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# DECEMBER

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# GLOBAL WOMEN'S SUMMIT



**DISTRICT ATTORNEY FANI WILLIS**, the distinguished recipient of the title “Firebrand of Fulton County,” expressed deep gratitude for the honor bestowed upon her during the Washington Post Global Women’s Summit in Washington DC. The city holds a significant place in her heart, being both her hometown and the foundational backdrop of her personal journey. From her formative years and education to proudly graduating as a Bison from Howard University, the journey felt complete as she shared the stage with Amy Gardner to discuss her rooted journey in DC.

The esteemed moment was shared with a group of exceptionally intelligent, dedicated, and ambitious women from her staff. Under her office’s initiative, an essay competition was organized, inviting women to articulate their stories, aspirations, and expectations from this prestigious opportunity. After meticulously reviewing over thirty heartfelt entries, ten remarkable women were chosen to join DA Willis, fostering connections, and learning from trailblazing leaders on a global scale.

DA Willis expressed her special thanks to Washington Post Live for facilitating this unforgettable experience. She extended her heartfelt gratitude to her extraordinary staff, acknowledging their integral role in sharing this proud moment with her.



# MADAM DA FANI WILLIS VISITS THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY STATE'S ATTORNEY'S OFFICE



In a significant collaboration last month, the Office of the State's Attorney for Prince George's County, Maryland, hosted Fulton County District Attorney Fani Willis and her team for a productive joint meeting. Attorneys and key staff members exchanged insights on office operations, shared best practices, and discussed community engagement initiatives for public safety. Following a closed-door session, District Attorney Fani Willis and State's Attorney Aisha N. Braveboy addressed the press, solidifying their commitment by signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). This agreement underscores their shared values and dedication to collaborative efforts in pursuing justice and public safety.

The MOU outlines commitments to advocate for real-world solutions to criminal activity, support legislative initiatives addressing root causes, and secure adequate resources for prosecuting organized crime. Both offices will jointly advocate for the rights and resources of crime victims, foster a holistic approach to youthful offender treatment, and collaborate on addressing historical patterns of incarceration disparities. This partnership aims to create positive change, acknowledging past patterns of incarceration and the way that disproportionate enforcement of laws has impacted our communities.

In a heartfelt conclusion, District Attorney Fani Willis expressed gratitude to State's Attorney Aisha N. Braveboy for her friendship, hospitality, and unwavering support in the pursuit of justice. Their collaboration reflects a shared commitment to building safer, more equitable communities.



# UNCF

## *Masked Ball*

On October 28, 2023, District Attorney Fani Willis was awarded the Billye Suber Aaron Award at the Inaugural UNCF Macon Masked Ball! This premier gala highlighted the vital importance of college education, and the significant impact of UNCF in supporting students and historically Black colleges and universities.



# FULTON COUNTY DA'S OFFICE GIVES BACK

## Thanksgiving Giveaway

November 18, 2023, marked a heartwarming collaboration as the Fulton County District Attorney's Office teamed up with Love Beyond Walls to host a Thanksgiving food and resources giveaway in College Park. Community members were welcomed to receive socks, shoes, pet food, turkeys, and bags filled with groceries, creating a sense of warmth and abundance in preparation for Thanksgiving. Dr. Terence Lester and Cecilia Lester, the visionaries behind Love Beyond Walls, deserve immense praise for their unwavering dedication to championing unhoused and low-income individuals. Their efforts have not only provided crucial support but have also left an indelibly positive mark on those they serve.

Our team's resources, time, and engagement made an impact in the lives of nearly 500 families. The volunteered time demonstrated a true spirit of giving back to the community. Our team is passionately devoted to the wellbeing of Fulton County residents, and we are honored to be a part of this incredible community.







**Units within our office engaged in friendly competition, vying to score points with number of bags, volunteer turnout, and creative presentation – because a bit of rivalry never hurt anyone! Our sole judge, Pallavi Bailey, served under attempted intimidation and harassment, but she persevered and got the job done. The results are as follows:**

**1ST PLACE**

Team 1: Special Victims Division + Civil Rights Unit + Anti-Corruption Unit

Team 1 collected the most bags -- 204. Their vegan and vegetarian options and cat and dog food offerings pushed them to the top for presentation. They showed up big time with the most volunteers, 25, on the day of the event.

**2ND PLACE**

Team 4: Trial Division + Programs & Grants + HP+

Team 4 collected 169 bags and their cute décor and decorated bags won them second place for presentation. Two volunteers served on the day of the event.

**3RD PLACE**

Team 2: Case Intake Division + Diversion + Operations

52 bags were collected, and their bag coordination was impressive. All 52 Thanksgiving-themed bags were identical. Their effort was rounded out with five volunteers on the day of the event.



Each November, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. observes Achievement Week to recognize those who embody high ethical standards, a commitment to community service, and dedication to leadership development. The Citizen of the Year award acknowledges the individual who has made significant contributions to humanity and whose impact on society makes a noticeable difference to the welfare of humanity.

This year, District Attorney Fani Willis had distinct honor of receiving the 2023 Citizen of the Year Award from Atlanta's Delta Mu Mu Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. and Decatur's Kappa Alpha Alpha Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

*"I genuinely value being recognized with the Citizen of the Year award, which acknowledges those who have made noteworthy contributions to humanity, creating a noticeable impact on the welfare of society. I feel honored by the love and recognition conveyed through this award and I am committed to continue making our community proud."* - District Attorney Fani T. Willis



FULTON COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE  
RECORD RESTRICTION

# RECORD RESTRICTION EVENT

DECEMBER 2023

The Fulton County District Attorney's Office, alongside Councilwoman Andrea Boone and Clerk of Superior Court Ché Alexander, hosted a record restriction event. The team thoroughly examined criminal backgrounds to assess eligibility for record restrictions. Ultimately, 85 individuals met the criteria, allowing their records to be concealed from the public and accessible only to law enforcement for criminal justice purposes. We are grateful to Judge Thomas Cox, Jr. and Judge Eric Dunaway for their support in removing barriers to employment, housing, and full participation in society for the 85 individuals who secured an opportunity for a brighter future this weekend.



# **PINK OUT**



# **BREAST CANCER AWARENESS**

# T FRIDAY



On October 27, the team at the Fulton County District Attorney's Office came together to observe Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Together, we aim to increase awareness, advocate for early detection, and stand in solidarity with those impacted by this condition.

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ATLANTA JUDICIAL



REMEMBER & HONOR  
THOSE WHO SERVED

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# VETERANS ★ DAY ★

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The Fulton County District Attorney's Office observed Veterans Day by honoring and thanking the brave men and women who have served our nation, defending the principles we hold dear. We extend our deepest gratitude to our veterans for their dedication and sacrifice. Your service is an inspiration to us all.



**BEST OVERALL**  
**Operations**  
*2x Champions*

# HALLOWEEN

## LET'S GET SPOOKY!





# Halloween



## UNIT CONTEST WINNERS Juvenile Court

### UNIT WINNERS:

1st Place  
Juvenile Court

2nd Place  
SVD

3rd Place  
CID

### COSTUME WINNERS:

Funniest  
ACE

Scariest  
SVD – Thriller Participants

Best Attempt  
Executive Team

Best Transformation  
Candis Malloy

Most Creative  
Accountability Court

Best Overall  
Operations

Spooktacular moments at the Fulton County District Attorney's Office Halloween costume contest! Our team unleashed their creativity, turning the workplace into a haunted runway. Bragging rights galore to the winners!



Under the leadership of Madam DA Fani Willis, grant funding assists victims of crime, builds programs to encourage juveniles from continuing the path to the criminal justice system, frames law enforcement and non-profit partnerships to fulfill the goals of the community, and provides funding for more than 30 staff.

In 2023, two new grants were awarded:

1. "Transforming America's Response to Elder Abuse" aims to support the development of an older victims "case review" multidisciplinary team (MDT) with the goal of improving the identification and response to older adults who experience abuse and financial exploitation.
2. "Improving Adult Crisis Stabilization and Community Reentry Program" supports the partnership of the Conviction Integrity Unit (CIU) and Morehouse School of Medicine (MSM) to assist adults with mental health and substance use disorder challenges as they reenter the community after incarceration. This pilot project in Fulton County will serve as a model of success for post-conviction sentence modification throughout the nation.

For the Grants Unit, December is the month where we confirm our systems are in place for tracking progress for the last 6 months. The Grants Unit works closely with Project Coordinators and Prosecutors who champion the grant project. Grant Project Coordinators not only have their job responsibilities as advocates, investigators, or ADAs but must also monitor grant activity. We measure change, and the next reports are due in January.



Grant funding has been received from the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), Georgia's Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC), Prosecuting Attorneys' Council of Georgia (PAC), and Georgia's Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency. Typically spanning three years, DOJ grant awards usually begin in October and end in September of the following year. Some grants begin in January and continue for a calendar year. The Grants Unit, consisting of Michele Henry and Natalie Zellner, has been joined by Nahye Kim. Your suggestions for funding are always welcome, and your expertise is always appreciated.

MICHELE  
**HENRY**



## HEARSAY INFORMING EXPERT TESTIMONY

Hearsay that is testimonial in nature is inadmissible when it violates the Confrontation Clause under the 6th Amendment that provides that a Defendant shall be permitted to confront their accuser. Crawford v. Washington, 541 U.S. 36, 53-54 (2004); see also January 2023 FCDA Dispatch Article “911 Calls, Business Records, and the 6th Amendment.”

How does this principle apply to the testimony of designated expert witnesses when hearsay informs their expertise and testimony? One of the factors relied upon by Courts under the Daubert Standard codified in O.C.G.A. § 24-7-702 governing expert witnesses is that what an expert witness is testifying to must be the product of reliable principles and methods. The 11th Circuit Court of Appeals has ruled that expert testimony can be considered reliable when it is based upon “personal knowledge” or “experience.” U.S. v. Jennings, 599 F.3d 1241, 1248-49 (11th Cir. 2010).

Expert testimony based on HEARSAY can be the basis for experience and personal knowledge under Rule 702 if it is the type of evidence reasonably relied upon by experts in the particular field in forming opinions or inferences on the subject. *Id.* The 4th Circuit Court of Appeals specifically addressed any objections defense attorneys may make to experts relying on hearsay, especially when its testimonial in nature, to inform the expertise to which they testify to. The 4th Circuit held that while Crawford precludes testimonial hearsay as evidence in itself, it does not prevent expert witnesses from offering their independent judgments when it is informed by testimonial hearsay. *United States v. Lobo-Lopez*, 468 Fed. Appx. 186, 190-91 (4th Cir. 2012).

Thus, expert witnesses, especially those whose expertise lies in non-scientific fields such as gang experts, can testify to testimonial hearsay so long as they can establish during the foundational testimony they provide that hearsay is something that experts in their field rely upon in order to make their independent judgments so as to preclude an objection by the defense under the Confrontation Clause.

GAUTAM |  
**RAO** |



# IMPACT UPDATES

ANIMAL CRUELTY & ELDER ABUSE UNIT



**On October 12, 2023**, Deputy DA Jill Hollander, Director of Juvenile Youth Services Aakeem Woodard, and Assistant Chief Investigator Paula Duprey attended the Boy Scouts of America Youth Protection Seminar. The event drew scouting leaders from the Southeast and is designed to provide information, resources, and tools to protect children and other vulnerable members of our community.

**On October 18, 2023**, Deputy DA Jill Hollander presented to Seniors at the New Horizon Senior Center in Atlanta. During the presentation seniors were provided with real world examples of common scams and schemes and tips to stay safe. This outreach was one of 9 the ACE Unit has conducted at senior centers throughout Fulton County in October and November.



“School Resource Assistant District Attorney Jawara Mars and I had the delightful opportunity **on Friday, October 20th**, to educate first graders at career day about the role of a prosecutor, our responsibilities, and the concept of laws. The children eagerly absorbed lessons on safety, the significance of attentive rule-following, and the importance of treating elders and animals with kindness. It was heartening to identify several potential future lawyers who might be prepared to join our profession in approximately two decades!”  
– Deputy District Attorney Jill Hollander

# BINGO

## ANIMAL CRUELTY & ELDER ABUSE UNIT

On December 1, 2023, Madam DA, joined by Assistant Chief Investigator Paula Duprey, Deputy Victim Witness Advocate Dilma Dos Reis, Deputy Chief Investigator Johnna Griffin, Deputy Legal Assistant Tammy Jackson-McClendon and Deputy DA Jill Hollander, surprised senior citizens at the New Beginnings Senior Center in Fairburn, Georgia. Madam DA served as a 'Bingo Caller' for several extremely competitive rounds of holiday-themed bingo. She handed out prizes to the winners and ensured that everyone had a great time. This event was one of many designed to ensure that all citizens in Fulton County understand their rights and have access to resources from our office, as well as state-offered resources.



# ELDER ABUSE PREVENTION WORKSHOP

On December 5, 2023, Deputy DA Jill Hollander, Assistant Chief Investigator Paula Duprey, Deputy Legal Assistant Tammy Jackson-McClendon, and Community Resource Specialist Kendall Watkins conducted an Elder Abuse Prevention Workshop with seniors at the Auburn Ave Senior Center. The seniors were provided with several real-world examples of threats they may face and given tips to avoid falling victim.



# Congrats, Chief Senior Assistant District Attorney Aimee Maxwell!



## 2023 IMPACT AWARD Recipient at the GCADV Awards Ceremony



## THANKSGIVING MOBILE FOOD PANTRY



Madam DA, along with community leaders such as Atlanta Mayor Andre Dickens, Atlanta City Councilwoman Marci Collier Overstreet, Atlanta City Councilman Antonio Lewis, South Fulton City Councilman Corey Reeves, Georgia State Representative Mandisha A. Thomas, and Fulton County Sheriff Patrick Labat, attended the 7th Annual Thanksgiving Mobile Food Pantry by C.H.O.I.C.E.S. (Center Helping Obesity In Children End Successfully, Inc.) on November 18th, generously presented by Amazon.

Their collective support for this crucial cause was evident, and thanks to the collaboration of Amazon, sponsors, community partners, and donors, 2,000 families were served! The event, featuring contributions from Atlanta Community Food Bank, Second Helpings, Concrete Jungle, and local food purveyors, provided nearly 98,000 pounds of groceries, including fresh produce, turkeys, hens, and pantry staples.

# Books & Badges

Dedicated Fulton County District Attorney's Office staff embodying the spirit of community engagement through the Books & Badges program by enriching young minds, one story at a time, as they selflessly give back through reading sessions with children. Senior Investigator Lawrence Vazquez read to kindergarten students at Ficket Elementary School, Assistant Chief Saul Alter spent two days reading to 2nd graders at Perkerson Elementary School, and Lt. Partrena Baker read to students at John Wesley Dobbs Elementary.



## Spades TOURNAMENT

Congratulations to the reigning champs of the Fulton County Government Spades Tournament! We are incredibly proud of Senior Investigators Natalie Brunner and Lawrence Vazquez for bringing the trophy home to the DA's office!





## ✧ Happy Hanukkah ✧

Staff members of the Fulton County District Attorney's Office attended the county's Menorah lighting event. The lighting of the Hanukkiyah served as a poignant reminder of the miraculous power of caring for one another, highlighting the hope and beauty that arises when we connect with each other as equals. In the face of an alarming increase in antisemitism, these moments stand as an emblem of joy, reflection, and unity, underscored by unwavering commitment to ensuring every person in our community is treated with dignity and respect.







## Stay Tuned... Axon Justice

### Did you Know?

- Evidence.com was created for Police Departments to store, view, and share body-cam footage.
- With the new upgrade to Axon Justice, Axon created the opportunity to make the software work for Attorney's, Legal Assistants and Investigators.

### What is Axon Justice?

Axon Justice is a Digital Evidence Management System designed by Attorney's for Attorney's to streamline the discovery process.

### What's New?

- **Evidence Management...** Similar to Dropbox and OneDrive, now organize your cases using folders to quickly find and access evidence.
- **No More Duplicates...** No more guessing which case to use. Only one case number per case can be created.
- **Do Not Disclose...** After uploading evidence, select "Do not Disclose" to prevent accidentally sharing Attorney Work Product and other excluded evidence.

### What can I do to prepare?

After the upgrade, Evidence.com will change to Axon Justice. Please use your Evidence.com credentials to access the upgraded site.



What happens to an  
illegally parked frog?  
...It gets toad away.

# FANTASTIC



## **SHAWN ALBEA**

*Senior Investigator  
S.A.K.I. Unit  
Special Victims Division*

Shawn Albea commenced employment with the Fulton County District Attorney's Office in May 2023, bringing a wealth of experience as a lieutenant from the Fayetteville Police Department, where his policing career took root in 2004. A devoted Alabama football fan (ROLL TIDE!), Shawn fills his spare time with the tranquility of fly-fishing in the creeks and rivers of North Georgia. Alongside this passion, he finds joy in camping adventures and cherishing quality moments with his daughter, Helen.



## **TERRIEA WILLIAMS**

*Assistant District Attorney  
Juvenile Court Unit  
Special Victims Division*

Terriea Williams attended Emory for law school, and she has primarily practiced in the Atlanta and Gainesville, GA areas. When not working, she indulges in her love for travel, having fulfilled a lifelong dream by attending the Olympic Games in Rio in 2016. Terriea has explored some of the world's most beautiful places, including recent trips to Bali, Cape Town in South Africa, and Phuket in Thailand.

Fascinated with speech, Terriea enjoys researching the origins of regional variations in dialects as a pastime. Her 2.5-year-old daughter, Kodi Rae, is the center of her life, and guiding her through her toddler years has proven to be one of Terriea's most challenging yet rewarding missions in life. Additionally, she is a proud member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. and has recently joined the Junior League of Greater Atlanta.



## **PRECIOUS MARSH**

*Senior Assistant District Attorney  
Sexual Assault Unit  
Special Victims Division*

Meet Precious Marsh, a Senior Assistant District Attorney currently dedicated to the Sexual Assault Unit. Beyond the legal realm, she possesses a quirky side—developing a habit of endowing inanimate objects with names. For instance, her trusty car goes by the moniker "The Dark Knight," a playful nod to her favorite Batman movie.

Precious is all about collecting experiences rather than things, as depicted in the attached photo capturing a moment after conquering ATV rides through desert dunes and hiking in scorching 100+ degree weather—talk about adventure! Traveling is a passion she holds dear, and she aims to expand her passport with visits to three new countries next year. (Hint to her supervisors, as she's hopeful that her time-off requests will smoothly sail through.) Precious looks forward to the next legal challenge and the excitement of upcoming journeys.



## **ANALLA REID**

*Legal Assistant  
Juvenile Court Unit  
Special Victims Division*

Analla Reid finds serenity in her passion for collecting antique items. Educating herself about the history of items in her collections shows appreciation, finds beauty in each one, and takes pride in their ownership. Analla started her collection with antique cameras and has expanded into collecting comics and Funko Pops. In her free time, Analla can often be found listening to a crime podcast or absorbed in reading a book. She has recently taken an interest in watching classic movies from the 70s, 80s, and 90s and enjoys immersing herself in past worlds through films.

Analla graduated from the University of Georgia with a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice, a minor in Sociology, and a certification in behavioral and social research. Her legal career began as an intern in the Fulton County District Attorney's office while working towards her education. She now works in the juvenile unit as a legal assistant, fueling her passion for helping children in the criminal justice system.

Analla's drive to help others started as a young Girl Scout who enjoyed completing community service projects. She spent 12 years scouting and obtained the Gold Award, the highest achievement in Girl Scouting. For two years, Analla worked with children living with autism, helping them reduce their anxiety through mindfulness techniques and becoming a trusted friend. Analla aspires to become a social worker, advocate for the rights of oppressed and vulnerable individuals, and protect them from harm.

The displayed photo is Analla at Disney World with Mickey Mouse, whom she loves most.



## **KAREEM MCCULLEY**

*Assistant District Attorney  
Complex Unit  
Trial Division*

Born and raised in Buffalo, New York, Kareem McCulley has an older sister who recently amusingly insisted he refer to her as "the youngest." After graduating from high school, his immediate family relocated to Atlanta, where he was captivated by the AUC center's campuses and students, prompting him to apply to Morris Brown College the following week.

Post-graduation from Morris Brown College, Kareem embarked on a journey across America, living in various cities such as New York, New York; Phoenix, Arizona; and Washington, DC. He pursued his legal education at Loyola University College of Law in New Orleans, an experience that he describes as the most exciting in a city with an unmatched energy. Following graduation, Kareem provided care for a family member until their unfortunate passing.

His professional journey led him to practice as a general practitioner in Dallas, Texas, before joining the City of Dallas Municipal Court. Later, he became a part of the Travis County District Attorney's office, where he conducted a trial virtually during the COVID lockdowns.

Among the intriguing facts about Kareem, he is the father of twin sons born one minute apart, enjoys traveling, and has parents who have celebrated 55 years of marriage. Interestingly, he has never sent an emoji and maintains a collection of baseball cards. With great honor, Kareem serves the residents of Fulton County, providing care to the most vulnerable citizens.



**STATE VS. HOWARD PORTIS**

Congratulations to the Anti-Corruption Unit! In the case of State vs. Howard Portis, the Defendant was found guilty of two counts including Aggravated Sodomy and Violation of Oath. Judge Emily Richardson sentenced the Defendant to 25 years in prison and probation for life as a sex offender plus 5 years concurrent for violation of oath. The sentence mandates a special condition that the Defendant have no contact with the victims or any witness to the case.

(In order of Photos - Left to Right)  
*Deputy District Attorney Sonya Allen*  
*Senior Assistant District Attorney Sau Chan*  
*Senior Assistant District Attorney Christina Robinson*  
*Senior Investigators Greg Thomas, Shae Corso, Ronald Coloma, and Christy Manos*  
*Deputy Legal Assistant Felicia Dickens*  
*Legal Assistant Brenda Mitchell*  
*Victim Witness Advocate Dericka Mitchell*



**STATE VS. VERNON SPEAR**

Congratulations to the Cold Case Unit! In the case of State vs. Vernon Spear, the Defendant was found guilty of five counts including Felony Murder and Rape. Judge G. Grant Brantley sentenced the Defendant to life in prison without the possibility of parole.

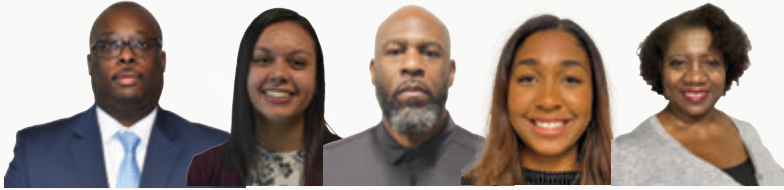
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*Deputy District Attorney Vincent Faucette*  
*Assistant District Attorney Brian Trepanier*  
*Investigators Darnell Kennedy and Chara Dennis*  
*Victim Witness Advocates Dilma Dos Reis, Maya Wilburn, and Cherrilie Tonge*  
*Legal Assistant SaQuez King*



**STATE VS. ELIBRA ALLEN**

Congratulations to the Major Case Unit! In the case of State vs. Elibra Allen, the Defendant was found guilty of all counts including Felony Murder, Aggravated Assault with a Deadly Weapon, and Armed Robbery. Judge Henry M. Newkirk sentenced the Defendant to life in prison without the possibility of parole plus 35 years.

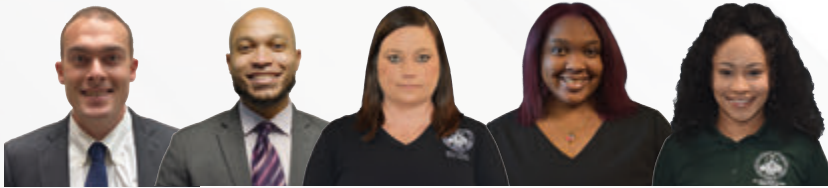
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*Assistant District Attorney Larissa Ollivierre*  
*Investigators Shameka Duncan and JP Miller*  
*Victim Witness Advocate Maya Wilburn*



**STATE VS. ROBERT ROBINSON**

Congratulations to the Major Case Trial Unit! In the case of State vs. Robert Robinson, the Defendant was found guilty of all counts including Murder, Felony Murder, and Aggravated Assault with a Deadly Weapon. Judge Thomas Cox sentenced the Defendant to life without the possibility of parole plus 5 years.

(In order of Photos - Left to Right)  
*Chief Senior Assistant District Attorney Jamell Hamm*  
*Assistant District Attorney Stacey Burke*  
*Senior Investigator Nathan Shoate*  
*Victim Witness Advocate Maya Wilburn*  
*Legal Assistant Rishia Lee*



**STATE VS. SANDRA WILLIAMS AND LESLIE DOWNING**

Congratulations to the Crimes Against Children Unit! In the case of State vs. Sandra Williams and Leslie Downing, the Defendants were found guilty of Cruelty to Children in the First Degree. Judge David Emerson sentenced Sandra Williams to 20 years to serve 10 years and Leslie Downing to 10 years to serve 6 years.

(In order of Photos - Left to Right)  
*Assistant District Attorneys Christian Adkins and Julian Jordan*  
*Assistant Chief Investigator Temperance Stoddard*  
*Victim Witness Advocate Jasmyn Drummond*  
*Legal Assistant Cassie Lundy*



**STATE VS. ALFRONZO JACKSON JR.**

Congratulations to the Crimes Against Children Unit! In the case of State vs. Alfronzo Jackson Jr., the Defendant was found guilty of three counts of Felony Murder, Cruelty to Children in the First Degree, Aggravated Assault, and Aggravated Battery. Judge Kimberly Esmond-Adams sentenced the Defendant to concurrent life sentences.

(In order of Photos - Left to Right)  
*Deputy District Attorney Lauren McAuley*  
*Senior Assistant District Attorney Julian Jordan*  
*Assistant Chief Investigator Temperance Stoddard*  
*Investigator Gina Harding*  
*Victim Witness Advocates Christen Clarke and Jasmyn Drummond*  
*Legal Assistant Nyome Griffin*





**STATE VS. MAURY SWIFT**

Congratulations to the Anti-Corruption Unit! In the case of State vs. Maury Swift, the Defendant pleaded guilty to four counts including Aggravated Assault Strangulation and False Imprisonment. Judge Craig Schwall sentenced to Defendant to 15 years to serve 3 years.

(In order of Photos - Left to Right)  
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*Legal Assistant Brenda Mitchell*  
*Deputy Victim Witness Advocate Misty Botu*



**STATE VS. KENNETH SIMPSON**

Congratulations to the Major Crimes Division Trial Team! In the case of State vs. Kenneth Simpson, the Defendant pleaded guilty to charges including Murder, Felony Murder, Aggravated Assault, and Possession of Firearm. Judge Robert McBurney sentenced the Defendant to life in prison.

(In order of Photos - Left to Right)  
*Chief Deputy District Attorney Adam Abbate*  
*Assistant District Attorney Rives Hiles*  
*Investigators Glenn Cross and Harold Milanes*  
*Victim Witness Advocate Cherrilie Tonge*  
*Legal Assistant Keira Jackson*



**STATE VS. DEMARCUS BRINKLEY**

Congratulations to the Major Crimes Division Trial Team! In the case of State vs. Demarcus Brinkley, the Defendant pleaded guilty to charges including Murder, Felony Murder, Aggravated Assault, and Possession of Firearm. Judge David Emerson sentenced the Defendant to life in prison plus five years.

(In order of Photos - Left to Right)  
*Chief Deputy District Attorney Pat Dutcher*  
*Deputy District Attorney Kelcee Jones-Connor*  
*Assistant Chief Investigator Bernice Higgins*  
*Deputy Victim Witness Advocate Ilona Rolack*  
*Legal Assistants Brenda Sharpe and Rishia Lee*



**STATE VS. ANTONIO SPEAR JR.**

Congratulations to the Major Crimes Division Trial Team! In the case of State vs. Antonio Spear Jr., the Defendant pleaded guilty to charges including Murder, Felony Murder, Aggravated Assault, and Possession of Firearm. Judge Scott McAfee sentenced the Defendant to life in prison.

(In order of Photos - Left to Right)  
*Deputy District Attorney Kelcee Jones-Connor*  
*Assistant District Attorney Jeffrey Lee*  
*Victim Witness Advocate Dorsey Jones*  
*Legal Assistant Quentin Wright*



*Congratulations*

on your accomplishments  
and for serving the community.



# COMMUNITY FEEDBACK

MESSAGES FROM THOSE WE HAVE SERVED

## **FROM LOVE BEYOND WALLS**

I just wanted to reach out to say a quick thank you to you and your wonderful organization for going above and beyond for us with all of the bags and for showing up on Saturday. I cannot thank you and each member of your organization enough. Everyone was so kind and extremely helpful! For your knowledge we were able to serve over 700 families over the past couple of weeks through this past weekend for Thanksgiving. Thank you to you & the Fulton County DA's Office for helping to make this happen. We are so grateful for you all and please keep us in mind for any future volunteer opportunities. I hope you all have a wonderful Thanksgiving and Holiday Season ahead. Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or concerns!

Thanks, Mel

## **FROM CITY OF ATLANTA NPU-M**

Thank you for presenting to NPU-M last Monday. I am so pleased that Fulton County is making the effort to allow good people to move on from unfortunate pasts and to fully resume adult life. With any mention of the March On Washington 60 years ago, we hear loud and clear that jobs convey dignity to human beings. Without basic dignity we cannot thrive as human beings. Since the current penal system is not equipping formerly incarcerated people for life on the outside, the efforts of your office will go a long way to restoring dignity to those who need it most. For this and a great many other programs at Fulton County, I am very grateful.

Thank you and have happy holiday times, Jennifer Brooks

## **FROM NEW BEGINNINGS (FULTON COUNTY) SENIOR CENTER**

They had an awesome time and the seniors thought it was a glorious treat to have DA Willis in their presence. Thanks!

## **FROM STRIVE ATLANTA**

On behalf of STRIVE-Atlanta we want to extend a warm thank for your invitation to attend the Record Restriction Event hosted by the Fulton County District Attorney's Office. What an experience it was to be immersed in one of the communities that we serve, and to make some meaningful connections with residents and change-makers, alike. We're happy to report that we left the event with nearly 10 new prospective STRIVE participants! We were elated amongst the many connections we made, we were able to personally share the mission of STRIVE with Fulton DA, Fani Willis (thanks to you). Again, we thank you for your time and look forward to upcoming events and growing our partnership. Make it a great day.

Toya Williams - Program Director



# WELCOME

TO OUR NEW HIRES



**PAULA MCFARLANE**  
Senior Assistant District Attorney  
*Case Intake Division*



**SCOTT REED**  
Assistant District Attorney  
*Case Intake Division*



**REGINALD DILLARD**  
Senior Investigator  
*Case Intake Division*



**NATALIE RORER**  
Senior Investigator  
Crimes Against Children Unit  
*Special Victims Division*



**EVA RETANA**  
Executive Assistant  
*Operations Division*



**DEANNA JONES**  
Legal Assistant  
*Case Intake Division*



**CHRISTIAN WILLIAMS**  
Victim Witness Advocate  
*Major Crimes Division*

# COMPETENCY DOCKET

On November 15, 2023, the Fulton County Competency Working Group celebrated the kick-off of the Competency Docket. The celebration took place in the chambers of Fulton County Superior Court Judge Shukura Ingram, who will preside over the Competency Docket. In attendance were Judge Ingram and her staff, Fulton County Superior Court Judge Robert McBurney, Executive District Attorney George Jenkins, Chief Deputy District Attorney Rewa Collier, Senior Assistant District Attorney Nikia Smith Sellers, Attorney Janet Hankins from the Office of the Public Defender, and Zarinah Green from the Office of Court Administration. The first calendar date for the Competency Docket was December 7, 2023, at 8:30 am. The Competency Docket includes cases where the defendant is found Not Competent to Stand Trial or is determined Not Guilty by Reason of Insanity.



## ★ ★ ★ SHOUT-OUT ★ ★ ★

I wanted to let DDA Baysah know that she has great ADAs in DV who go above and beyond to be team players. I would like to focus on two of them: ADA Willingham and ADA Morris. ADA Willingham always shows up to help in all of the courtrooms. When things get tough and my team needs a DV prosecutor, she will appear when called upon if she is available without complaint. For that, I would like to say THANK YOU for being an awesome team player. Also, I want to thank ADA Morris for stepping up to assist trial line two days in a row; her help with covering a plea is very much appreciated. Teamwork truly makes the dream work, and I would like to again thank both of them for their time and dedication.

*- Chief Deputy District Attorney  
RuShondra G. Davenport*



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# FULTON COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY **NEWSROOM**

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## **NOVEMBER 2** **FOX5 ATLANTA**

Fulton County DA Fani Willis Partners With Morehouse School Of Medicine To Help Inmate's Mental Health

## **NOVEMBER 8** **FOX5 ATLANTA**

Former Atlanta Police Officer Convicted Of Aggravated Sodomy Sentenced

## **NOVEMBER 15** **11 ALIVE NEWS**

Fulton County DA Joins Maryland State Attorney To Sign 'Historic' Agreement

## **NOVEMBER 18** **ATLANTA VOICE**

Love Beyond Walls And Fulton County D.A. Fani Willis Partner To Give Back For The Holidays

## **NOVEMBER 23** **WSB-TV**

Fulton County DA Announces Conviction In 2000 Cold Case Murder

## **NOVEMBER 29** **ATL NEWS FIRST**

Criminal Record Restriction Clinic Aims To Help Fulton County Residents Get Jobs, Housing

## **DECEMBER 1** **WSB-TV**

Former APD Officer Accused Of Using Position To Intimidate Women Into Not Reporting His Abuse

## **DECEMBER 4** **AJC NEWS**

Man Who Kidnapped, Killed Atlanta Bartender Begins Serving Life Sentence

## **DECEMBER 5** **WSB-TV**

Judge Puts Tex Mciver Retrial On Hold Just One Day After Jury Selection Began

