

# DA DISPATCH

FANI T. WILLIS, District Attorney



The Fulton County District Attorney's Office

## The reason why your Google alerts keep going off...



Hi, I've met most of you, whether around the office or as part of the interview panel that the District Attorney conducted with every current and prospective employee before taking office in January. I've certainly enjoyed getting to know and work with many of you.

I came into "Fani Willis World" after being introduced to the District Attorney through mutual friends and helping her in last year's campaign. While I thought my days in government were over (until the District Attorney convinced me otherwise), it's great to be back working with an agency that is so important to the lives of people in Fulton County and across Metro Atlanta and to help tell the story about your very important work making our community safer. I knew that work would be interesting and covered by the media. I have to confess, however, that I did not anticipate how interesting!

This is not my first time working in a position like this one. I worked as the spokesman for Thurbert Baker during his tenure as Georgia Attorney General. My other tours in government include time in Washington working for Senator Zell Miller and President Clinton's White House Domestic Policy Council. I've also served as a campaign manager, pollster, media consultant, strategist, and staff member for candidates up and down the ballot in more than half the states in the union, including for President, Governor, U.S. Senate, U.S. House, Attorney General, Mayor, District Attorney, and many other offices. My private legal practice involved representing political candidates and organizations, primarily before regulatory and investigative agencies, in candidate qualification challenges, election challenges and recounts, and some other random endeavors.

When not working, in recent years, I've been primarily occupied with helping raise my teenage son, Dennis. I have transitioned from basketball/baseball/soccer coach to trying to (when he'll let me) give advice that might help with getting through the high school years successfully. I'm trying (with very limited success) to get myself into bike riding.

Fun facts: (1) A poll I conducted for a judicial reform group was cited by Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg in a Supreme Court opinion (I hope it was right!); and (2) I'm the reason Charlie Bailey is no longer your colleague (I was the first to talk to him about running for Attorney General in 2018).

*Jeff DeSantis*



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# Important Dates and Special Events


SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<b>JULY 2021</b>	<b>5</b> Office Closed for 4th of July Holiday	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Intern Luncheon & Mentor Session	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> Junior DA Program Starts	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> T-Shirts & Treats (wear your FCDA gear) 🍦	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> District Attorney's Meeting - Jekyll Island
<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
Prosecuting Attorneys Council Summer Conference Jekyll Island						
<b>25</b> High School Interns Commencement	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Wellness Wednesday Yoga	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> Junior DA Mock Trials & Graduation	<b>31</b>
<b>AUG 2021</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> FCDA Leadership Meeting	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
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## FCDA Employee Yoga

# OFFICE WIDE YOGA DAY

**JULY 28<sup>TH</sup> | LOCATION TBA | 12PM-1PM**

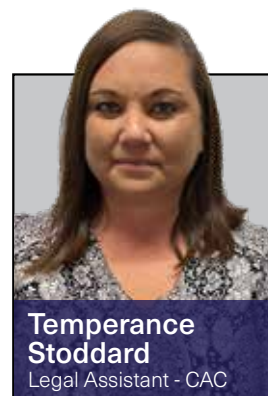
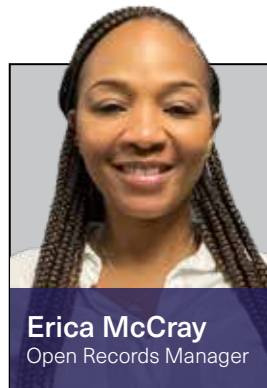
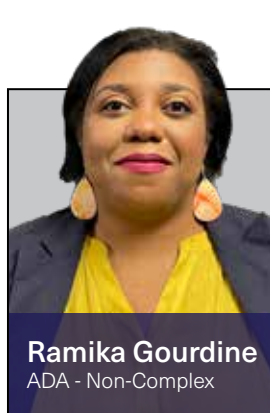
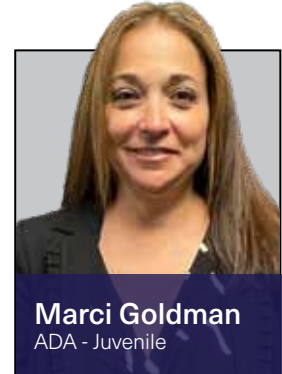
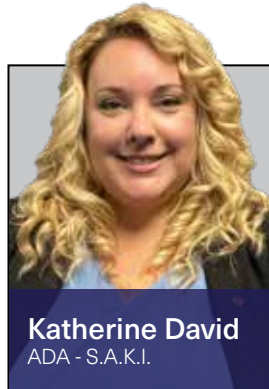
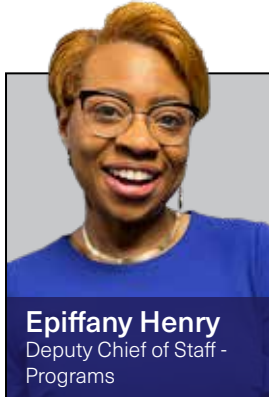
Are you stressed? Is work causing you to grow premature gray hairs? Madam DA is inviting the office to participate in Wellness Wednesday, an office-wide yoga session, to help with decompressing during our stressful days. This is a recurring event, happening on the last Wednesday of each month.





# Staff & Stories

Welcome 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.”

# Staff & Stories

## FCDA Law School Interns



### JORDAN BARRY

Law School Intern - 1L | Southern University Law | Special Victims Division

Jordan Barry is a native of St. Louis, MO, and earned her Bachelors of Arts in Speech Communication, graduating Cum Laude from Clark Atlanta University in 2019. During her undergraduate years, she interned with The Joseph and Evelyn Lowery Institute for Civil and Human Rights and served in Atlanta Public Schools and as a legal intern at the Georgia State Capitol during the 2018 Legislative Session. In both 2018 and 2019, Barry received the Servant Leadership Award from Dr. Joseph Lowery as the highest honor for community advocates. Jordan currently attends Southern University Law Center and just completed her first year of law school. Jordan is a proven project manager, team leader, and legal professional experienced in educational, political, and nonprofit environments. Jordan now is furthering her experiences in the legal field serving as a legal intern for the Fulton County District Attorney's office, assisting in the Special Victims Division.



### ZALITHIA HARRIS-MORRIS

Law School Intern - 3L | John Marshall Law | Trial Division

Zalithia Harris-Morris is a rising 3L at Atlanta's John Marshall Law School with an interest in Criminal Justice. She serves as treasurer of the Christian Legal Society, Corporate and Business Law Society, and P.A.D. Legal Fraternity. She is also the Academic Chair of the Black Law Student Association. Although she is active on campus, she is also a busy mother of three. She enjoys spending time with her husband and the children, whether it's going to their soccer games, shopping, quick road trips, or watching movies at home. Other hobbies include home-decorating and helping at her children's schools.



### HOLLEY HOWELL

Law School Intern - 2L | Emory School of Law | White Collar

Holley is a graduate of the University of Alabama and currently a rising 2L at Emory University School of Law. Prior to law school, she worked in Nashville in workforce development and community organizing. In her spare time, she enjoys cooking and taking hikes with her dog, Hank.

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### MARQUEZ JONES

Law School Intern - 1L | John Marshall Law | Special Victims Division

Marquez Jones is a native of Atlanta Ga. assigned to the Special Victims Divisions. He attends Atlanta's John Marshall Law School and serves as the Criminal Law President. In addition, he serves on the executive board of the Southern Region of Black Law Students, as the Pre-Law Director (SRBLSA). Some of his hobbies include attending football games (Rise Up!), doing community service work with his brothers of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc., and working out. He is super competitive and loves great competition. Upon the completion of law school, he hopes to practice as a Prosecutor in the Metro Atlanta area. "If you don't have a seat at the table, then bring a folding chair." -Shirley Chisholm.



### TIERANI JACKSON

Law School Intern - 2L | Southern University Law Center | Executive Team

Tierani Jackson is a rising 2L at Southern University Law Center in Baton Rouge, LA, with hopes to transfer to the Atlanta area. She is originally from Spanish Fort, AL, and graduated from the University of Alabama. Roll Tide! She currently works with the executive team as a legal intern. She is enjoying this opportunity of being able to gain hands-on experience in the legal field. She spends her free time upcycling different apparel items, sewing, and interviewing people for Trending With Tierani—a platform curated to fund projects, showcase everyday life, behind the scenes, and in between of talented individuals.



### CLARKE LYNN-RENEE POWELL

Law School Intern - 2L | GA State School of Law | Non-Complex

Clarke Lynn-Renee Powell is a rising third-year student at Georgia State University College of Law. Currently, Clarke serves as an intern for the Cold Cases Unit. Her extracurricular activities include membership in Black Law Students Association (BLSA) and Sports and Entertainment Law Society (SELS). Her hobbies include creative arts, reading, traveling, and soccer. In addition, she loves researching and testing various organic mixtures that promote a simplified approach to healthy natural hair.

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## FCDA Law School Interns



### **ANTHONY NGUYEN**

Law School Intern - 3L | GA State School of Law | Major Case

Anthony Nguyen is a rising 3L at Georgia State University College of Law. He was raised in Savannah, Georgia, and graduated from Georgia State University with a B.S. in Biology, Cum Laude. Anthony's time under the Gold Dome—a campaign aide to State Rep. Sam Park, a legislative aide to State Representative Brenda Lopez, and an intern to Georgia Governor Nathan Deal—inspired him to pursue a career in public service. Anthony participates in advocacy-centered extracurriculars as the Vice President of his Student Bar Association and as a volunteer in minority-focused civic engagement. He is a Nets fan, an amateur barista, and enjoys exercising.

Anthony is a summer intern with the Major Case Unit of the Fulton County District Attorney's Office. As a sworn student practitioner under the Third Year Practice Rule, Anthony will be able to participate in preliminary hearings and assist assistant district attorneys in handling criminal litigation matters. This fall, Anthony will extern in the Special Prosecutions Unit at the Office of the Georgia Attorney General.



### **HARRISON HANKS**

Law School Intern - 3L | Mercer School of Law | White Collar

Harrison Hanks is a rising 3L at Mercer University School of Law. He is originally from Phenix City, Alabama, and he graduated with his bachelor's degree from Auburn University. He enjoys bodybuilding/fitness, in addition to his desire to be outdoors and to travel. He also loves to write poems, short stories, and (hopefully a novel one day).



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## FCDA Law School Interns



### AMARI ROBERTS

Law School Intern - 2L | FAMU Law | Non-Complex

Amari Roberts is currently working in the Gang unit and in her spare time outside of law school, her extra-curriculum activity includes being a volunteer coach for her alma mater, the Eagle's Landing High School Mock Trial team in McDonough, GA. This school year, their team placed in the top eight throughout the state of Georgia!

Her hobbies also include reading, playing with her dog, Kimbo, trying new restaurants, and exercising at the park. Lastly, her extra-curriculum activities involve serving as a 2L representative for the Student Bar Association at her school, Florida A&M University College of Law.



### JORDAN ROBINSON

Law School Intern - 2L | Emory School of Law | White Collar

Jordan Robinson is from Baltimore, MD. He is a rising second-year law student at Emory University School of Law. Before law school, he went to St. John's University in New York City, where he completed his bachelor's and master's degree. He is an avid reader and loves to listen to music, so he will take all book suggestions or shared playlists. He is a big Baltimore sports fan and is happy to discuss why you should be too. He is excited to learn and network this summer and can't wait to get started.



### LAUREN SPENCER

Law School Intern - 2L | John Marshall Law | Civil Forfeiture

Lauren Spencer is a rising 2L at Atlanta's John Marshall Law School. She was born and raised in Atlanta and attended Georgia Tech for her undergrad degree. Some of her interests and hobbies include watching musicals/plays, historical fiction novels, and gardening. She is currently working as an intern in the Civil Forfeiture unit and has enjoyed learning about the legal procedure and helping the team to close out some of their older cases.



# Staff & Stories

## Swearing-In Ceremony

On June 29th, we swore in interns (Third Year Practice Act), Investigators, and Assistant District Attorneys.



*June*  
EMPLOYEE  
OF THE MONTH

**CAITLIN BRADLEY**  
VICTIM WITNESS ADVOCATE  
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE UNIT

FANI T. WILLIS, District Attorney

A woman in a beige cardigan and a woman in a grey patterned blazer are standing together. The woman in the beige cardigan is holding a framed award certificate. The certificate is gold and blue with a star and the text 'EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH' and 'Caitlin Bradley'. The background is a blue and white geometric design.

# Staff & Stories

## Meet Assistant District Attorney - Rives Hiles



Rives Hiles is an Atlanta native and has resided in Fulton County his entire life, excluding his time as an undergrad at Auburn University. Rives Graduated from Atlanta's John Marshall Law School in 2014 and began his legal career as a Prosecutor with the Fulton County Solicitor General's Office. Rives started at the Fulton County District Attorney's Office in September of 2017 and spent the last two and a half years as a part of the Gang Unit. Rives is currently serving as the Gang Liaison to Juvenile Court while also working full time in Case Intake on the murder backlog project.

Congratulations to our Case Intake Unit  
on 1,000 indicted cases!



Madam DA is so proud of them  
for hitting this important goal!

# Staff & Stories

## Madam Vice President Kamala Harris Visits Atlanta

Madam Vice President Kamala Harris visited Atlanta on June 18th as part of a larger “We Can Do This” tour encouraging more Americans to get the vaccine as inoculation rates continue to lag across Georgia. At the event Georgia’s two newly elected Democratic Senators Jon Ossoff and Rev. Raphael Warnock spoke, as well as Democratic Congresswoman Nikema Williams and Atlanta Mayor Keisha Lance Bottoms.

After the event, Jeremy had the opportunity to speak with Madam Vice President 1:1. They discussed criminal justice reform pushing the envelope to keep everyone safer by bringing fairness and accountability, tackling crime in America, LGBTQ+ Pride Month, fighting for greater legal protections for transgender people, and of course, he had to mention fellow Howard University alumni, Madam DA Fani Willis.





# Staff & Stories

## RICO Training

On June 23, 2021, RICO expert John Floyd presented a 90-minute CLE on Georgia's RICO Act to Fulton County DA's Office attorneys and investigators, the first in-house CLE of its kind under the new administration. Floyd serves as a consultant and special prosecutor in the Fulton County DA's Office on high-profile RICO matters. The CLE was hosted by the FCDA White Collar Crime Unit, Gang Unit, and Anti-Corruption Division. Attorneys and investigators from the US Attorney's Office, FBI, GBI, Atlanta Police Department, and Fulton County Sheriff's Office also attended.





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## High School Student Intern Commencement Ceremony

Add the caption Madam DA and the office gather to honor and celebrate our high school interns with a special graduation ceremony to thank them for all of their hard work and dedication during their program.





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## FCDA Office LGBTQ+ Crimes Victim Vigil

On June 28th, Deputy District Attorney Will Wooten led a vigil in Piedmont Park in remembrance of LGBTQ+ crime victims and survivors, alongside law enforcement officers from the Fulton County Sheriff's Office and Atlanta Police Department, as well as Fulton County Commissioners Natalie Hall and Khadijah Abdur-Rahman, and members of the Fulton County DA's Office. The event coincided with the 52nd anniversary of the Stonewall Riots, the beginning of the modern-day gay rights movement. At the vigil, Deputy DA Wooten announced the creation of DA Fani Willis's LGBTQ+ Advisory Committee, the first of its kind in the Southeast. The committee will work with members of the local LGBTQ+ community to ensure cases involving LGBTQ+ persons are properly handled by our office.





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## Courtroom Etiquette to New Cadets

On June 14, 2021, Deputy Will Wooten and Deputy Cara Convery helped teach Courtroom Demeanor to new police cadets at the Athens GPSTC training facility. They worked on both direct examination and cross-examination, and gave tips on how to deal with tough questions or potential traps we have seen the defense bar use over the years.

They intend to continue teaching this course to new police cadets for each new graduating class



## Roll Call for the East Point Police Department



Deputy Assistant District Attorney Shelly Faulk and Senior Investigator David White attends a Roll Call for the East Point Police Department to explain the new Case Intake Unit and its procedures. Given how closely intertwined the Case Intake process is with law enforcement, it was a logical next step to go directly to the officers working in our community.

## Civil Forfeiture Webinar

On June 3rd, Civil Forfeiture attended a webinar training for Asset Forfeiture. They learned the different Agency processes, highlighting certain statutes and codes that are frequently cited in forfeiture proceedings. In attendance were Felicia Dickens, Stephany Luttrell, Dean Kyriakou, and Grant Rood.

# Staff & Stories

## Our 1st Office Wide Yoga Session

FCDA staff takes a moment to relax at our very first Wellness Wednesday yoga session. Join us the last Wednesday of every month and watch your stress melt away.

“Yoga is like music. The rhythm of the body, the melody of the mind and the harmony of the soul create the symphony of life” - B.K.S. Iyengar





# Staff & Stories

## “My Journey Matter’s” Program

Madam DA had the privilege of being a guest speaker at the “My Journey Matter’s” Program. Georgia Supreme Court Justice Shawn LaGrua, a former Fulton County Superior Court Judge and prosecutor, started the alternative sentencing program, which is particularly unique because it mostly handles violent offenders, shortly after being appointed to the bench in July 2010. Superior Court Judge Rachelle Carnesale currently oversees the program since Justice LaGrua’s appointment to the Georgia Supreme Court.

At the graduation, each participant took their turns receiving their certificates from Georgia Supreme Court Chief Justice Harold Melton. Officers from the Atlanta Police Department highlighted all of the graduate’s hard work and impressive life updates. In attendance were family members, Assistant District Attorney John Weitnauer, members of the Fulton County Sherriff’s Office, Fulton County Superior Court Chief Judge Christopher Brasher, State Representative William Boddie, Fulton County Solicitor Keith Gammage, and other community members who support this incredible program.

Madam DA fully supports the My Journey Matters Program and believes that the last thing we want to see is young people trapped in the criminal justice system, with time lost in prison and damaged futures. She emphasized in her speech that their journeys matter and how impressed she was with their commitment to the program and the success they were able to achieve. Madam DA also noted that although every single day may not be fine and dandy - there are always brighter days to come.



# The Fab Four Spotlight



## Lauren McAuley

Deputy Assistant District Attorney  
Crimes Against Children

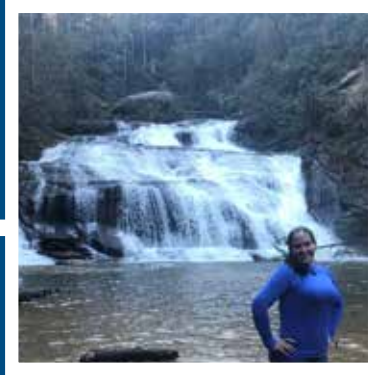
Lauren McAuley has been with the office as an ADA since January 2013, but she started as an intern in 2012. She has served in the former Crimes Against Women and Children Unit, Juvenile Court, and Complex Trial divisions. She is currently the Deputy over Crimes Against Children (and is loving it).

She was born in Toronto, Canada but she grew up outside of Detroit, Michigan, and moved to Georgia in 2012. She attended the University of Detroit Mercy for undergrad and law school, where she was a member of Kappa Beta Gamma Sorority. During college and law school (and for a couple of years after), she worked as a waitress and bartender.

Growing up, she was painfully shy, very tall (no, she did not play basketball or volleyball), and struggled with a stutter. To help build self-confidence and get over her shyness, her mom entered her in a local pageant. She ended up competing in scholarship pageants for almost 10 years, which she credited with helping her be able to speak in front of large groups, walk in heels, and smile for long periods – and yes, she really does want world peace.

Outside of work, she is an active member of the Junior League of Atlanta, and Chair of the Georgia Center for Child Advocacy Committee. However, her favorite thing to do is to spend time with her beloved cocker spaniel, Chloe (IG: chloetothemc), and her cat, Daisy (IG: daisytothemc). She recently started practicing yoga, and love hiking Georgia's beautiful state parks (and taking Chloe with her). She is also an avid Fast & the Furious fan and can quote the majority of the first movie in the franchise.

# The Fab Four Spotlight



## Jamie Gore

Investigator  
Special Victims Division

Jamie Gore started her career in law enforcement in 2005 working as a jailer at the Haralson County Sheriff's Office. She then moved to the Carroll County Sheriff's office in 2006. In 2009, she began working for the Fulton County Sheriff's Office and attended Kennesaw State University. In October of 2014, she became a Georgia Peace Officer for the Fulton County Police Department. In 2016, she was assigned to the Criminal Investigations Division, where she began to specialize in child fatalities, sexual assaults, crimes against women and children, and human trafficking.

She is a mom to three young adults, both of her daughters are currently attending Kennesaw State University. Her son is in the U.S. Air Force Security Forces and currently stationed at Misawa Japan Airbase. She is also the mom to two fur babies: Max and Bella. In her free time, she enjoys going for hikes, kayaking, thrifting, and spending time with her friends and family.

# The Fab Four Spotlight



## Vanessa Condry

### Constituents Service Coordinator

Vanessa Condry has worked in the District Attorney's Office for 22 years. She has worked in multiple offices and divisions. She worked in charging and screening, in the file room, in the complaint room, as an administrative assistant for juvenile court, in records as a legal assistant, and now she is the Constituents Service Coordinator.

She is originally from New Haven Connecticut and moved to Atlanta in 1988. She attended Southern University and Saint Leo University. She graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Criminal Justice. Vanessa has 4 adult children and 2 grandsons. For fun she loves to travel, go to concerts, go on long walks, watch documentaries, and loves to meet new and interesting people.

She was our very 1st recipient of the "Employee of the Month" award back in February.

Vanessa loves her job and says that there is never a dull moment or day. She says that Madam DA told her that she is the face of the office...a badge she wears well.



# The Fab Four Spotlight



## Donald Moore, Jr.

Legal Assistant  
Non-Complex

Donald Moore, Jr., is a Legal Assistant (Non-Complex). He attended the OLDEST and the FIRST public Historically Black College/ University in the State of Georgia; Savannah State University, where he obtained his Bachelors of Science Degree in Homeland Security Emergency Management and he is also obtaining his Masters of Public Administration there as well. He enjoys skydiving, horseback riding, swimming, parasailing, reading novels, and having fun with his friends in his spare time.

A fun fact about Donald is that he is a graduate from Savannah Technical Peace Officer Academy. The Savannah Technical Peace Officer Academy provides students with the necessary skills, standards, and knowledge to become qualified, proficiency trained, ethnical and competent peace officers in their Criminal Justice careers. Therefore, Donald went through grueling weeks of character development and leadership training. Donald is currently a mentor for Men of Distinction of Lithonia High School, a part of the Atlanta Downtown Alumni Association (Savannah State Chapter), and is a proud member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., Gamma Chi chapter. Donald is an achiever and sets standards of excellence in everything he does.

# Newsroom

Click story for more information

Remember  
the Flowers:  
Atlanta  
Shootings  
100 Days  
Later (Part 1)



Remember  
the Flowers:  
Atlanta  
Shootings  
100 Days  
Later (Part 2)



Fulton DA  
pushes  
for better  
protections  
for LGBTQ  
community



U.S. Attorney's  
Office and  
Fulton County  
District Attorney  
launch Summer  
Initiative to  
support youth as  
part of violence-  
prevention  
strategy



Atlanta Youth  
Summer  
Violence  
Intervention  
Provides  
Mentors For  
Juvenciles On  
Probation



## In a courtroom near you

### Domestic Violence

An Nur Green  
#19SC171492  
Courtroom: Edwards  
7/8/21 - 9am  
Motion in limine hearings  
7/12/21 - 9:30am  
Start of trial

### Sex Crimes

Corwin Munson  
#19SC171997  
Courtroom: Ellerbe  
7/12/21  
9:30am  
Trial Calendar

### Capital Case & Cold Case

Anthony Goss &  
Roy Hill  
#19SC173103  
Courtroom: Ellerbe  
7/9/2021  
9:00 am  
Status Hearing

### Conviction Integrity

Michelle Morrison  
#09SC75748  
Courtroom: Carnesale  
7/9/2021  
9:30 am  
Re-sentencing

### Major Case

David Lee  
#21SC177955  
Courtroom: Richardson  
7/7/2021  
9:00 am  
P&A

Julian Conley  
#20CP192840  
Magistrate  
7/13/2021  
9:00 am  
Preliminary

### Gangs

Rayshawn Bennett  
#21SC178179  
Courtroom: Cox  
7/8/2021  
10:00am  
Bond Motions

Jayden Myrick  
#18SC161858  
Courtroom: Carnesale  
7/9/2021  
1:00pm  
Status Calendar

If your ACTIONS inspire  
others to dream more,  
learn more, do more  
and become more,  
YOU are a leader.

- John Quincy Adams



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