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A new division competition:

Help feed

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In our community

Starting November 16th - 19th FCDA office will be collecting BAGS of food for the Wave Thanksgiving Giveaway. Goal is 100 bags.

Division with the most BAGS Wins! Prize TBA

Divisions

- Major Crimes
 - SVD
- Trial
- Case Intake
- COMPETING TOGETHER
- Ops, Anti-Corruption, Civil Rights, Programs, Records/Record Restriction/Diversion
- COMPETING TOGETHER
 Investigations, Executive, Media

Each bag MUST include:

- · Collard Greens (1 bunch)
- Macaroni elbows (3)Corn bread or Stuffing (3)
- · Green beans (2 large cans)
- Cranberry sauce (1 can)Sweet Potatoes (2 large cans)
- · Mashed potatoes (1 box)
- · Hawaiian Punch (1 gallon each)
- · Sweet Potato Pie OR Pecan Pie (1)

HAPPYSgiving

The Thanksgiving holiday in the United States, which occurs on Thursday, November 25 this year, has its origins in America's first Thanksgiving, which occurred in November 1621 in Plymouth colony in Massachusetts. The Pilgrims, as the assortment of religious separatists were commonly known, had sailed on the Mayflower from Plymouth, England, the year prior. After landing in America, about half the 102 Pilgrims managed to survive malnutrition and illness during their first winter when most of the colonists remained aboard the Mayflower. When the survivors came ashore in the spring of the 1621, they were taught by the Native Americans about how to cultivate corn, extract sap from maple trees, catch fish in the rivers and avoid poisonous plants. During the fall of 1621, the Pilgrims had their first successful corn harvest and Governor William Bradford invited a group of the colony's Native American allies, including the Wamponoag chief Massasoit, to the celebratory feast, which lasted for three days. Historians have suggested that many of the dishes were likely prepared using traditional Native American spices and cooking methods. Because the Pilgrims had no ovens and the Mayflower's sugar supply had dwindled by the fall of 1621, the meal did not feature pies, cakes or other desserts, which have become a hallmark of today's celebrations. Thanksgiving was proclaimed a national holiday in the United States by President Abraham Lincoln in the midst of the Civil War in 1863.











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WINNER TAKES ALL

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NO 2ND PLACE

Important Dates and Special Events

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
NOV 2021				18 Women in Goverment Day - GA Supreme Court	19 Sheriff Labat Swearing-In of FCDA Investigators Investigator 11-week Course Begins	20
21	22	23	24	25 Thanksgiving Holiday	26 Thanksgiving Holiday	27
28 Hanukkah Begins	29	30		2	3	4

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
DEC 2021	29	30	Wellness Wednesday Canvas & Cocoa	2	Deck the Halls Office Holiday Contest	4
5	6 Hanukkah Ends	7	8 Investigator 11-week Course 9am-12pm	FCDA Awards Ceremony – BOC Assembly Hall	Community Recognition Event & Celebration	11
12	13	14 Mix, Mingle & Jingle	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23 Office closed for extermination	24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas
26 Kwanzaa Begins	27	28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve	New Year's Day Kwanzaa Ends

11-Week Investigator Training



FANI T. WILLIS

FULTON COUNTY
DISTRICT ATTORNEY

Objective

Prepare all FCDAO Investigators with the knowledge, skills and understanding of pertinent forms, documents, process, procedure and legal standard to accomplish the mission.

Mission

Committed to the protection of life and property, through excellence in the fields of prevention, enforcement and apprehension.

Guided by the principles of integrity, professionalism, cooperation and concern for human dignity.

Week 1:

STARTS November 19th!

Orientation Introductory Training

11am - 2pm

Contact

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michael.green@fultoncountyga.gov

Week 2:

December 8th 9am - 12pm

Trial Preparation

Week 3:

How to Find Someone

Week 4:

SECURUS

Week 5:

Flying While Armed

Week 6:

Jail Process

Week 7:

Evidence

Week 8:

Electronic Evidence

Week 9:

Technical Investigations

Week 10:

Firearms Training

Week 11:

Health and Wellness

Welcome to our New Hires!









































Welcome to our New Hires!































A warm welcome and lots of great wishes for becoming part of our growing family. Your remarkable skills and talents will be a great addition to our office.

As quoted by Helen Keller

"Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much."

Congratulations





Congratulations Investigator Allonya Ragland

HERstory in the making: for the first time in the history of the Fulton County District Attorney's Office, a staff member went through the Fulton County Police Academy. Everyone please welcome Allonya Ragland as our latest investigator.

Per Chief Green: "Ms. Ragland was full of ambition and had an outstanding interview. Madam DA and I saw a spark and potential that Ms. Ragland would be an excellent investigator. She had a different kind of Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) certification so she had to go through mandate at the police academy. Ms. Ragland expressed that she wanted to be a DA Investigator since 2015 – and we are happy to have her join as part of our investigative team."





SHING SUMS



Valencia Younger Chief Legal Assistant -Record Restriction

To all Concerned:

I, C_____ D___ would like to give my sincere gratitude for all your efforts involved in resolving this issue for me.

I just turned 70 years old and this was a great gift in my world.

Always Respectfully,

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The **STANDARD**, is the **STANDARD!**

Fulton County District Attorney's Office



END OF YEAR CELEBRATION

Get to your know your fellow co-workers at our Mix, Mingle & Jingle Year End Celebration.

COMP. DAYS UP FOR GRABS

We will be having an Ugly Sweater Contest (individual & best division) and a Toy Drive (division with most wins!!)

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- Major Crimes
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- COMPETING TOGETHER Investigations, Executive, Media

5-7:30pm

SVD Breast Cancer Awareness Day

October 29, 2021





2021 Juvenile Court Judges' Fall Conference

From left to right: From left to right below: Executive District Attorney Mike Carlson; University of Georgia Law Professor Emeritus Ron Carlson; Judge Bill Fleming of Augusta-Richmond County; Judge Joey Loudermilk of the Chattahoochee Judicial Circuit; and University of Georgia law student Jacob Swanstrom. Mike Carlson taught a two-hour session on the rules of evidence at the fall training conference on October 27, 2021, at the University of Georgia in Athens. About 100 juvenile court judges attended live or through simulcast.



CIU Team Building: Bathroom Remodel



Who knew we had such talent! Well done CIU Team!!





Newly created Civil Rights Unit

Home to Atlanta - the Capital of Georgia and the "New South" - Fulton County has been a hotbed of legal and political controversies. Over the last few years, the national discourse has been abuzz with ideas to address legal injustices that have divided communities and generated a lack of trust. This divisive atmosphere caused District Attorney Fani T. Willis to create the Civil Rights Unit (CRU) and to separate the unit from under the umbrella of the Anti-Corruption Unit (ACU). CRU's establishment fulfills DA Willis's vision and mirrors similar units discussed and found in the U.S. Justice Department and district attorney offices in many states, including those in Travis County (Dallas, TX); Harris County (Houston, TX); Orleans Parrish (New Orleans, LA); and the Massachusetts Northwestern District. The CRU will focus on investigating and prosecuting cases where a person has been the subject of law-enforcement misconduct, including officer-involved shootings, excessive force, and death in custody of inmates/ detainees. Other matters may include criminal violations involving government officials and an infringement upon an individual's rights protected by the Bill of Rights to the U.S. Constitution (Free Speech, Reasonable Search and Seizure, Cruel and Unusual Punishment, and Equal Protections found under First, Fourth, Eighth and Fourteenth Amendments). The District Attorney and CRU staff members understand and appreciate the ramifications of investigating and prosecuting alleged crimes involving law enforcement: the public needs brave and competent law enforcement personnel. However, everyone is entitled to due process and equal justice, and everyone should be held accountable under the law, including those in law enforcement. CRU is headed by Deputy E. Brian Watkins and Assistant Chief Investigator Saul Alter. The Assistant District Attorneys are Sau Chan, Nailah Grant-McFarlane, and Alexander Cane. The investigators are Obed Ford, Brian Salters, Ranetta Cruse, and Tammy Birris-Mayo.



















4th Annual Joan P. Garner Walk and Health Fair

October 30, 2021



Back Row Left to Right: Executive Assistant Tierani Jackson; Deputy DA Lauren McAuley; Deputy DA Simone Hylton; Deputy VWA Dilma Dos-Reis; ADA Peter Faile; ADA Mychal Scates; Executive Assistant Jeremy Murray; Investigator Fatimah Winston Front Row Left to Right: Senior ADA Sandra Wolfe; Madam DA Fani T. Willis; VWA Lanessa Landor; Constituent Services Coordinator Vanessa Condry; Chief of Staff-Diversion, Epiffany Henry; Deputy DA Sonya Allen; Deputy Chief Investigator Raymond Baez-Nieves; Legal Assistant Jeremy Gray



Left to Right: Chief of Staff-Diversion, Epiffany Henry; VWA Lanessa Landor; Investigator Fatimah Winston; ADA Mykal Scates; Deputy DA Sinone Hylton; Deputy DA Lauren McAuley



Runner on the left: Chief of Staff - Diversion, Epiffany Henry



Left to Right: An unidentified representative for U.S. Senator Raphael Warnock; Atlanta City Councilman Michael Julian Bond; Fulton County Sheriff Patrick "Pat" Labat and his wife Jackie Labat; Shalise Steele-Young, wife of the late Atlanta City Councilman Ivory Lee Young, Jr.; Madam DA Fani T. Willis; and Natalie Hall, vice chairwoman of the Fulton County Board of Commissioners



Front Row, Left to Right: Deputy Chief Investigator Raymond Baez-Nieves and Deputy DA Sonya Allen Back Row, Left to Right: Deputy DA Lauren McAuley; Deputy DA Simone Hylton; and

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Major Crimes Luncheon

October 29, 2021



Our Major Case Unit listening to the presentations at the luncheon.







Deputy DA Stephany Luttrell



Deputy DA Adriane Love



Senior ADA David Getachew-Smith



Chief Deputy DA Pat Dutcher



Deputy DA Cara Convery

UDAC Meeting

On November 5, 2021, Madam DA Fani T. Willis mingles with Macon's Finest.





Director of Lobbying and Grants Natalie Zellner educating the UDAC group on grant opportunities for diversionary programs

Chief Deputy DA Brett Pinion educating UDAC on initiatives for juveniles



Left to Right: Executive Assistant Jazmin Dilligard, Deputy DA Simone Hylton, Director of VWA Chandrika Derricho, Deputy VWA Ilona Rolack, Madam DA Fani T. Willis, Chief of Staff-Diversion, Epiffany Henry



Left to Right: Macon-Bibb District 8 Commissioner, Virgil Watkins, Jr.; 1st lady of New Fellowship Church, Macon, GA, Renee Bumpus; Fulton County District Attorney Fani T. Willis; Macon-Bibb District Attorney Anita R. Howard; Macon-Bibb District 3 Commissioner, Elaine Lucas; Macon-Bibb District 9 Commissioner, Al Tillman



Back Row, Left to Right: Douglas County District Attorney Dalia Racine, Henry County District Attorney Darius Pattillo, Macon-Bibb District Attorney Anita R. Howard, Chatham County District Attorney-Shalena Cook Jones, Coweta County District Attorney John Herbert Cranford, Jr., Gwinnett County District Attorney Patsy Austin-Gatson

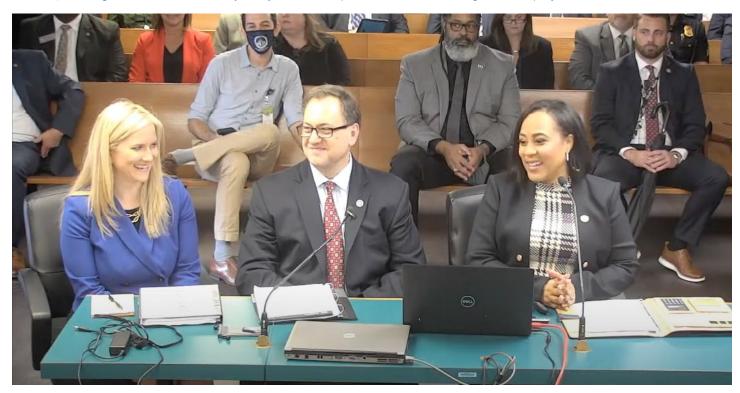
Back Row, Left to Right: Clayton County District Attorney Tasha Mosley, Fulton County District Attorney Fani T. Willis, DeKalb County District Attorney Sherry Boston

Madam at the State Senate - Atlanta in Crisis

On November 3, 2021, Madam DA Fani T. Willis presented to the Georgia State Senate Public Safety Committee regarding issues surrounding rising crime in Metro Atlanta and resources that our office needs.

Front Row; Left to Right: Deputy DA Julianna Peterson, Executive DA Mike Carlson, Madam DA Fani. T. Willis

Back Row; Left to Right: Executive Assistant Jeremy Murray, Director of Graphics Mike Makins and Investigator James Spivey





Intern Luncheon

November 8, 2021, our Interns enjoyed an afternoon luncheon and discussion with Madam DA.





From Right to Left: Caitlyn Shiner, Mason Stoever, Anitres Walls, Michelle Andrews

RICO Training

On November 9, 2021, John Floyd came and conducted a RICO training to our office staff and star partners.



COME TO THE FCDA OFFICE

END OF YEAR OFFICE AWARDS CEREMONY



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December 9, 2021

12-3PM

BOC ASSEMBLY HALL

Madam DA Fani T. Willis School of Integrity - Legal Assistant Master Class Program Graduation

On November 10, 2021, our inaugural class graduated from the Fani T. Willis School of Integrity - Legal Assistant Master Class Program. The 2021 Class of Legal Assistants are Akisa Hopkins, Alexandra Williams, Andre Dixon, Bryant Brinson, Carol Holt, Charly Hardnett, Corinne Collins, Donald Moore, Jinnique Roberts, Keira Jackson, LaTonya Gates, Leah Dean, Nadia Rhodes, Raymond Carpenter, SaQuez King, Tammy Jackson, Teberh Buggs, Tiffany Horton, and Tywanna Settles-Isby.





Deputy Legal Assistant Keehlan Haygood and Chief Legal Assistant Samuel Chaney presenting at our Inaugural Graduation



Howard University Alumni Club of Atlanta President Alisha Nair

Madam DA Fani T. Willis School of Integrity - Legal Assistant Master Class Program Graduation

















Leadership Meeting

Leaders growing together on November 4, 2021, at our fourth and final leadership meeting of the year.









Leadership Meeting



Deputy DA of Case Intake/Murder Team Mike Sprinkel accepting his Super Star of the Quarter Award.



DA Star Award Recepiants:
Left to Right: Deputy DA Stephany Luttrell, Deputy DA Lauren McAuley,
Deputy Victim Witness Ilona Rolack, Assistant Chief Investigator Thomas Ricks,
Deputy DA Ramona Toole, Deputy Legal Assistant Stacey Johnstone



Left to Right: Deputy Adriane Love and Deputy Lyndsey Rudder.



Promotional Plaque Recipients:

Left to Right: Assistant Chief Investigator Loran Crabtree, Assistant Chief Investigator Richard Stein, Assistant Chief Investigator Paula Duprey, Assistant Chief Investigator Robert Appell, Deputy Chief Investigator Fred Glenn.



Promotional Certificate Recipients:

Left to Right: Chief Senior ADA Pareesa Amjadi, Deputy DA Lamar Rhodes, Executive Assistant To Justice Liaison / Chief / Deputy Chief's Donald Moore, Chief Legal Assistant Helen Bastien, Chief Legal Assistant Kyren McGary-Crenshaw, Madam DA Fani T. Willis, Executive DA Kenneth Hutcherson, Chief Senior ADA Tom Wight, Deputy DA Records / Record Restriction / Diversion Ramona Toole





Jason J. Adams, Sr.

Senior Assistant District Attorney
Case Intake Division

Jason J. Adams, Sr. has been with the Fulton County District Attorney's Office as a Senior Assistant District Attorney since August; though he has been working for Fulton County since the day after Christmas in 2018. He is currently in 86 Pryor up to his eyeballs in unindicted cases in the Case Intake Division.

Originally from New Jersey, Jason moved in 1995 to the Wilmington, North Carolina area, where he received his first bachelor's degree at the aptly-named University of North Carolina at Wilmington in 2000. He then moved to Atlanta, where after several thrilling years in sales, he received a second bachelor's degree at Kennesaw State University in Social Studies Education. From 2006 to 2010, Jason taught middle school social studies in Cobb County. He enrolled in Atlanta's John Marshall Law School in 2010 after running an unsuccessful campaign for Georgia House of Representatives in 2008.

Passing the Georgia Bar in 2013, Jason started with Lister & Holt in 2014. In some capacity or another, he has been either a court-appointed lawyer or a public defender for most of the time from then until joining this office. With stops in Henry, Fulton, and Chatham counties, he has had the privilege of having his courtroom behavior as the subject of at least three separate Court of Appeals cases – all of which have happy endings.

Outside of work, Jason is a single father to two beautiful and incredibly time-consuming young boys, Connor and Jason II, ages 7 and 4. During the pandemic, he built a shed and treehouse, but has run out of room in the backyard. A die-hard Atlanta United fan, he can be found either at the game or watching the team on TV.





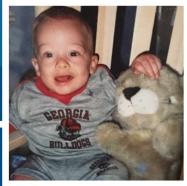
Furhawn Shah

Senior Assistant District Attorney Crimes Against Children Unit

In 2019, Furhawn Shah became an Assistant District Attorney in Fulton County after internship stints as an undergraduate in 2015 and during law school in 2017. His Fulton County roots run deep. He was born in Atlanta (Grady Baby!). He grew up in Dunwoody and went to Georgia State University for undergraduate and law school. While picking up discovery at the District Attorney's office for the criminal defense firm he was working for, Furhawn ran into Deputy District Attorney Lauren McAuley who told him that he needed to "apply for a fellowship at Fulton County or else . . . " with a smile on her face! Furhawn applied and has been fortunate enough to work his way up to the Crimes Against Children unit, where he is currently assigned.

When not at work, Furhawn is usually forced to go on a hike by his girlfriend Cait and dog Moose. Furhawn frantically checks his work emails on the weekends in hopes that it will get him out of going on an exhausting hike. When not hiking, he is usually eating unhealthy food at Cypress Street in Midtown. A few fun facts about Furhawn are: he doesn't know how to swim (uses pool noodles unless the pool is only 4 feet deep); he has an irrational fear of flying on airplanes (his apple watch tells him that his heart beat is unusually high during takeoff); and is completely all in on terrible TV shows such as Gossip Girl, Pretty Little Liars, and all the Bravo reality TV shows. Furhawn's lifelong goal is to visit every state. At age 23, Furhawn needs way more comp days to meet that goal.





Christian Adkins

Assistant District Attorney
Non-Complex Unit

Christian Adkins, born and raised in Greensboro, North Carolina, obtained his undergraduate degree in Criminal Justice and Sociology from the University of Georgia in Athens. Christian went back to his home state to obtain his law degree from the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill. After law school, he headed to Fort Benning, Georgia, to begin his Direct Commission training in the Army as a 1st Lieutenant in the Judge Advocate General Corps. One highlight of Christian's Army career was repelling out of a helicopter as part of the Air Assault School. Another "highlight" was being rebuked by a Lieutenant General for telling the extremely tall and quite intimidating Army leader that he had a legal objection instead of a legal recommendation to a proposed course of action - a lesson that imprinted in Christian's mind the importance of proper word choice! His proudest highlight is deploying to Baghdad, Iraq, for seven months where he worked alongside lawyers from around the globe as part of an international coalition.

One little known fact is that Christian's grandfather was Armenian so his mother insisted that his first name end in "ian" in conformity with traditional Armenian last names. Christian's great grandfather, David Kalpagian, came to the United States through Ellis Island as a lone 9-year-old before becoming a barber in Hopedale, Massachusetts, and enlisting in the Army.

Christian is a rabid Georgia BullDAWG (correct spelling). He enjoys attending games with his father, who is also a UGA alum. Although Christian is from North Carolina, his professional sports allegiances are everything Atlanta. There is two sporting events that shall not be discussed in his presence without visible signs of angst and immense sadness. One started off 28-3 . . . and the other ended on a "2nd and 26" touchdown pass thrown by a true freshman backup Alabama quarterback to a future Heisman trophy-winning Alabama wide receiver. Christian's other hobbies include reading nonfiction books, primarily about true crime or the military; attempting to golf; and spending time with family and friends.





Danielle Russell

Senior Assistant District Attorney
Domestic Violence Unit

Danielle Russell is a Senior Assistant District Attorney in the Domestic Violence Unit. Born and raised in sunny West Palm Beach, Florida, she attended Florida State University in Tallahassee, Florida (Go Noles)! While in college, Danielle planned to be a nurse but changed her passion to law after a cousin was tragically murdered. She credits the wonderful prosecution team in changing the trajectory of her career. Danielle attended law school at Faulkner University's Thomas Goode Jones School of Law in Montgomery, Alabama, where she served as president of the Black Law Student Association and competed in Mock Trial. In 2012, Danielle moved to the Atlanta area to spend more time with her grandparents. Before working at the Fulton County District Attorney's Office, Danielle served as an assistant solicitor general and an assistant district attorney in Cobb County, where she met her fiancé, Stephen DeLoach, while he was working as a Cobb County police officer. She also worked as civil defense attorney for a private firm in Atlanta. Danielle loves watching documentary movies, eating seafood, and visiting wineries in north Georgia. She and her fiancé live in South Fulton. They plan to marry at the Biltmore Ballrooms here in Atlanta in May.

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