

DA DISPATCH

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The Fulton County District Attorney's Office



Greetings

It is an honor to serve as Editor-In-Chief for the DA Dispatch: our new bi-weekly employee newsletter. I'm excited to be working with the talented newsletter team (Jeff DiSantis, Jeremy Murray, Reta Keppler, and Michael Makins) to build something new and innovative for our administration.

This newsletter will highlight and welcome our new employees, tell you about many of the things going on in our office, display our high profile cases, showcase our past and upcoming events, feature our employees of the month -

as well as other staff spotlights. Occasionally, I am sure there will be some other goodies from time to time.

DA Dispatch plans to meet the moment of everything going on in and throughout our office - so please make sure to keep our newsletter team abreast of events, speaking engagements, accomplishments, trainings, and more.

A little about the Editor-In-Chief:

I am originally from Washington DC but have been in Atlanta for over 25 years now. I graduated from Morgan State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Communications/Journalism. I have led and managed Communications, Marketing, and Public Relations programs and initiatives for more than 15 years.

I look forward to getting out this publication with integrity and the success of this office in mind.

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Welcome New Hires!



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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



On May 6, 2021, we celebrated Law Day...Family Feud Style!
Questions were centered around law, which also promoted team building.



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We celebrated over 400 accomplishments of the first 100 days of superior and noteworthy criminal justice work and leadership under Madam DA Fani T. Willis.

We are honored to have the privilege to serve the citizens of this great county!



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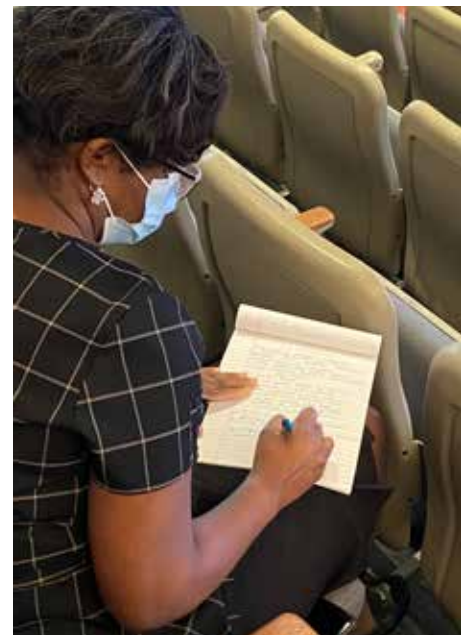


Gang Press Conference

On May 4, 2021, the District Attorney invited Fulton County Sheriff Patrick "Pat" Labat, Atlanta Police Chief Rodney Bryant and the GBI to join her for an interview with Mark Winne of WSB-TV and Christian Boone of the Atlanta Journal-Constitution to discuss the indictment of several alleged members of local affiliates of the Bloods gang, including well-known musician Rayshawn Bennett, A.K.A. "YFN Lucci." The District Attorney explained the unprecedented nature of the 105 count indictment that includes charges brought pursuant to the Georgia RICO and Gang statutes. The District Attorney, Sheriff, Police Chief, and the GBI all explained the serious problem gang violence presents for Metro Atlanta, and plans to fight it with cooperation possible through rebuilt relationships with our criminal justice partners.



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Gang Training

On May 14, 2021, FCDA and GGIA hosted a gang training with 60 attendees in the remodeled Board of Commissioners auditorium. The presenters included Ray Ham from the Georgia Gang Investigators Association and the Department of Juvenile Justice, Mark Belknap also with GGIA and APD as well as Derrick McKinney, Darrell Reynolds, and Sharrod Campbell from the Georgia Department of Corrections.

Topics covered included Gang trends and statistics, identifications, charging cases using the Gang statute, and resources available for investigators and prosecutors. At the end of the training, attendees were certified by passing an investigator certification from GGIA in Gang Investigations.

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District Attorney Fani T. Willis with the First Lady of Georgia, Marty Kemp.



Human Trafficking Roundtable

This was a human trafficking roundtable hosted by Georgia State Representative Debra Bazemore. Madam DA met to discuss human trafficking and how it impacts us and how we are addressing this problem. This meeting included Mayors and Chiefs of Police from throughout Fulton County.

APD Roll-Call

The Fulton County District Attorney's Office has not implemented a new method of receiving cases from law enforcement in over two decades. Under the new administration, our goal is to streamline the process and eliminate antiquated methods such as facsimile, in exchange for new methods, including cloud storage.



Throughout the Case Intake implementation, we have continuously sought out the input of our law enforcement partners throughout Fulton County. Given how closely intertwined the Case Intake process is with law enforcement, it was a logical next step to go out into the field to speak directly to the officers working in our community. By walking them through the process, in person, and answering any questions they have. The District Attorney's Office aims to increase awareness and investment in these new and exciting developments. We hope that within the next several months we can attend more of these roll calls and speak to the officers directly about the Case Intake unit and its value to the law enforcement and citizens of Fulton County.

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Chat & Chew

On Monday, May 25, 2021, the Office of the Fulton County District Attorney held another Chat and Chew for staff. The event was attended by the Program's Division, Operation's Division, Legal Assistants, Records Clerks, as well as our Victim Witness Advocates.

Participants were able to ask questions related to Human Resources and the organization as a whole. Participants were also guided through a PowerPoint presentation on the importance of knowing and understanding Emotional Intelligence in the workplace by our Chief of Programs, Michael Cuffee. Hats off to Kyra Banks and Michael Makins for also helping to make our latest Chat and Chew a huge success.



Community Easter

Madam DA and some of the staff served the community for Easter by helping WAVE (We All Value Excellence) give out food boxes and Easter baskets to 600 Fulton County residents.



Newsroom

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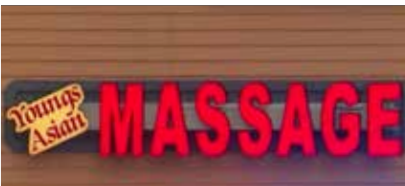
Fulton DA says Police Shooting Cases between 2016-2018 will be resolved by year's end.



'Our police need help'



Fulton County District Attorney Fani Willis vows to clear backlog of cases.



Atlanta Spa Shootings Were Hate Crimes, Prosecutor Says.



Atlanta rapper YFN Lucciamong a dozen named in racketeering indictment related to gang activity.



Fulton DA will seek death penalty against Atlanta spa shooting suspect.



In a courtroom near you

Major Case

James Lloyd
17SC152034
Courtroom: Barwick
5/27/2021
9:30 am

Motion to suppress defendant's DNA .



Awards

Employee of the Month



Vanessa Condry
February 2021



Jinnique Roberts
March 2021



James Spear
April 2021

Swearing In



5/21/2021 Our new ADA's and Investigator's swearing in.

Hail to the Chief!



Chief Capers Green completed the Executive Chief Training course with a perfect score! **March 22-31, 2021.**

Upcoming events

1 Poll results are in!

It's official, **Masquerade ball** has been chosen for our end of year holiday party 2021.

Happy shopping!

2 Operation not forgotten

Monday, May 17th, concluding on Friday, May 28th, 2021 our office is participating in an undercover operation headed by the U.S. Marshalls Service called Operation Not Forgotten ("OP"). This OP will be done in conjunction with the FBI (MATCH) Task Force and other local authorities in the Metro-Atlanta area. In the last two (2) years, this OP has been successful in recovering missing children and CSEC victims which led to the prosecution of human traffickers and exploiters in this State.

For more information





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