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MAY 2023

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MADAM DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND WAVE (WE ALL VALUE EXCELLENCE) VISIT WITH STUDENTS AT BEAR CREEK MIDDLE SCHOOL

Madam DA spoke to the students of Bear Creek Middle School about the reality of participating or being an accessory to a crime and the consequences of making poor decisions. She also encouraged the students to set daily goals for themselves which will help them build the skills necessary to successfully attain their future career aspirations.







I'M NO WOMAN

I'm no woman, but I know quite a few And I see you I see your strength, your resilience Brilliantly filling the halls of hospitals Courtrooms, board rooms Sometimes ignored But still you persist Resisting any perverse assertior That your worth is anything less than a man I see you women In different shapes, sizes, colors Mothers and non-mothers Daughters, sisters Stitching the fabric of family Community Without impunity you use tools Unique to who you are as a womar To push back on the fact that The cracked glass ceiling, is just that Cracked Not yet shattered, but you continue to push

I'm no woman, but I know quite a few Like our own District Attorney of Fulton County Proudly pounding that glass ceiling For young girls to see They can be what they set out to be

OTHERS LIKE DAYSHA, OR SHAUN, SONYA, YOLANDA, LASHAWNDA, SIMONE, TASHEKKA, CHANDRIKA, TER-RIEA, AND TIA - JUST SOME OF OUR OWN

> The list goes on Of inspiring women not accepting the con Purposely perpetuated by people portraying

Women as passive participants in a man's worl But Damn Girl, We know who runs the world As Beyoncé's beautiful ballad proclaims "Girls,"

I'm no woman, but I know quite a few; A few from the past who surpassed Expectations, not always erasing barriers But carrying more than their share; Bearing the burdens thrust on their shoulders Like those of Mamie Till-Mobley Who boldly rolled boulders away; With no hesitation Facing a nation of racists Stood up and proclaimed justice. Women like Susan B. Anthony, Sojourner Truth, And that Supreme Court Justice whose first name was Ruth; So many others paving the way For employment, and voting, and their equal pay Women are fighters despite what men say And I'm no woman, but women don't play.

I'm no woman, but I know quite a few And today I salute you for all that you do. In the toil, the struggle, the hard-fought fights The fierce ferocity amidst any plight; But also the sight of you nurturing light That shines despite any sign of being deprived

I'm no woman, but I know quite a few And I'm blessed that the women I do know are you

PETER FAILE





CAREERDAy



Ivy Prep Academy

Deputy District Attorney Yolanda Mack visits with 3 schools for Career Day.



Lieutenant Justin French attended Allgood Elementary's Career Day and spoke with 4 different 5th-grade classes.



Chief Legal Assistant Yolanda Shorthouse at James H. Brown Elementary.



Deputy District Attorney Tom Wight, Assistant Chief Bernice Higgins, and Assistant Chief Saul Alter at Bear Creek Middle School.

ANIMAL ABUSE AWARENESS MONTH

On April 6, Christian Serratos (who plays Rosita Espinosa in AMC's The Walking Dead TV series) took pictures with a pup rescued in a large-scale animal seizure in February (related to not-yet-indicted animal cruelty case).

Now named Walter, this dog was among those featured in a recent adoption event. We are incredibly honored that the Animal Legal Defense Fund) and Ms. Serratos chose the work that we do at the Fulton County District Attorney's Office for this spotlight. The picture without Ms. Serratos was Walter just prior to his adoption.





GAWL EMORY 2023

Deputy District Attorney Kelcee Jones-Connor was a panelist at Emory Law School's Georgia Association for Women Lawyers (GAWL) Annual Women's Conference. This year's discussion was focused on women's workplace experiences. Deputy District Attorney Yolanda Mack attended in support of DDA Jones-Connor.

LEGAL ASSISTANT TRAINING



On March 29, legal assistant leaders from the Fulton County District Attorney's Office participated in "Time Management for Leaders" training at the Prosecuting Attorneys' Council of Georgia. Police Major Trent Lindgren of the Alpharetta Department of Public Safety led the workshop, where attendees learned time management is an individual commitment to a disciplined lifestyle. There are many pathways to accomplish more within a certain amount of time such as developing good habits, studying the job and finding ways to be more efficient, and bundling tasks such as listening to an audio book while completing routine responsibilities. Major Lindgren also discussed the importance and impact of sleep, diet, exercise, and mental health for productivity.

EMPOWERING YOUNG MEN TO EXCEL YOUTH CONFERENCE



Fulton County Commissioner Natalie Hall and FCDAO's very own Aakeem Woodard with panelists and attendees of Commissioner Hall's youth conference.

"At Commissioner Natalie Hall's Youth Conference, over 300 young men came out to be empowered. I was honored to serve as a panelist for this event. My closing advice to the youth was to jump and build your wings on the way down. Do not let fear rob you of your future." – Aakeem Woodard, Director of Juvenile Youth Services

TEAL TUESDAY! SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH



SEXUAL ASSAULT EVENTS

SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH

4/20 @ 6:30pm – Zoom presentation on Sexual Assault Awareness Month sponsored by Junior League of DeKalb, The National Council of Negro Women (NCNW) - DeKalb, DeKalb County Commissioners Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, Ted Terry, Steve Bradshaw, and DeKalb County Sheriff Melody Maddox.

4/21 @ 6:00pm – Third Fridays on Main Street and the Taste of SoFu kick-off event in Fairburn, GA. Deputy DA Yolanda Mack will have a booth at the event.

4/24 @ 6:00pm – Deputy DA Yolanda Mask and VWA LaTeeka Montgomery SAAM presentation at the South Fulton City Council meeting.

4/26 @ 11:00am – Spelman College SAAM event.

4/26 @ 3:15pm – FCDAO Jeans Day. Group photo in FCG Atrium at 3:15pm SHARP. Treats and SAAM info will be provided afterwards in the 7th floor SVD conference room.

4/28 – All-day presentations at Bethune Middle School for each grade on SAAM by the FCDAO's Sexual Assault Unit.

A DAY WITH THE GRAPHICS UNIT!



Chattahoochee Hills Charter School student Jaydn Montgomery and his mentors Director of Graphics Michael Makins and Graphic Designer Tychaune Douglas

SHOUT OUT FROM MOM, LATEEKA MONTGOMERY

"I wanted to thank you for allowing Jaydn to come shadow you and be mentored by you. The smile he had was immeasurable. I really appreciate you and your team for exposing him to new possibilities."



"Please congratulate Lynn Carter on her retirement from Fulton County! Lynn played a pivotal role in starting and standing up the Junior DA and Court Watch Programs. She was instrumental to the office's bi-annual mailing of our Spring and Winter Reports to thousands of community members! We wish her the best in her retirement!" – Deputy District Attorney Natalie Zellner

2023 VIOLENCE PREVENTION EVENT WITH ATLANTA PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND CHRIS 180



On Saturday, March 25, 2023, several members of the FCDAO team and Juvenile Intervention Initiative served the community alongside dozens of other organizations and agencies at Benjamin E. Mays High School for the annual Violence Prevention Event with Atlanta Public Schools and CHRIS 180. Juvenile Intervention Initiative Program Coordinator January Towles, Lieutenant Justin French, Deputy Chief Investigator DaShawn Raymond, and Assistant District Attorney LaShawnda Woods-Roberts participated in breakout panels discussing criminal and juvenile justice law and the community, and gang involvement amongst teens. Victim Witness Advocate Christen Clarke engaged community members and shared resources during the exhibition fair. WAVE's CEO and President Jason Cade and board member Ricardo Rucker also participated in the law and community panel alongside FCDAO staff. Juvenile Judge Renata Turner and APS Police Chief Ronald Applin were among the hundreds present for the event.

CHRIS 180 LUNCHEON



On Thursday, March 23rd, Madam DA along with FCDAO and Juvenile Intervention Initiative team members spoke to members of the CHRIS 180 Teen Violence Reduction Advisory Committee about careers in Public Safety. Explaining their career path to the youth were: Madam DA, January Towles, Christen Clarke, Justin French, Brian Watkins, Bryant Brinson, Edwina Sellan, Natalie Zellner, and Epiffany Henry. The CHRIS 180 Teen Violence Reduction Program (TVR) is a youth-focused initiative for teens ages 12–17. TVR was established to address the biggest gap in violence prevention services and strives to reach youth to divert them from joining a gang, becoming involved in violent crime, and/or losing their lives to violence.



NEWHIRES

WELCOME TO THE FULTON COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE



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April Redding Telecommunications Specialist Technology Unit



Kyara Mullings Telecommunications Specialist Technology Unit



ANGORNER

Gautam Rao's Law Corner

PHONE EXTRACTION VS. PHONE RECORDS

Although the law helps while doing our job, having a practical understanding of the evidence, and knowing what you are looking at is also helpful. To this point, I've had a few attorneys ask about the difference between a phone extraction (commonly called a "phone dump") and phone records. They are different and easy to confuse for new prosecutors or for even the more experienced ones who have not had this exposure.

• A phone extraction is the contents of a phone downloaded into a software program for decryption and analysis. Essentially, an investigator will plug the phone into a device, wait for the device to be unlocked through the means available, and download the phone's contents to be formatted through a software program. The program will show text messages, web history, call logs, contact lists, etc. - most things to which we have access in our phones.

Phone records assist law enforcement and prosecutors with identifying the location of the phone towers whenever a phone number is in use.
Generally, to start the process, law enforcement identifies the service provider for a phone number and provide a search warrant to the service provider (i.e. AT&T, T Mobile, Verizon Wireless). When a phone number is in use, either by placing/receiving a phone call or text message, the phone connects to a tower.
This is referred to as "Historical Cellsite Analysis."
Essentially, we can get an approximation of where that phone is located at a particular time. Typically, phone records data will be received in a excel spreadsheet labeled "CDR MEDIATIONS" with the phone number in the label. In processing the data on the spreadsheet, we can utilize the coordinates provided to determine which phone tower the phone was utilizing at a particular time and whether it was in proximity to an area of interest. These records also are useful in gaining knowledge about numbers and duration of calls placed to and from the target number. A record may look something like this: At 1:01 p.m., the phone associated with (404) 397-2889 placed a call to (770) 875 - 5040 at the above mentioned coordinates. This sort of evidence has been immensely helpful in the successful prosecution of multiple homicide cases.

It is important to note that the preservation of these records by the phone companies is finite; typically, it's two years before the records are purged. Still, there have been occasions where they have been accessible beyond the general two year limit. Nevertheless, this type of evidence can't identify who possessed the phone at the time. Nor does it pinpoint where exactly the phone located is in relation to the tower. Beyond that, it is up to the prosecutor to rely on logical inferences and other corroborating evidence to connect the dots as to who possessed the phone at a certain time.



MANAGING AGR AT WORK

Everyone has probably been upset, angry, or frustrated at work at one time or another. These emotions may be triggered by an email that is misconstrued or an angry email writer who intended the email to come across as such. Or, a colleague may cast blame in a meeting for an error that is not your fault and you don't have the opportunity to defend yourself. Or, someone makes an inappropriate joke that makes you feel uncomfortable. You may respond by yelling, using profanity, sending an unprofessional email, or storming out. Nonetheless, this is a professional environment, and we cannot act based on our initial emotions.

First, take a few deep breaths to calm yourself. Next, take a walk outside or around the building if possible. Try not to take someone else's actions personally because it is not always about you. Minimize venting because telling a story that makes you angry tends to make you angry again. Others may give you advice that increases your anger instead of de-escalating the situation. Take time to think about why a situation may not be what it seems. For example, the tone of an email may not be rude but direct. Your colleague may be having a bad day because of bad news or did not get much sleep. Give your colleague the benefit of the doubt. If someone exhibits behavior that seems unusual or offensive, talk to the person privately when you are calm. While we are professionals, we are also human beings. To expect everyone to be cheerful

and happy every day is unreasonable. However, we must create an environment where we can work together and maintain professional relationships.

If you feel you have anger issues and want to speak with someone, reach out the Fulton County Employee Assistance Program. EAP services can be accessed 24 hours a day, seven days a week by calling 800-999-7222 or visiting



www.AnthemEAP.com (password: Fulton).





DEPUTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY WILL WOOTEN

congratulations

Everyone knows someone who has been the victim of identity fraud or who has had their bank account or credit card compromised. Our office has

worked diligently with our partners for two years to pass this legislation, which will greatly expand the ability of local prosecutors to fight back against fraudsters and scammers.

House Bill 219, which overwhelmingly passed the Georgia legislature in March, adds a provision to the Georgia theft venue statute, codified O.C.G.A. § 16-8-11, that greatly expands venue in cases involving theft of money from bank accounts to ensure that victims are not forced to travel across county or state lines in pursuit of justice.

The bill was written by FCDA White Collar Crime Unit Deputy District Attorney Will Wooten and

PAC State Resource Prosecutor Will Johnson with significant input from the Georgia Attorney General's Office and other Metro Atlanta DA's offices. The bill was sponsored by Rep. Scott Hilton before the Georgia House of Representatives and by Sen. John Albers before the Georgia Senate. Under the new venue statute, which goes into effect July 1, 2023, cases involving theft of money from bank accounts can be prosecuted in the county where the victim resided at the time of the theft or in any county in which any act was performed in furtherance of the theft. This means that if a Fulton County resident's bank account is compromised and money is stolen from it, the case can be prosecuted in Fulton County regardless of the location of the thief and regardless of where the stolen money was actually accessed or used. Under the previous law, these cases could only be prosecuted in a county where the thief exercised control over the stolen property, which is difficult – and sometimes impossible – to prove in cases where stolen money travels through bank accounts. The bill also similarly expands venue in cases involving money laundering.

SHOUTOUTS



Chief Senior Assistant District Attorney Timothy Pennington

Greetings ALL: I am so proud that NON-COMPLEX began the trial in a Possession of a Firearm by a 1st offender. Gun cases are important, and us taking a strong stance is important. It takes the entire TEAM for this office to be successful. PLEASE CONGRATULATE Senior ADA Tim Pennington, Deputy DA Tom Wight, Senior Inv. DeAntoine Johnson, and Legal Assistants Tesha Nedd and Tawanna Flint for getting a guilty plea during trial to 5 years' probation. I believe this was Mr. Pennington's 1st criminal trial. Thank you all for your service. Slowly, but surely, people are hearing the message that Fulton County is not a good place to do criminal business.

Yours in Service,

Fani T. Willis District Attorney | Atlanta Judicial Circuit



Senior Assistant District Attorney Jazmin Willingham and Senior Assistant District Attorney Christian Adkins

Greatness is developed and earned, not given. I am giving a shout-out to ADA Willingham and ADA Adkins for beating my Dignitary Team in the building. Go SVD!

Fani T. Willis District Attorney | Atlanta Judicial Circuit



Chief Senior Assistant District Attorney Nailah McFarlane

Good afternoon Madam DA,

I am writing to sing the praises of one of my former lawyers - Nailah McFarlane. Today a jury found Anthony Barber guilty of the 2014 murder of Ms. Carnita Chick, a young mother of two who was strangled to death by the defendant for simply being present inside his home with his girlfriend. Chief Sr. ADA Nailah McFarlane took over the reigns as lead on this case after I was reassigned, and she never looked back. She tried the case beautifully. Ms. Chick was one of the most vulnerable members of our society. She battled and struggled with drug addiction and sometimes earned money by being exploited for sex. The only eyewitness in the case, Antoinette Stephens, also struggled with drug addiction, and mental illness - schizophrenia and bi-polar disorder. Defendant Barber strangled Ms. Chick to death right in front of Ms. Stephens - all because Ms. Chick liked to tease the defendant about his short stature and lack of sexual prowess, and the defendant was angry that Ms. Stephens dared bring Ms. Chick inside their home again. Ms. Stephens did not immediately report the murder. She reported it only after the defendant had been arrested for beating her (again). Ms. Stephens became uncooperative with police after the defendant was released on bond shortly after he was arrested. Though the policed searched for the body of Ms. Chick for months, they found nothing to corroborate Ms. Stephens account of the murder and soon after ceased efforts to locate Ms. Chick's body.

18 months after Ms. Stephens reported the murder, police discovered the skeletal remains of Carnita Chick while investigating an unrelated crime. The skeletal remains were taken to the Medical Examiner's office, but the medical examiner ruled both the cause and the manner of death "Undetermined." Ms. McFarlane convinced the jury that the cause of death was strangulation, and the manner of death was homicide - without a report from the Medical Examiner stating either conclusion. She was able to corroborate the eyewitness's account of the murder by deftly eliciting testimony from witnesses such as the family members of the eyewitness and law enforcement officers who had responded to domestic violence incidents between the eye witness (Ms. Stephens) and the defendant Ms. McFarlane was able to introduce these prior difficulties at trial to explain the witness's delay in reporting the murder. In a masterful move, Ms. McFarlane also introduced testimony from Dr. Matthew Norman, to educate the jury on the difference between factual accounts and delusions or hallucinations caused by drug use or mental illness. Dr. Norman's testimony only strengthened Ms. Stephen's credibility as an eyewitness. Though I am no longer over Cold and Capital Case, I am writing you and the current Deputy and Chief Deputy of the Unit because I know what a difficult case this was to win. I watched as Ms. McFarlane developed a thorough understanding of the facts in this case and a firm grasp on the challenges it presented and how to overcome them. This case was an amazing victory and Ms. McFarlane deserves a very hearty congratulations from our DA Family.

CONGRATULATIONS NAILAH!

Adriane L. Love | Chief Deputy District Attorney | Major Crimes Division | HP+ Unit | Fulton County District Attorney's Office

CONVCTONA/ert

State v. Valentin Martinez

Congratulations to the Crimes Against Children Unit! In the case of State vs. Valentin Martinez, the defendant was found guilty of all counts including Aggravated Child Molestation and Child Molestation. Judge Adams sentenced the defendant to 25 years followed by life on probation.







Senior Assistant District Attorney Christian Adkins



Sr. Investigator Natalie Brunner



Victim Witness Advocate Christen Clarke



Legal Assistant Caderrius Armstrong

State v. Anthony Allen Barber

Congratulations to the Major Case Unit! In the case of State vs. Anthony Allen Barber, the defendant was found guilty of six counts including Felony Murder and Concealing the Death of Another. Judge Emerson sentenced the Defendant to 2 consecutive Life without the Possibility of Parole plus 11 years.



Chief Senior Assistant

District Attorney

Nailah McFarlane



Chief Senior ADA Jamell Hamm



Sr. Investigator Timothy Effler



Victim Witness Advocate Maya Wilburn



Legal Assistant SaQuez King

CONVICTIONA/ert!

State v. Luther Brite

Congratulations to the Sexual Assault Unit! In the case of State vs. Luther Brite, the defendant was found guilty of all counts including Rape and Aggravated Sexual Battery. Judge G. Grant Brantley sentenced the defendant to life without parole.

Special Thank you to those I couldn't do this without...Yolanda Mack, Lauren McAuley, Adam Abbate, Christina Robinson, Kelcee Jones-Connor, Asia Baysah, Cassie Lundy, Shaniece Withrow, Christian Adkins, Jazmin Willingham, and Breanna Barrett.

Special thanks to Mike Makins of the Graphics Unit.





Chief Senior Kassie Hall

Deputy District Earnelle Winfrey









Sr. Investigator Kenneth Rucker

Advocate Leenessa Landor Victim Witness Advocate LaTeeka Montgomery

Tiffany Horton

State v. Tony Clark

Congratulations to the Complex Trial Team! In the case of State vs. Tony Clark, the defendant was found guilty of Possession of Cocaine. Judge Emerson sentenced the defendant to 6 years to serve.







Sr. Investigator Jaysen Thomas



Victim Witness Advocate **Dianelly Rivera-Gow**



Deputy Victim Witness Advocate Misty Botu

Assistant District Attorney Assistant District Attorney Julian Jordan

Senior **Christian Adkins**

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Ron Coloma | Sr. Investigator

My name is Ron Coloma. I am an investigator at the Fulton County District Attorney's Office and was recently assigned to the Anti-Corruption Division. I have been in law enforcement since 2008, and I have had my share of good and bad times, but never did I waver from the ultimate goal of helping others. I strive every day of my life to seek truth and justice for every victim whose case I investigate. Perhaps it's the former Marine in me to relentlessly seek justice for those less for fortunate, but it is this same dedication that I hope transcends into my personal life as well. I have a wonderful husband of almost three years who has been by my side through the good times and bad, always showing me support no matter how kookie my ideas seem to be. In a profession such as this, you need people like Matt to show us how beautiful life can be and how every day is a gift from God that should never be taken for granted. Finding someone who you can talk to, rely on, and ultimately depend on has been my ultimate source of happiness.

Jessica Medrano Graham | Legal Assistant

Jessica Medrano Graham serves as a Case Intake legal assistant. She's from Wilson, North Carolina, where she says she was raised on vinegar based barbecue sauce, collard greens, and cornbread. She's an Army veteran and she's married to a Marine. Jessica has a son and three dogs, Tank, Dakota and Sasha Fierce. Outside of work, she's an entrepreneur with two businesses. She's the owner and CEO of both The Lash Law, a lash extension service and supply company, and The Closing Argument, a luxury thrift resale and upcycle fashion company. In her spare time, Jessica loves to cook and enjoys all things fashion and travel.



Bryant Brinson | Dependency & Diversion Coordinator

Born and raised in Georgia, Bryant Brinson serves as a dependency diversion coordinator. He joined the Fulton County District Attorney's Office in 2017. Previously, he worked as a paralegal at the Georgia Department of Labor and for his mother at her private law firm. He has a bachelor's degree and a master's in business administration, as well as a paralegal certificate from Georgia College and a paralegal diploma from Ashworth College. Bryant is a member of the National Federation of Paralegal Associations. His favorite sports team is the Atlanta Falcons. Outside of work, Bryant enjoys spending time with family, coaching, and giving back to his community. Bryant enjoys weightlifting and loves traveling to Florida to relax on the beach. Photography, being a DJ, mix engineering, and making beats are some of his favorite hobbies. Two of Bryant's favorite songs are Tennessee Whiskey by Chris Stapleton and Sitting on the Dock of the Bay by Otis Reddin







LaTeeka Montgomery | Victim Witness **Advocate**

Originally from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, LaTeeka Montgomery moved to Georgia about 12 years ago. She's the older of her mother's two children and the second youngest child of her father. She's very close to her brother on her mother's side and a sister on her father's side. In May, LaTeeka will celebrate nine years of marriage with her husband, whom she met when she was 14. They share a 13 year old son (Jaydn) and a 9 year old daughter (Rylee). LaTeeka's favorite pastime is traveling. She's a certified travel agent, a job she wanted in order to travel for free or really cheap.

She also enjoys decorating her house and making old things new again. She finds spray painting to be very therapeutic. Her favorite holiday is Christmas and loves all things Christmas: decorating, the hustle and bustle of shopping, and gift giving. She says she always goes overboard spending for Christmas, so much so, that her son told her when he was 4 years old that she had bought him too many presents. In her spare time, she al so loves listening to music and getting together with friends. Her family's Friday routine includes movie night or game night and junk food

Tracy Jemison | Investigator

Born in the championship state of Alabama and an Alabama football fan (All Day, Every Day - Roll Tide!), Tracy Jemison has about 15 years of law enforcement experience. She believes God redirected her to the Fulton County District Attorney's Office, where she is a part of a team (SVD) with great purpose.

As an investigator, Tracy believes she has the responsibility and opportunity to change lives by keeping people safe and bringing justice. She feels most rewarded when she sees people or victims from the past who have made recoveries and thanked her for helping in their success. Her entire law enforcement career has been with Fulton County, where she started as a police officer. After about seven years, she transferred to the Fulton County Schools Police Department, where she implemented successful programs for high-risk students

Tracy graduated from Jacksonville State University with a degree in Forensic Science. She has a business called "Unspoken, Reality & Truth," which is about the transparency of being in law enforcement and to allow a person to speak in a safe space to heal. Tracy is also a peer counselor and CIT trainer with the "Wounded Blue "organization. She travels in the summer for wellness seminars in different states.

She has two amazing children and twin grand angels. Tracy is grateful to have both of her parents and her siblings. She likes to read, particularly well-being books, and she enjoys outdoor activities such as walking and biking, and swimming and canoeing. She loves the ocean and feels that the water soothes her spirit and soul. She enjoys scuba diving, which she started doing in 2020. In 2022, she traveled to Bimini Bahamas, where she took two hours offshore to swim with sharks, stingrays, and dolphins, and explored a shipwreck. Tracy's next goal on her check list is to travel to Egypt to visit the pyramids, to go on excursion called "safari in Egypt," and to dive in the Red Sea.

SAYMYNAME, SAYMYNAME! (CORRECTLY PLEASE ...)



ASIA: [LIKE THE CONTINENT] BAYSAH: [BAE - SUH]

Asia is originally from Stone Mountain, Georgia. She graduated with a Bachelors of Arts Psychology degree from Sewanee: The University of the South in Sewanee, Tennessee. In college, she participated in many activities, including captain of dance team, captain of cheerleading team and a variety of civic work. Subsequently, she taught 8th grade math with the Teach for America program in Memphis, Tennessee. While Asia taught, she also coached the cheerleading and dance teams at her middle school. Asia received her Juris Doctorate from North-eastern University School of Law in Boston, MA. In addition to serving as Chair of the Black Law Students Association and being a member of the Women's Law Caucus, she was also a part of the Governing Council of the Student Bar Association, and a member of the Youth Advocacy Committee. While in law school, Asia worked at the Kings County District Attorney's Office in Brooklyn, New York. For years she prosecuted domestic violence and elder abuse cases.

She is on the board of the Greater Atlanta National Black Prosecutors Association, the board of Teach for America's Leadership Council and a member of The Atlanta Junior League. Asia enjoys going to church, reading and spending time with loved ones. When not working, Asia spends her time chasing after her 2 and 3 year old: she has extra jobs as their maid, chauffeur and a short order cook.



BETSY WEINTRAUB PRONUNCIATION: WINE-TROB

I started my career at the DA's Office in my hometown of Memphis, then worked for my family's labor law firm for a few years. In 2015, I moved to a tropical island called Saipan, a U.S. territory about 1500 nautical miles from the Philippines, where I worked as a prosecutor for two years. I love traveling - I spent a month traveling alone throughout India, twice, and lived in France for a year. I've visited Vietnam, Cambodia, Sri Lanka, Iceland, Malta, and almost every other country in Western Europe.

My dad and brother practice labor law on opposite sides: Dad represents management and Cole works for a labor union. My other brother, Joe, is an expat teacher who has lived in Prague for ten years. He and my mom are both actors – between the two of them, they have had small roles in three films nominated for Best Picture Oscars: The Blind Side (2009), JoJo Rabbit (2019), and All Quiet on the Western Front (2022).



ILONA ROLACK PRONUNCIATION: EE-LOW-NA

Soooooo, my name is spelt:

I -L-O-N-A and is pronounced EE-LOW-NA not eye-low-na nor ee-yo-na nor Low-na. It is a very common European name and while I'm not European, I am very pleased when I'm over there because it is satisfying to hear your name pronounced correctly. I also had no problems when I lived in Hawaii, because the name is also Hawaiian.

There is an attorney in this office (I won't say who....Adam Abbate) who has my name in his contact list as Lilona Rocheck. I've known him now for over 7 years and he hasn't changed it. So when he calls me from his car, he calls out Call Lilona Rocheck! I can't make this up! Lol.



AFICE OF THE DESCRIPTION DESCRIPTION

JACELYNN PORTER PRONUNCIATION: JAY-SUH-LYNN PORTER

My first name is commonly mispronounced as Jay-Suh-Lynn. However, the correct pronunciation of JaCelynn is (Jah-Suh-Lynn). Born in Northern Virginia and raised in Stonecrest, Georgia, JaCelynn is a proud Georgia Peach transplant. JaCelynn received her Bachelor of Business Administration from Georgia Southern University. JaCelynn has also earned her Juris Doctorate and Masters of Business Administration from Howard University School of Law. While studying at Howard Law, JaCelynn served as the Executive Solicitations and Submissions editor for the Howard Human & Civil Rights Law Review and member of the Charles Hamilton Houston Moot Court team. JaCelynn was selected to travel to both Bangalore, India and Beijing, China to represent Howard Business School on different studentconsultant teams. JaCelynn has always wanted to be a prosecutor, from interning at the Philadelphia District Attorney's Office to serving as an Assistant District Attorney in the Bronx, New York. JaCelynn is excited to return home and serve the very community that raised her. When JaCelynn is not hard at work, you can find her traveling from continent to continent, reading an autobiography, attending a music festival, or watching a competitive sport.

CHRISTEN CLARKE FIRST NAME PRONOUNCED: CHRIS-TEN LAST NAME PRONOUNCED: CLARK, NOT CLARKEY

I was born and raised in Columbus, Ga, to my wonderful parents. I have one older sister and two younger brothers. I am a proud graduate of THEE Fort Valley State University with a Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice. I am currently a Master's candidate for the Fall 2023 class, where I will obtain a Master of Education Curriculum, Assessment, and Instruction from Strayer University. Prayerfully, I can continue my education and become Dr. Christen soon. I worked for the Department of Juvenile Justice for five years before joining the FCDAO family. In my free time, I like watching reality tv, crime documentaries, getting my nails done, and shopping. My favorite hobbies are extreme couponing, collecting Starbucks cups and trying weird food combinations from TikTok. I enjoy volunteering and giving back to the community.

CHRISTINIA CLARK FIRST NAME PRONOUNCED: KRIS-TI-NEE-UH

Christinia is a native of Winona, Mississippi. She received her Bachelor of Arts degree from Mississippi State University. She earned her Master of Business Administration from Kennesaw State University. Christinia worked as a Brand Manager and Business Development Consultant for more than 9 years. Christinia was an award winning and production driven employee for both Merck Pharmaceuticals and Ernst & Young, LLP. She flourished as a Brand Manager and her expertise led to Christinia landing roles as a Consultant for two small private biotech companies. Christinia's business career afforded her opportunities to live in New York, Boston, Indiana, and Chicago. No matter the amount of snow and the threats that nor'easters bring to Boston, Christinia is firmly convinced that Chicago is the coldest place in the US. Yet, Chicago summers are the best on earth, which makes toughing the freezing winters that much more bearable. Christinia attended the Mississippi College School of Law (MCSOL). She was a member of MCSOL's Moot Court Board, and she served as President of the Black Law Student Association. After graduation, Christinia served as a Criminal Defense & Constitutional Rights lawyer in Mississippi and Texas. She has also served as an attorney for the Department of Homeland Security. Christinia came to the FCDAO's office in October 2021.

Fun facts about Christinia include she is a wife and mother. Christinia's 3-year-old daughter is Ryan Giselle. To date, one of Christinia's proudest achievements is that she breastfed for a total of 26 months. She has a cocker spaniel whose name is Kevin Garnett. Christinia is a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. She is a diehard Pittsburgh Steelers' fan! She and her husband live for football season. Christinia loves music. Her favorite bands are Coldplay and Linkin Park. If you walk into Christinia's office, she will always have her theme music for the day playing which could be anything from Fred Hammond, Mozart, Marvin Gaye, Rhianna, Anita Baker, or Coldplay.





LAUREN MCAULEY LAST NAME PRONOUNCED: [MICK-ALL-EE]

Lauren is the Deputy District Attorney over the Crimes Against Children Unit in the Special Victims Division. Lauren has served the District Attorney's Office for just over a decade in a variety of roles including supervising the Complex Trial and Juvenile Court Units and as a trial attorney in the former Crimes Against Women and Children Unit and Complex Trial. If you've ever had the chance to speak with her, you'll know she loves the CAC Unit and is very passionate about the work our office does to serve the children of Fulton County. Lauren obtained her undergraduate and law degrees from the University of Detroit Mercy. She holds an LL.M/Master of Laws in Child Law & Policy from Emory University School of Law – she was the first LL.M graduate from the program! Lauren is an active member of the Junior League of Atlanta and the Georgia Association of Women Lawyers. You can find Lauren outside of work on the eastside Beltline with her dog, Chloe (@chloetothemc), watching the Fast & Furious with her cat, Daisy (@daisytothemc), or visiting her niece and nephew, Amelia, and Hudson.





PALLAVI BAILEY FIRST NAME PRONOUNCED: PUHL-LOVE-EE

Pallavi Purkayastha, your DA Dispatch Editor-in-Chief could always tell by the confused look when a teacher reached her name while taking roll in class. Her name is pronounced Puhllove-ee: the first syllable rhymes with dull/null/hull, linger on the L for a split second, and then say the English word 'love' and you're almost done! Her name means new-born leaf in Sanskrit and symbolizes innocence and purity.

Pallavi was born in India and moved to Georgia in 2000. She attended Georgia Tech with the hopes of going into foreign service. After college, she volunteered for a Senate campaign and fell in love with that work. She was a political strategist and consulted on campaigns and worked at the Georgia legislature before joining this office. She loves cooking and baking and spending time with her dog, Hazel Nut Purkayastha-Bailey. She is getting married to her fiancé, Charlie Bailey, on April 14 and taking his last name so we won't have to learn that!

RAEISHA OLIPHANT FIRST NAME & LAST NAME PRONOUNCED: (RYE-E-SHA) (O-LA-FONT)

Affectionally known as Rae around the office. Born and raised in Chicago, Illinois. I'm an 80s baby so the name lesha by Another Bad Creation was popular around that time. My mother and fathers name both begins with "R," but they swear naming me had nothing to do with it. My mom was actually working at a daycare at the time she was pregnant with me, and these little girl's name was Raeisha and she liked it. So, there you have it! LOL

I moved to Atlanta and began my career in law enforcement 11 years go. Back home I'm simply Raeisha to all my friends and family who still reside there. I have 4 brothers and 1 sister. 8 nieces and 1 nephew. Family means everything to me.

Fun Facts: I was the first black female police officer and Detective at the city of Douglasville Police Department. I am happy to say that times have changed since then. I am a proud graduate of Northern Illinois University (Go Huskies) where I obtained my undergraduate degree. I completed my graduate degree in 2016.

In my spare time, when time permits, I love to travel. When I do, you can catch me do all thing adventurous, spontaneous, and definitely in some water. I love to hang out with my friends and family especially those back home because I rarely see them.





INTERNCOACHINGTEAMS

- **TEAM A:** JULIANNA PETERSON, CHRISTOPHER SPERRY, CHRISTINA ROBINSON
- TEAM B: SONYA ALLEN, PETER HERTZOG, SAU CHAN
- TEAM C: BRIAN WATKINS, SHANNON TROTTY, RAMONA TOOLE
- TEAM D: KASSIE HALL, YOLANDA MACK, CHRISTIAN ADKINS
- TEAM E: ASIA BAYSAH, CAITLIN ADCOCK, PRECIOUS MARSH
- **TEAM F**: MARSHAL HODGE, JEFFERY HAWKINS, JAZMIN WILLINGHAM
- TEAM G: KELCEE JONES-CONNOR, NAPORSHA VALENTINE, JANA DIXON
- TEAM H: BRETT PINION, JULIAN JORDAN, NALDA KAY CHARLES



Please check your email to RSVP for this event.

SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM), a campaign aimed at educating and engaging the public in addressing this widespread issue.

This year's theme is Drawing Connections: Prevention Demands Equity. It urges individuals, communities, organizations, and institutions to change ourselves and our surrounding systems to build racial equity and respect. Drawing Connections recognizes that it will take ending all forms of oppression to end sexual harassment, assault, and abuse.

Sexual violence - any type of unwanted sexual contact - happens everywhere and affects everyone. Sexual violence includes words and actions of a sexual nature against a person's will and without that person's consent. A person may use force, threats, manipulation, or coercion to commit sexual violence.

There is a social context that surrounds sexual

violence. Social norms that condone violence, use power over others, adhere to traditional constructs of masculinity, subjugate women, and propagate silence about violence and abuse contribute to the spread of sexual violence. Oppression in all forms is among the root causes. Sexual violence is preventable through collaboration of community members at multiple levels of society — in homes, neighborhoods, schools, churches, workplaces, and other settings. We all play a role in preventing sexual violence and establishing

norms of respect, safety, equality, and helping others.

Yolanda Mack Deputy District Attorney Sexual Assault Unit



16TH ANNUAL YOUTH AND THE LAW SUMMIT "THE COURAGE TO BE UNCOMMON"

The Fulton County Juvenile Court hosted its annual Youth and the Law Summit on Saturday, April 15, 2023, at the State Bar of Georgia. Close to 300 youth, parents, and community members attended this impactful event. Gang Prevention and School Resource ADA Jawara Mars moderated the general session panel featuring recording artist and anti-violence community leader Young Dro, Next Level Boys Academy Founder Gary L. Davis, Sr., attorney, author, artist, and former ADA Will Arnold, and parent and mentor Wykehlia Stanley. ADA Mars mindfully engaged youth participants throughout the robust and courageous discussion. ADA Albert "Trey" Scott served as a monitor for youth throughout the Summit and engaged community partners on behalf of the office. ADA Lashawnda Woods-Roberts led the parent breakout session, "Path to Personal and Relational Resilience," alongside FCJC Juvenile Probation Officer and certified Resilience Coach Lisa Thomas. ADA Woods-Roberts and Coach Thomas shared information on adverse childhood experiences (ACEs), centering approaches, and common protective patterns that manifest in response to challenging situations. ADAs Mars, Woods-Roberts, and Scott reinforced the FCDAO's commitment to youth and their families no matter their court involvement. Parents, youth, Court staff, community partners, and John Marshall Law School students commented on their appreciation of our office. Parents specifically spoke out on the relief of engaging FCDAO staff to gain resources without the fear of retribution for their courtinvolved children.







RACE FOR EMPOWERMENT DUATHLON April 29th, 2023 RUN FROM ANYWHERE, VIRTUALLY

Contact Dilma Dos Reis for more information.



GRANT COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENT

Executive District Attorney Mike Carlson Chief Deputy District Attorney Rewa Collier Deputy District Attorney Jeff DiSantis Deputy District Attorney Gautam Rao Deputy District Attorney Natalie Zellner Grant Specialist Michele Henry

LEAD ATTORNEYS OVER ALL GRANTS

The Champion who will be over ALL grants is Executive District Attorney Michael Carlson. He will also specifically guide the DOJ's (JAG) Edward Bryne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant that deals with gang crime.

The Champion of DOJ's Improving Criminal Justice Responses to Domestic Violence Grant (ICJR) Domestic Violence Grant will be guided Senior Assistant District Attorney Asia Baysah.

> The Champion of DOJ's Cold Cases using DNA Grant will be guided by Deputy District Attorney Vincent Faucette.

> The Champion of DOJ's Emmett Till Cold Case Grant will be guided by Chief Senior District Attorney Nailah McFarlane.

The Champion of DOJ's Matthew Shepard and James Byrd, Jr., Hate Crimes Grant will be guided by Deputy District Attorney Kevin Armstrong.

STOP THE VIOLENCE SOUTH FULTON COMMUNITY EVENT





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The Stop the Violence rally held on Sunday, April 23rd, in South Fulton, GA, was aimed at collaboration between law enforcement, courts, and community partners in South Fulton. The rally allowed at-risk individuals to obtain resources, speak with government officials, and learn about programs that assist with the judicial process. Our administration has made steadfast and intentional decisions to crack down on the worst perpetrators of violence who victimize the most vulnerable among us while ensuring that we work with our communities, especially our youth, to provide for and guide them away from entering the criminal justice system.

BUILDING CLEARING TACTICS TRAINING





On April 22nd, Assistant Chief Ricks, Senior Investigator Martin, and Lieutenant French conducted a training aimed at increasing the operational readiness of our investigative personnel. Failing to train is, in effect, planning to fail.



Greetings FCDAO Family: I want to thank each of you who came and worked on Sunday.

I want to share with you what was accomplished. Approximately 3700 cases were reviewed. More than 1000 pieces of evidence were ordered: including but not limited to GCIC's, police reports, DOFS reports, and so much more. This will alleviate a lot of time for CID. Our leadership team of investigators are phenomenal – they arrived before 7AM and were the last to leave close to 5PM.

470 human beings' cases were declined, so they may get on with their lives. 125 human beings' cases were referred to Diversion so they can get the help they need. Note the Diversion Team refused to leave until they looked at close to 300 referrals, selecting those 125 candidates most appropriate to benefit from diversion.

35 human beings' cases were sent to Accountability Court so they may get the benefit of mental health and drug addictive services they need.19 human beings' cases were sent to State Court because that is where they need to be prosecuted, not here. But equally important are the 3,100 other cases where you all dug deep and uploaded case law (Appeals and White Collar, I saw you), ordered evidence to help make sure we prosecute these cases properly and win victories for our victims.

"I was exhausted on Sunday. As in could barely move. But my heart was full watching the way the best DA's office in the land comes together to do justice."

I hope each of you understands that it is truly my honor to work alongside each of you. Thank you for your service!!!!!

Yours in Service,

Fani T. Willis District Attorney Atlanta Judicial Circuit

These 649 people will be better off due to your efforts.

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On Tuesday, April 18, 2023, Executive District Attorney Mike Carlson, joined by Senior Assistant District Attorney Burke Dougherty and with the support of Director of Graphics Mike Makins, argued the case of State v. Demarcus Brinkley, before the Supreme Court of Georgia.

The Supreme Court of Georgia's Office of Public Information's pre-argument announcement on the case, describes, "Brinkley is charged with the August 2021 kidnapping, attempted rape, and murder of Mariam Khalid Abdulrab. Following his arrest and indictment, Brinkley filed a motion in limine seeking to exclude statements that he allegedly made over the phone to his mother about leading law enforcement officers on a car chase because he didn't want to go back to prison. The trial court granted his motion, and the State now appeals." The argument can be accessed at https://www.gasupreme. us/oa-april-18-2023/.

The briefs and more detail on the announcement are available at <u>https://www.gasupreme.</u> <u>us/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/April18OA.pdf</u>. The announcement, which is "not part of the case record and are not considered by the Court at any point during its deliberations" also states, "Most cases are decided within six months of oral argument."





Madam DA,

As you know, FCDAO's direct appeal in the State v. Demarcus Brinkley prosecution was argued this week.

While we await the Supreme Court's decision, I wanted to provide a quick word to you about the superlative efforts of Graphic's Director Mike Makins.

To address key considerations in the appeal, it was determined that visuals would be helpful. Director Makins served as an outstanding consultant, producing dramatic images for use in during argument. To this point, Director Makins' even traveled to the Supreme Court and inspected the courtroom itself.

As the process evolved, Director Makins refined the images, working through the weekend and into the night. In fact, he personally delivered updated slides to the Supreme Court the morning of the argument, then drove back to FCDAO and returned additional and updated versions.

Director Makins' impressive efforts on this high-profile appeal did much to augment the outstanding contributions to FCDAO's briefing and arguments of both DDA Kevin Armstrong and Sr. ADA Burke Doherty, along with the others from Appeals who participated in the "moot," organized by DDA Armstrong.

Once more, Director Makins deserves tremendous credit, as do DDA Kevin Armstrong and Sr. ADA Burke Doherty, for making invaluable contributions to FCDAO's appeal.

Michael Scott Carlson Executive District Attorney Major Crimes Division



CREDIBLE MESSENGER SUCCESS!

Hi, Ms. January, I'm sorry to be texting you so late, but I just had to tell you: so apprehensive about attending the Credible Messengers meeting. He even missed

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the ride that was setup for him. But I got him there, and when he got home, I tell you he came almost floating through the door. He might as well have been skipping. I haven't seen him smile like that in so long. It was a COMPLETELY POSITIVE EXPERIENCE! He's looking forward to going back. I cannot put into words how grateful I am for this opportunity.

God works in mysterious ways. I got down on my knees to give thanks last night. Thank you for following up and being consistent and intentional about aiding young men and young women, and little boys and girls. God bless your humble heart. This is a blessing in disguise. I asked God to help me with . And when they asked if I wanted a tribunal, I declined. I just wanted out of that school. He has gone from failing every class to making all A's & B's. I appreciate all you do, Ms. January. Thank you with all my heart! There's no greater relief than seeing your child flourish. My baby has come back to life. Thank you!



On Wednesday, April 19, 2023, Commissioner Dana Barrett and the Fulton County Board of Commissioners issued a Proclamation to Madam District Attorney Fani. T. Willis and the Victim Witness Assistance Program declaring April 23-29, 2023 is now officially declared as Crime Victims' Rights Week in Fulton County.

The Proclamation recognizes District Attorney Willis and the office's Victim Witness Assistance Program as a vital instrument in caring for the victims of crime.

FULTON COUNTYNEWSROOM



Fulton man stabbed girlfriend's friend to death, hid her body for over a year, prosecutors say

By WSBTV.com Staff March 28, 2023



<u>Georgia DA calls</u> <u>Donald Trump's racist</u> <u>claims ridiculous</u>

By Angelina Velasquez yahoo.com April 8, 2023



In exclusive interview, Fulton DA dismisses Trump comments as 'ridiculous' after calling her racist

By Richard Elliot, WSB-TV April 05, 2023



New Fulton County clerk hopes to make metro Atlanta streets safer

By WSBTV.com Staff April 09, 2023



<u>'The Walking Dead'</u> <u>actress meets dog</u> <u>rescued from Fulton</u> <u>County animal abuse</u> <u>case</u>

By: Gabriella Nunez | 11alive.com April 6, 2023



Fulton County DA says felony crime is down more than 15% this year

By WSBTV.com Staff April 12, 2023



DA: Man found guilty of child sexual abuse in Fulton tried to blame 'sexsomnia'

By Caroline Silva | The Atlanta Journal-Constitution April 7, 2023



DA says indictment announcement coming this summer in Trump probe

By Tamar Hallerman www.ajc.com Staff April 24, 2023