter and Senior Investigator Darrion Eshmon had the pleasure of participating in the Books and Badges law enforcement literacy initiative at Springdale Elementary School in Atlanta. Deputy Chief Investigator Alter spent time reading with second-grade students, while Senior Investigator Eshmon read to third graders.

This meaningful program helps build positive relationships between law enforcement and young students while reinforcing the importance of reading, learning, and educational growth. Through initiatives like Books and Badges, we are proud to support literacy and inspire the next generation both inside and outside the classroom.



YOUTH COAT DRIVE

The Fulton County District Attorney's Office partnered with Love Beyond Walls to support its Zion's Closet initiative at four APS Title I Schools. Zion's Closets are fully stocked resource centers inside Title I schools that are designed to support students and families experiencing poverty or housing insecurity. These spaces are intentionally designed to provide essential items such as uniforms, shoes, school supplies, hygiene kits, food, and clothing, while also creating a sense of dignity, care, and belonging. FCDAO is proud to have donated 55 gently used coats and 20 sets of hats and gloves for pre-K through 5th grade students.



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OUR STORY.

The Fulton County District Attorney's Office DA Dispatch is our monthly newsletter that highlights the impactful work happening across our office and celebrates the people who make it possible. This is your opportunity to showcase accomplishments, milestones, events, community engagement, and any updates you would like to share with colleagues.

If you or your team would like to be featured in an upcoming issue of the DA Dispatch, please submit photos and a brief write-up to Nadia Kendall (Nadia.Kendall@fultoncountyga.gov) and Jeremy Murray (Jeremy.Murray@fultoncountyga.gov).

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FAMILY JUSTICE



CENTER



From January 20th through January 22nd, the Fulton County District Attorney's Office convened key stakeholders and community partners for a three-day Family Justice Center planning meeting. Participants included representatives from the Atlanta City Council, Partnership Against Domestic Violence (PADV), Grady Hospital, the Solicitors General Office, 1244 Ministries, the Fulton County Board of Commissioners, the Clerk of Courts, and other vital partners. Together, we shared a collective vision for the Fulton County Family Justice Center, explored opportunities for collaboration in supporting victims and survivors, and engaged in strategic planning around funding, operations, and the delivery of survivor-centered services.

We are deeply grateful to the partners who joined us from across the region, including leaders from the judiciary, law enforcement, healthcare, victim advocacy, faith-based organizations, and survivor-led groups. Their insight, expertise, and commitment are instrumental in building a coordinated, compassionate, and effective response that will better serve our community.



are all poised for success...

FAMILY JUSTICE CENTER



REACH Mentorship Program Launches at FCS PEAK Academy

Fulton County Schools (FCS) PEAK Academy recently launched the REACH Program across three of its campuses, expanding access to mentorship and support for students with diverse learning needs. FCS PEAK Academy serves students with Autism Spectrum Disorder, Emotional Disabilities, Learning Disabilities, Multiple Disabilities, Other Health Impairments, and Specific Learning Disabilities. The program also supports students who are overage or under-credited, as well as those who have been removed from traditional school settings due to serious behavioral violations.

“The REACH Program directly aligns with our mission of whole-child support, restoration, and long-term student success,” said Okevia Carter, Ed.S., Executive Director of FCS PEAK Academy. “Many of our students face challenges that extend beyond academics. REACH provides a critical layer of mentorship that helps students build confidence, strengthen self-awareness, and develop the skills necessary to successfully transition back to their home schools and beyond.”

The launch of REACH at FCS Academy marks an important step in expanding supportive, student-centered programming that fosters growth, accountability, and long-term success.



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HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Awareness Month



WE WEAR



BLUE

The Fulton County District Attorney's Office wore blue in recognition of Human Trafficking Awareness Month. Wearing blue is a symbol of solidarity with survivors and a reminder of our commitment to raising awareness, supporting those impacted, and holding traffickers accountable. Together with our law enforcement and community partners, we continue working to protect the most vulnerable in our community.



YOU ARE NOT A VICTIM
YOU ARE A Survivor

During Human Trafficking Awareness Month, the Fulton County District Attorney's Office Human Trafficking and Internet Child Exploitation Unit (HTICE) dedicated the month to raising awareness, supporting survivors, and engaging the community through meaningful outreach and educational initiatives across Fulton County.

On Tuesday, January 27, 2025, HTICE partnered with Wellspring Living to host "You Are Not a Victim, You Are a Survivor," an empowering panel discussion focused on identifying human trafficking, supporting survivors, and strengthening prevention efforts within our community. Deputy District Attorney Earnelle Winfrey led the conversation alongside representatives from the Fulton County District Attorney's Office, Tapestri Inc., the Georgia Asylum and Immigration Network (GAIN), and Wellspring Living, bringing together diverse perspectives to educate and inform attendees.

PROMOTIONS
Congratulations



Lee Young
WILLIAMS-WILBANKS
CHIEF DEPUTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY | CASE INTAKE



Granville
POWERS
DEPUTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY | CASE INTAKE

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ALEEIA SMITH

Aleeia Smith is an Atlanta native, the youngest of seven siblings, and a first-generation college graduate. A proud alumna of South Atlanta High School, she developed an early passion for the law through Mock Trial, earning multiple Best Attorney awards. She earned a Bachelor of Science in criminology from the University of West Georgia, graduating cum laude and serving in leadership roles, and is a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated. Aleeia graduated cum laude in the top 15% of her class from Ohio Northern University College of Law, where she was an Erwin L. and Effie M. Clemens Scholar, Associate Editor of the Law Review, and Chief Justice of the Mock Trial and Moot Court Program. After interning with the Fulton County District Attorney's Office and winning the Fani T. Willis Mock Trial Competition with Best Closing Argument honors, Aleeia now serves as an Assistant District Attorney, committed to justice, fairness, and integrity.



JASMINE KNIGHT

Jasmine Knight is a New Jersey native who has lived in Atlanta for nearly five years. She graduated from The University of Alabama in 2017 (Roll Tide!) with a degree in Criminal Justice. She later moved to Richmond, Virginia, where she earned her Paralegal Certificate and worked as a Data Analyst for the Drug Enforcement Administration for several years before relocating to Atlanta. Jasmine graduated from Atlanta's John Marshall Law School in 2025, where she was awarded Outstanding Student of the Quarter and Most Valuable Peer Mentor, among several other honors. Her passion for the law began at a young age after watching Law & Order: Special Victims Unit, and she has remained deeply committed to prosecution and advocating for those who may be unable to advocate for themselves. In her spare time, Jasmine enjoys walking and dining along the Beltline, spending time with friends, cooking, and reading novels by Kennedy Ryan. She also cherishes time spent with her favorite little people, her niece Emory and her goddaughter Parker.



TRINITY BROWN

As a Fayetteville, Ga native, Pryor St. has always been her second home. As a child of Fulton County, with her father being a retired FCSO Captain and her mom working in the property tax office, it was only fitting that she begin her legal career in this office. After graduating from Fayette County High School in 2018, she continued her education at the University of the Cumberlands on a lacrosse scholarship. After balancing being a women's lacrosse player (3x All-American) and charter the university's first Diversity Leadership Council, she transitioned to law school at Faulkner Law in Montgomery. While at Faulkner, she was president of Black Law Student Association, SBA Board member and competed in numerous mock trial competitions. She also had the pleasure of clerking for Montgomery County Circuit Court Judge Monet M. Gaines for 2 years. Trinity interned at the FCDAO during the summer of 2024, where she was named Top Intern for Trial Division and awarded Top Attorney for her efforts in the Fani T. Willis Mock Trial Competition. And after graduating law school and passing the Bar in 2025, Trinity has returned to office, first as an Apprentice ADA and now she is an ADA in Trial Division.



JEREMY LAMB

Dr. Jeremiah Lamb was born and raised in Atlanta, Georgia. He is married and the proud father of five children. He began his law enforcement career in 2006 with the United States Navy, serving as Military Police with assignments in the Middle East and Spain. In 2017, Dr. Lamb joined Fulton County as a Juvenile Probation Officer. He later advanced to the role of Deputy Marshal and currently serves as a Senior Investigator. Throughout his career, Dr. Lamb has remained committed to using his expertise, professional experience, and educational background to support, uplift, and give back to the communities he serves. He is grateful for the opportunity and honored to serve in his current role as a Senior Investigator with the Fulton County District Attorney's Office.

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5:01 CELEBRATION



On January 30th, the Fulton County District Attorney's Office held our first 5:01 Celebration of the year. Employees enjoyed food, drinks, and a fun game of musical chairs while spending time getting to know coworkers outside of work. It was a great opportunity to relax, connect, and enjoy time together.



News Corner

Fulton County DA Fani Willis pushes to bring family justice center to metro Atlanta | 11alive.com



REACH Mentorship Program Launches at FCS PEAK Academy | SESI Schools



Fulton County DA announces new sexual-assault convictions



Fani Willis Plans to Combat Domestic Violence With \$2M Family Justice Centers





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