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BEYOND THE BADGE



Assistant Chief Saul Alter reads to Perkerson Elementary School's 4th grade class as a part of Atlanta Public School's Books and Badges Program.



Senior Investigator Christy Manos and Perkerson Elementary School students.



Assistant Chief Investigator Bernice Higgins had the pleasure of reading her friend, Farasha Green's book, Ya-Ya Travels the World to these bright little dreamers. Inv. Higgins even gave them her copy so they could read it again!

WREATH CONTEST



HONORABLE MENTION: ANTI-CORRUPTION DIVISION AND SAKI UNIT

3RD PLACE: NON-COMPLEX UNIT

2ND PLACE: ACCOUNTABILITY COURT

1ST PLACE: GANG UNIT

COCOA & CANVAS



AFTER MUCH DEBATE, THE WINNERS ARE:
KELLY GREENBERG
KYRA BANKS
EPIFFANY HENRY
HONORABLE MENTION EDWINA SELLAN!

CONVICTION *alerts*

Congratulations to the Trial Division. Great Job!



Senior
Assistant
District
Attorney
Pierce Hand



Chief Senior
Assistant
District
Attorney
Brad Malkin



Senior Investigator
Keenan O'Neal



Victim Witness
Advocate Lucia
Williams



Legal Assistant
Lucretia Crawford

The team received a guilty verdict before Judge McBurney in State v. Landon Christopher for Serious Injury by Vehicle and Hit and Run. Great way to end a year Trial Division.

THANK YOU

Mike Carlson, Mike Green, Mike Sprinkel, DaShawn Raymond, Ilona Rolack and Misty Botu for investigating and bringing 34 homicide cases to a decision.



Executive District
Attorney
Mike Carlson



Deputy Chief
Investigator
Mike Green



Assistant District
Attorney
Mike Sprinkel



Assistant Chief
DaShawn Raymond



Victim Advocate
Ilona Rolack



Victim Advocate
Misty Botu

KUDOS!



"I would like to send major KUDOS to Assistant Chief Paula Duprey and her team of investigators for their response to a potential conflict in the courtroom. Her team of investigators detected a potential conflict with the defendants family during sentencing today.

This threat was located over the weekend, a period of time that we all disconnect and focus on family. During that time they were working and prevented what could have been a problem in courtroom 5B. This is a part of our job that seem to be forgotten about. We investigate and we get convictions, but she and her team took it a step further and made sure her attorneys' and victims' families were safe!

Thank you AC Duprey and team for your attention to detail."

- Assistant Chief Thomas Ricks



"Special Shout Out to Investigator Ranetta Cruse for her assistance with GCICs. Inv. Cruse stayed super late to run GCIC's on our cases to assist us in making charging decisions on the cases we had to review. Teamwork truly makes the Dream work."

- Executive District Attorney Daysha Young



"I want to give a special thanks to Mahkayla Grogan for designing and helping gather signatures for the Special Victims Division S.A.R.T. Protocol."

- Executive District Attorney Daysha Young

EMPLOYEES OF THE MONTH



SEPTEMBER
Senior Investigator
Wiley (Danny) Murphy
Technology Unit



OCTOBER
Investigator DaJuan Walker
Major Case Unit



NOVEMBER
Legal Assistant
Gabrielle Sellers
Trial Division

WAVE



Through our partnership with WAVE, Programs Coordinator January Towles was invited to Bear Creek Middle School to sit in on their weekly group. She spoke with the students about choices, decision making, and issues they are facing. WAVE will be partnering with our office as a part of the Juvenile Intervention Initiative.

CASE LAW CORNER

SELF-SERVING HEARSAY



O.C.G.A. §24-8-801(d)(2) allows a statement made by a party-opponent to be used at trial against this party. For prosecutors, this exception to the hearsay rule means

defendants' statements can be used against them because the rules of evidence essentially identify defendants as "party-opponent." As such, defendants cannot introduce any of their own statements that do not fall under any of the hearsay exceptions described in O.C.G.A. §24-8-801 through 804.

How this issue typically arises at trial is when the defense seeks to introduce a defendant's statements because it allows the defendant to be seen as "cooperative" or the statements allow the defendant to put up a defense without being cross-examined. Strategically, prosecutors choose not to mention anything about a defendant's statements or the fact that the defendant even made a statement because they have no evidentiary value in the state's case-in-chief. If you don't see strategic value in these statements, under O.C.G.A. §24-8-801(d)(2), the defense CANNOT introduce them because they are self-serving hearsay. See *Parker v. State*, 276

Ga. 598 (2003) (self-serving declarations . . . are inadmissible hearsay unless the declarant testifies and can be cross-examined). This prohibition also applies to any reference to the statement. See *Harvey v. State*, 296 Ga. 823 (2015) (the reference to the fact that the defendant made a statement despite not discussing the contents of the statement is still invoking self-serving hearsay).

So decide whether you intend to use the defendant's statements. If not, file a motion in limine before trial to curb the defense from referencing a defendant's statements in an opening statement or in questioning prior to an appropriate time, if such time would even exist. If you don't restrain the defense ahead of time, objecting after the defense lets jurors know that the defendant made statements is not ideal. It can lead to unnecessary questions in jurors' minds:

- Why didn't the prosecutor mention the statements?
- What's in the statements?
- Is the state hiding something?

Objections at trial are great, but some bells cannot be unrung.

**DEPUTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY
GAUTAM RAO**

FABULOUS FOUR

MELISSA ROTH

Born and raised in Oklahoma, Melissa Roth did not move for good until coming to Atlanta for law school, where she met her husband, who is also an attorney. Her family raised cattle while she was growing up; they had about 250 acres and about 100 head of cattle. She also showed cattle. The most Melissa ever showed at one time was six, which was a lot. The first thing she does when she goes back to Oklahoma to visit is take her shoes off and stick her feet in the grass.

A member of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma, she has a Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood (CDIB).

Melissa LOVES theater and double majored in political science and theater in undergrad. Musicals are her favorite and she loves to sing. When she was growing up, her grandmother had the classic Rogers and Hammerstein on VHS tape that she watched over and over and over after school. Melissa can't leave anywhere on the first try. It usually takes 2-3 times before she has everything and can actually walk out the door. She has a standard poodle named Georgia. If Georgia ever has puppies, Melissa wants to name them after cities in Georgia, like Savannah, Atlanta, Macon, etc. Georgia was Melissa's ring bearer in her wedding. Finally, but not least of all, Melissa loves her job.



FABULOUS FOUR

MARCI GOLDMAN

Marci was born in Atlanta, Georgia and currently resides there with her husband, Brian, of 27 years and 2 children, Dean (senior at Emory university) and Lauren (freshman at Brookwood High School). She obtained her undergraduate degree from the University of Arizona and Law Degree from Mercer University.

Early in her career she decided to become a prosecutor and has spent her career in public service serving the People of Georgia for over 20 years.

Marci is passionate about animals and has rescued 5 furry friends. She's rescued three dogs - Milo, Ellie and Henry - and two cats - Baby and Wilson. If she isn't with her animals, you can find her at her daughters swim meets. Both of her kids have been swimming since they were 5!

Marci and her family love to spend weekends together and frequent the local Mexican restaurant (her favorite food group) - Her kids always joke that she could probably live off of chips and salsa alone!



FABULOUS FOUR



ROBERT BROWN

Robert Brown was born and raised in Daytona Beach, Florida. Brown has been married for three years and has three sons. He attended Florida State University before joining the United States Marine Corps. After six years in the Marines, he became a Florida Highway Patrol (FHP) officer and was stationed in Miami. After five years with FHP, he worked for the Coral Gables Police Department for 23 years, commanding the SWAT team and Honor Guard, and serving on the United States Marshals Florida Fugitive Task Force before retiring as a sergeant.

In 2010, he began doing high-profile security for the Miami Heat. His clients included Dwayne Wade, Chris Bosh and LeBron James, who hired Brown as personal security in 2014. LeBron returned to Cleveland, Ohio, with Brown and won his third NBA championship in 2016. Brown left LeBron after nine years of service and nine NBA finals. Brown then provided security for Tobias Harris from 2019 to 2022. Brown is part of Madam District Attorney's Dignitary Protection where he provides executive protection for her and her family.

FABULOUS FOUR



CANDIS MALLOY

Always thankful for the day that God allows her to be a part of, 52-year-old Candis Malloy is a mother to a beautiful daughter, a hairstylist, wellness professional by trade, and a licensed Zumba instructor. A native of Boston, Massachusetts, Candis moved to Atlanta in 1977. She recently celebrated her first-year anniversary with the FCDA family and looks forward to many more. She's a member of Trinity A.M.E. Church and sings on the praise team. She enjoys decorating, cooking, baking, dressing up, dancing, word games, dominos, music, and movies. Learning to read music and to communicate using sign language are still on her to-do list.

CAROL HOLT RETIREMENT 30 YEARS OF SERVICE



Carol Holt served under DAs Lewis Slaton, Paul Howard, and Fani Willis. On her last tour of duty, she served as a legal assistant in Gang Unit, Major Crimes Division. She will be missed.

Wolf Creek Elementary School Spelling Bee



Assistant District Attorney Christina Robinson participated as a judge in the Wolf Creek Elementary School Spelling Bee.

KUDOS TO THE TOP 5 ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEYS
FOR DIVERSION REFERRALS AND COURT WATCH



JANA DIXON, MATTHEW NORWOOD, DANIELLE
BURNETTE, CHRISTINIA CLARK



AUDREY SIMMONS

*Thank you so much for your dedication. In the words of Deputy Chief of Staff
Epiffany Henry, "They are really amazing." - Madam District Attorney*



NEW EMPLOYEE!

Jessica Medrano-Graham, Legal Assistant
Case Intake Division

THE OFFICE OF THE FULTON COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY, FANNING WILLIS PRESENTS

THE GRAMMY Awards

BEGINNING AT 11:00AM
12/16/2022



Mix & Mingle

Atrium : 5:01PM
12/15/2022



MENTAL HEALTH AND THE HOLIDAYS

DERRICHO'S CORNER



Most people think of the holidays as a joyous and wonderful time of year that is ideal for spending extra time with loved ones and friends.

However, a survey by National Alliance on Mental Illness (2014) showed 64% of respondents found the holidays made their mental illness worse; 68% reported feeling financially strained; 66% experienced loneliness; 63% felt too much pressure; 57% experienced unrealistic expectations; 55% recalled happier times from the past; and 50% were unable to be with loved ones. This data suggests the holidays can affect individuals with and without mental illness. The temporary depressed mood, anxiety, stress, sadness, and loneliness associated with the holidays is often referred to as "holiday

blues." During this time, it is important to be pay attention to family, friends, and colleagues. If you know of someone who does not have family close by or recently experienced a loss, invite that person to your family event. At the same time, it is important to create realistic expectations and not to overextend yourself. It may not be feasible or fiscally responsible to buy everyone an expensive gift. It may not be reasonable to attend every holiday party when rest is needed. Finally, instead of reflecting on past holidays with great memories, it may be best to create new traditions and memories. Just as important as taking care of yourself during this time. Participate in healthy self-care to avoid becoming stressed, overwhelmed, or sad.

Chandrika Derricho
Victim-Witness Assistance Program Director

FULTON COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

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SWEARING IN CHIEF DARIN SCHIERBAUM



“I had the distinct honor of speaking at Chief Darin Schierbaum’s swearing-in. We share a love for our beautiful city and a passion for keeping our communities safe, and I look forward to our continued partnership in serving the great state of Georgia.”

- Madam District Attorney Fani T. Willis



Judge tosses indictment against Fulton officers in jail death

By: Jeremy Redmon
The Atlanta Journal-Constitution, Nov 28
<https://www.ajc.com/news/judge-tosses-indictment-against-six-fulton-jailers/MAHY6W2WYFF-HLF7ACNOLJKNFKA/>



Georgia GOP chairman singled out by judge for central role in fake elector plot

By Zachary Cohen, Sara Murray and Jason Morris
CNN.com, Nov 30
<https://www.cnn.com/2022/11/30/politics/georgia-grand-jury-david-shafer/index.html>



Secorcia Turner case: Defendant's criminal history can be introduced, court rules

By: Shaddi Abusaid
The Atlanta Journal-Constitution, Dec 1
<https://www.ajc.com/news/crime/secorcia-turner-case-defendants-criminal-history-can-be-introduced-court-rules/YGFI22W3QZG2ZCXIPKJ2RICR2U/>



6 years later, Grandmother sentenced to life without parole in murder of 9-month-old grandson

By: Jessica Moore
11alive.com, Dec 6
<https://www.11alive.com/article/news/crime/tonya-monroe-sentenced-baby-kobe-shaw-murder/85-15c570ff-edf0-48dd-8a93-a95886fe17e7>



Former National Security Advisor Michael Flynn appears before special grand jury into 2020 election

By: Richard Elliot
Yahoo.com, Dec 8
https://www.yahoo.com/news/former-national-security-advisor-michael-020504331.html?guccounter=1&guce_referrer=aHR0cHM6Ly93d-3cuZ29vZ2xllmNvbS8&guce_referrer_sig=AQAAANA15EAKvEIQkCK6ue3Z9YAzcY8JnzVtflvLZq8CiP9sUyYGEFgE0im760pBjv4ZsTzmNs-pAXgQyuYuz2MSHDVvXDIWbXUmqYwalOWDnngnH7DQ0uAusDR2QxE55UuV2FVGE5PCIXhslJmS0GzQ6DEI9AXWKHK0-cXNGnxt



Young Thug faces racing, reckless driving charges in new indictment

By: Jonathan Raymond
11Alive.com, Dec 13
<https://www.11alive.com/amp/article/news/crime/trials/young-thug-new-charges-racing-reckless-driving-speeding/85-7b09700e-32a6-4423-aa34-9db5633fa75e>



Buckhead fatal stabbing: Suspect's family apologizes 'with profound sorrow' to victim's family

By: Joe Henke
11alive.com, Dec 13
<https://www.11alive.com/article/news/local/antonio-brown-family-condemns-killing-eleanor-bowles/85-297201ca-8448-4a1a-bab0-2cb6e2ef2821>



Gunna to be released from jail after plea deal in YSL RICO case

By: Jonathan Raymond
11Alive.com, Dec 14
<https://www.11alive.com/article/news/crime/trials/gunna-ysl-rico-case-plea-deal-release-from-prison/85-8d7d6272-5efe-4387-ae05-6a6b5edcb07bb>



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