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Welcome to our new **DA Dispatch Editor-in-Chief**



**PALLAVI
PURKAYASTHA**

DA Dispatch Editor-in-Chief
Media Division

Pallavi Purkayastha comes from a political strategy background and started her venture into Georgia politics as a volunteer with the Michelle Nunn for Senate campaign. After spending almost two years at the Democratic Party of Georgia doing voter outreach and fundraising, she began leading on campaigns across Metro Atlanta where she created and executed outreach and mass communication plans for candidates. She worked as a legislative aide for three years at the Georgia State Capitol, where she developed communication strategies, including drafting of press releases and newsletters. She currently serves as a DNC Member for Georgia and Chair of a local PAC called Red Clay Democrats. She is eager to bring her talents to the Fulton District Attorney's Office, to learn new skills, and to build lasting relationships. She has a love for advocacy and politics, as well as a passion to see people from underrepresented communities sit at tables where decisions are made. She lives in Grant Park with her fiancé, Charlie Bailey, and their 10-year-old pup, Hazel Nut. She has a Bachelor's degree in International Affairs.

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June TEENTH FREEDOM DAY

Fulton County Holiday - 6/20

Juneteenth will be celebrated on a Sunday this year. It marks the day when federal troops arrived in Galveston, Texas, on June 19, 1865 - two months after the end of the Civil War - to inform the last African American slaves in the westernmost Confederate state of Texas that they had been freed by executive decree.¹

Although the Emancipation Proclamation, issued in 1863, is usually associated with the end of slavery, it could not be implemented in places that were still under Confederate control.²

On June 17, 2021, President Biden signed the Juneteenth National Independence Day Act,³ creating a federal holiday to commemorate the event. This was the first federal holiday approved since Martin Luther King Jr. Day in 1983.⁴

Even before becoming a federal holiday, Juneteenth celebrations have been prevalent in black communities. Some may refer to the day as Emancipation Day, Black Independence Day or Jubilee Day.⁵ People across the country celebrate Juneteenth by hosting cookouts, festivities and shooting fireworks, similar to celebrations during the Fourth of July.⁶

1 National Museum of African American History & Culture. <https://nmaahc.si.edu/explore/stories/historical-legacy-juneteenth#:~:text=Freedom%20finally%20came%20on%20June,newly%20freed%20people%20in%20Texas.>

2 Id.

3 <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/speeches-remarks/2021/06/17/remarks-by-president-biden-at-signing-of-the-juneteenth-national-independence-day-act/>

4 <https://www.govinfo.gov/features/juneteenth>

5 <https://www.britannica.com/topic/Juneteenth>

6 <https://www.newsweek.com/when-juneteenth-federal-holiday-1711380>

Important Dates and Special Events

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
JUNE 2022	13	14	15	16 DA Dispatch Release	17	18
				Junior DA - Week #2		Graduation
19 JUNETEENTH Celebrate Freedom HOLIDAY	20 JUNETEENTH Fulton County Holiday	21	22 Leadership Meeting @ Fulton County Central Library	23	24 VVAP Training Class Graduation Popsicles & Polo's	25
26	27 NEW Employees Start Monday Matinee Movie Day!!	28	29	30	1	2

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
JULY 2022	27	28	29	30	1 Fulton County PayDay \$\$\$	2
	3	4 Independence Day Holiday	5	6	7 DA Dispatch Release	8
10	11	12	13 T-Shirts & Treats	14	15 Fulton County PayDay \$\$\$	16
			Junior DA - Week #3		Graduation	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
			Junior DA - Week #4		Graduation	
24	25 Monday Matinee Movie Day!!	26	27 Intern Mock Trial Competition	28 DA Dispatch Release	29 Fulton County PayDay \$\$\$ Intern Commencement Celebration	30
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Welcome **New Hires**



ELAINE THOMPSON
Chief Sr. Assistant District Attorney
Appeals Unit
Major Crimes Division



TERI BROWN
Chief Sr. Assistant District Attorney
Case Intake Division



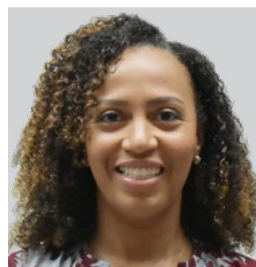
BETSY WEINTRAUB
Sr. Assistant District Attorney
Case Intake Division



DANE UHELSKI
Sr. Assistant District Attorney
Appeals Unit
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DION PEEPLES
Sr. Assistant District Attorney
Case Intake Division



NATALIE ATKINSON-BROWN
Assistant District Attorney
Case Intake Division



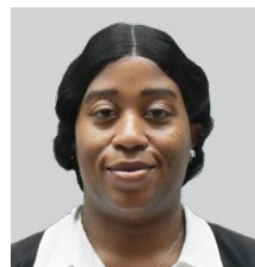
ALBERT SCOTT III
Assistant District Attorney
Juvenile Unit
Special Victims Division



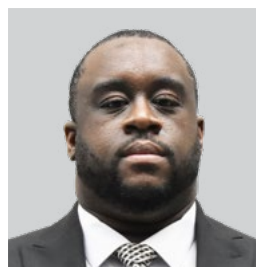
TRACY JEMISON
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Conviction Integrity Unit
Special Victims Division



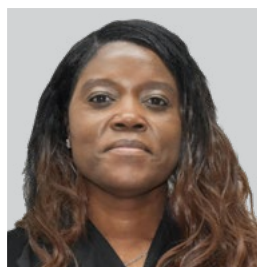
MARYLYN MORGAN
Victim Witness Advocate
Case Intake Division



LUCIA WILLIAMS
Victim Witness Advocate
Complex Unit
Trial Division



ERIC JOHNSON
Legal Assistant
Trial Division



JINNETURIS MONTGOMERY
Legal Assistant
Case Intake Division



LUCRETIA CRAWFORD
Legal Assistant
Trial Division

We extend 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.

Swearing-In with Judge Eric Dunaway



Congratulations

OFFICE PROMOTIONS



RICHARD RANDOLPH

has been promoted to serve as our new
**EXECUTIVE DEPUTY
CHIEF INVESTIGATOR**
High Profile Cases and Difficult
Witness Location Task Force &
Technology Unit -
Investigations Division



KEVIN ARMSTRONG

has been promoted to serve as our new
DEPUTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY
Appeals Unit -
Major Crimes Division



TOM WIGHT

has been promoted to serve as our new
DEPUTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY
Non-Complex & ORCA Units -
Trial Division



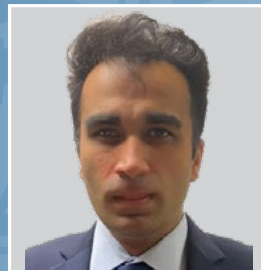
RUSHONDRA DAVENPORT

has been promoted to serve as our new
DEPUTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY
Complex Unit
Trial Division



CHRISTOPHER SPERRY

has been promoted to serve as our new
DEPUTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY
Gang Unit -
Major Crimes Division

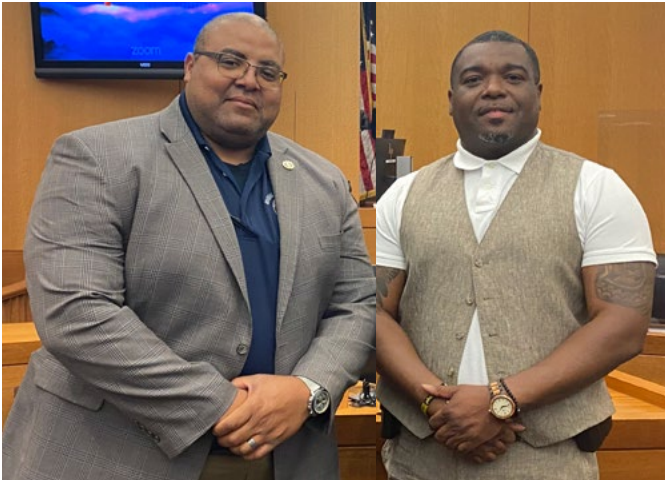


GAUTAM RAO

has been promoted to serve as our new
DEPUTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY
Training

UNIT SPOTLIGHT

High-Profile Cases and Difficult-Witness Task Force Unit (*HP Plus*)



Executive Deputy Chief Investigator Richard Randolph will be leading the office's new High-Profile Cases and Difficult-Witness Task Force Unit, also known as HP Plus. The unit will handle high-profile cases assigned by Madam DA Fani T. Willis and Chief Capers Green as well as work in tandem with specialty divisions, particularly Major Crimes and Human Trafficking. Investigator Randolph: "This team will strengthen and maintain an already premier standard of excellence in investigations and service to the citizens of Fulton County."

Pictured, Left to Right: *Chief of Investigations Capers Green and Executive Deputy Chief Investigator Richard Randolph*

4th of July

Independence Day

Fourth of July (also known as July 4th or Independence Day) has been a federal holiday in the United States since 1941. The holiday commemorates the adoption of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776, when the Continental Congress declared that the 13 American colonies were no longer subject to Britain's King George III.¹

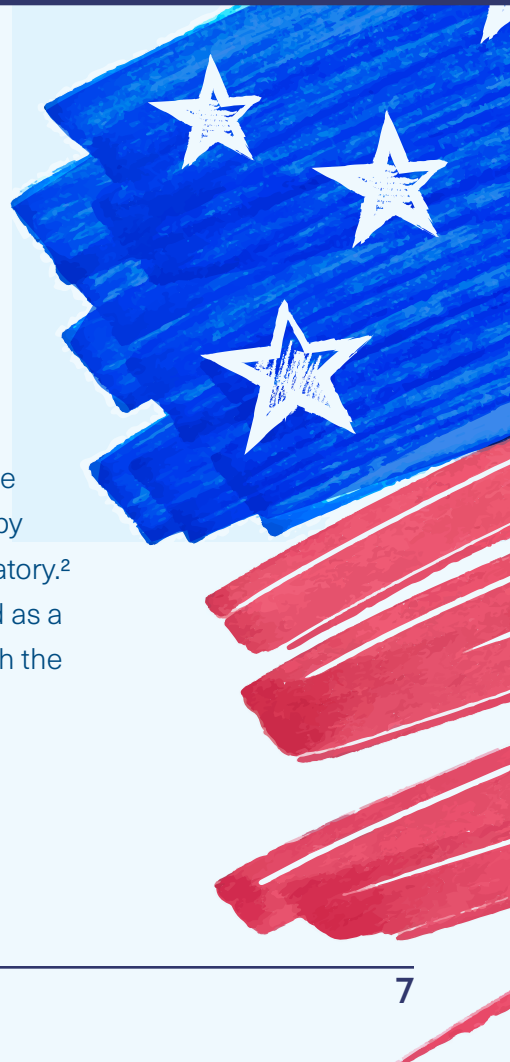
The celebration was initially modeled on that of the king's birthday, which had been marked annually by bell ringing, bonfires, solemn processions, and oratory.² With the rise of leisure, the Fourth of July emerged as a major mid-summer holiday, usually celebrated with the setting off of fireworks.³

Fulton County Holiday: Monday, July 4, 2022.

¹ <https://www.history.com/topics/holidays/july-4th>

² Id.

³ Id.



SHINING *stars*



CARA CONVERY

Deputy District Attorney
Gang Unit
Major Crimes Division



JAMES (J.P.) MILLER

Senior Investigator
Gang Unit
Major Crimes Division

Good afternoon Fulton County DA Willis,

On behalf of the Forest Park Police Department, I would like to thank you and your staff for the assistance and professionalism given to us during the passing of Raqhid Render (Lil Keed). Your open and active exchange of information/intelligence and deployment of resources was a great benefit to us and it is a relationship which I hope will be fostered.

It is without question, that public safety officials deserve our gratitude and admiration for placing themselves in harms way each and every day while serving and protecting our citizens and guests.

Again, our sincere thanks go out to everyone who answered the call for assistance and know that if the Forest Park Police Department can ever be of any assistance to you and/or the Fulton County District Attorney's Office, we stand willing and ready.

Sincerely,
Chief Nathaniel Clark
Forest Park Police Department



AUDREY SIMMONS

Assistant District Attorney
Complex Unit
Trial Division

Good Morning Madam DA,

I hope you are well. I had a telephone conversation with Dr. Walter Young who is a victim in a case I am handling. At the end of our conversation Dr. Young asked me to pass on to you how thankful he is for the work that you and staff of the FCDA are doing to protect the community. He said I was to make sure to tell you that you and your team have his wholehearted support and to keep up the excellent work.

I was very encouraged and uplifted by Dr. Young's words and I hope that you find some encouragement in them as well.

Kind regards,
Audrey Simmons

Association of Prosecuting Attorneys Domestic Violence Conference




The Association of Prosecuting Attorneys conducted an annual training on domestic violence at Villanova University's law school from May 23-25, 2022. The conference brought together multi-disciplinary experts to train prosecutors, advocates and law enforcement on emerging issues, trends, and best practices. Deputy District Attorneys Simone Hylton and Jill Hollander presented on topics including charging, challenges related to COVID, elder abuse and ethics.



Awards





FCDA 93 Mile Wellness Challenge:

May 1st - May 31st

WINNERS

1. Neil Effler	4. DeAndre Royals	7. Justin French	10. E Brian Watkins
2. Lloyd Owens	5. Tim Pennington	8. Shaniece Withrow	11. Kara Lawrence
3. Peter Faile	6. Partrena Baker	9. Saul Alter	12. Epiffany Henry
			13. Damien Lyles

OTHER PARTICIPANTS

DaJuan Walker	Michelle Lam	Johnna Griffin	Meredith Fortuna	Gerald Walsh	Erica McCray
Juilana Sleeper	Cara Convery	Mahkayla Grogan	Simone Hylton	Naporsha Valentine	Tarrance Miller
Leenessa Landor	DeAntoine Johnson	Felicia Dickens	Sheila Francois	Kevin Armstrong	Alia Kee
Mathew Plott	Dericka Mitchell	Pierce Hand	Julianna Peterson	Ebony Davis	Vanessa Condry
Kassie Hall	Earnelle Winfrey	Kirsten Williams	Chanda Love	Grant Rood	Dilma Dos Reis
Julian Jordan	Alexandria Williams	Marlene Allen	Tempie Stoddard	RuShondra Davenport	Jason Anderson
Stephany Luttrell	Marshall Hodge	Kelly Greenberg	Katherine David	Jazmin Willingham	Stacey Burke
Jeremy Murray	Tiffany Johnson	Raeisha Oliphant	Dexter Bond	Yolanda Shorthouse	Valencia Younger
Daysha Young	Ilona Rolack	Christina Robinson	Jeremy Gray	Jayla Herring	Tia Green
Allonya Ragland	Jayna Easton	Nailah McFarlane	Kenneth Hutcherson	Liquila Glass	KaVon Arnold
Lizzie Rosenwasser		Yolanda Mack	Amanda Green	Marissa Viverito	Reta Keppler
Chinekwu Okam		Meesun Hong-Thongkoth	Lisa Holland	LaTeeka Montgomery	Edwina Sellan
Brian Salters		Andre Mooror	Bernice Higgins	Loran Crabtree	Laura Janssen
Jill Hollander					Christinia Clark



BACKPACK GIVE-AWAY

OFFICE COMPETITION

4 x 4 x 4

TEAMS

CITIES

(Fulton County)

PARKS

We (FCDA family) will provide
BOOK BAGS AND SCHOOL SUPPLIES
to children in elementary, middle and
high schools in Union City, South Fulton,
Atlanta, and Sandy Springs.*

Madam DA has divided the divisions into four teams.

Let the **BEST DIVISION WIN!!**

Team 1

9:00am - 11:00am

UNION CITY

Case Intake Division and
Investigations Division
(Evidence Unit, Technology Unit,
Administration Unit, Dignitary, and Jail Calls)

Team 2

11:30am - 1:30pm

SOUTH FULTON

Trial Division and
Records, Diversion &
Records Restriction Division

Team 3

2:00pm - 4:00pm

ATLANTA

Special Victims Division
and Programs &
Grants Division

Team 4

4:30pm - 6:30pm

SANDY SPRINGS

Major Crimes Division,
Anti-Corruption Division
and Civil Rights Division

June 20th - 30th

Official Collection Days for each Division

* Prizes will be given to the team with the most **COMPLETE**** book bags.

** Stay tuned for rules to complete a bookbag.

High School & College

FCDA Summer Interns



KAYLA FORBES

Operations Division - Charging Table

Rising junior Kayla Forbes is a Political Science major on the pre-law track at Spelman College. Kayla's interest in the justice system began with her selection as a Youth Court member for the Red Hook Community Justice Center. Since then, she has had the privilege of interning with the Brooklyn District Attorney's Office (Kings County) and the Brenan Center for Justice at New York University School of Law. Kayla enjoys competing in pageants. She was recently crowned Morehouse College Chi Chapter Miss Phi Beta Sigma 2022-2023. Kayla began weightlifting in high school and has competed competitively. She also enjoys traveling and trying new restaurants. Kayla is excited to expand her knowledge through her internship with the Fulton County District Attorney's Office.



NIA MUNZ

Major Case Unit
Major Crimes Division

I am a rising senior at Georgia State University, who's a part of the honors college, majoring in political science. I am a part of the criminal justice association and pre-law society. My current hobby is traveling around the world. I try to go to at least three countries a year. A part from that I love working out and going to fitness classes like cycling, yoga, and pilates.



NADIA ABDULRIDHA

Sexual Assault Unit
Special Victims Division

Hello! My name is Nadia and I am a recent Political Science graduate from Georgia State University. In the 2022-2023 year, I will be completing my Master's degree in International Relations in Vienna and New York City. I aspire to attend law school and hopefully immerse myself in either the immigration or international law field. In my free time, I generally enjoy watching documentaries, crocheting or trying my best to cook Middle-Eastern dishes. I also enjoy trying new foods and discovering authentic restaurants around Atlanta.



TALIA ROUSER

Non-Complex Unit
Trial Division

I am an Atlanta native and a senior at Georgia State University. I am the president of the Sankofa Society, a social justice organization, on campus. I will graduate in December with a BA in Political Science and Minor in African Studies. After graduation, I plan to volunteer with Teach for America before attending law school in 2024. I want to be a human- and civil-rights attorney. Some of my hobbies include reading, baking, and playing quidditch (a sport known among Harry Potter fans).

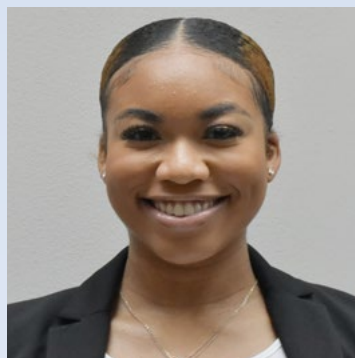
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JACKSON TAKASH

Human Trafficking & Child Exploitation Unit
Special Victims Division

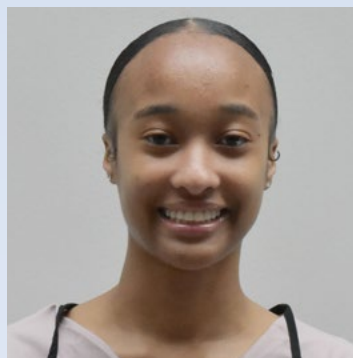
My name is Jackson Takash, and I just finished my third year at Georgia State University. My major is political science, and I focus most of my coursework on civil liberties and rights as well as political research, specifically, the causes and effects of war. I want to graduate and attend the Georgia State College of Law, where I can study and work in criminal defense in Atlanta. I was raised just outside of the city, however, my family has had roots here for a long time. My granny actually was born and raised on Moreland Avenue. Outside of class, I am involved in the family law society and practice Jiu-Jitsu. In my free time, I love finding new music, watching movies, cooking, and taking care of my pets. I have a cat and five dogs; they are a complete handful.



MIKAYLA CONYERS

Executive Team

Born and raised in Atlanta, Mikayla Conyers is a sophomore studying Criminology and Psychology at Howard University. Mikayla is a self driven, go-getter, leader, and determined young woman. Her aspirations are to be a criminal attorney and a Behavioral Analyst. Mikayla is most passionate about serving her community, social justice, and advocating for mental health. Mikayla has experience in public speaking, leadership roles, research, designing, and technology. In her free time, Mikayla enjoys participating in school organizations, dancing, and spending time with family and friends.



KAYLA HALL

Special Victims Division

My name is Kayla Hall and I am a junior at the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa. I am a Criminal Justice major with a minor in Psychology. At school, I am a member of The National Society of Collegiate Scholars and Phi Sigma Theta National Honors Society, endeavors that reflect leadership, academics, and service. I am also involved with Hands on Atlanta, where I completed more than 40 hours of community service assisting elementary students, making sandwiches for the homeless, and sending eyeglasses to third-world countries.



SHAQUILLE KOKUMO

Non-Complex Unit
Trial Division

My name is Shaquille Kokumo, and I am a political science prelaw graduate. I attended Georgia State University for undergrad and I plan to go to law school. I was born in Nigeria and immigrated to the United States at a very young age. I've always had love for the criminal justice system and I have always wanted to become a lawyer. My hobbies include filming, photography and golf. During my senior year of high school, the Atlanta Bar Association selected me to participate in the Summer Law Internship Program (SLIP). I was an intern at The Office of The Public Defender, which was very intensive but fun.

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TYLESE RIDEOUT

Non-Complex Unit
Trial Division

Hello Everyone! My name is Tylese Rideout and I am a legal intern in the Trial (Non-Complex) division. Originally, I am from Peachtree City in Fayette County, and I graduated from McIntosh High School. I attend Fordham University in the Bronx, New York, where I double-major in English and African-American Studies on the Pre-Law track with a minor in Political Science. On campus, I am involved in United Student Government as the Programming Chair for the Diversity Action Coalition. Also, I am a staff writer for Fordham Undergraduate Law Review, and I am the Secretary for ASILI: Fordham's Black Student Alliance. In the future, I would like to work in Family Law, and eventually work as an elementary school principal after my legal career. One of the activities that I enjoy most is working at Fordham-Bedford Community Center as a tutor to help increase literacy proficiency in the Bronx. I have a passion for working with children and helping them be the most independent and strong-willed individuals. When not studying or working, I love picking up a game of intramural sports or diving into a good book. Please let me know if you have any recommendations because I am always looking for some! I am so excited to be working with everyone this summer, and I can't wait to make new friends!



GABRIELLE WATERMAN

Trial Division - ORCA

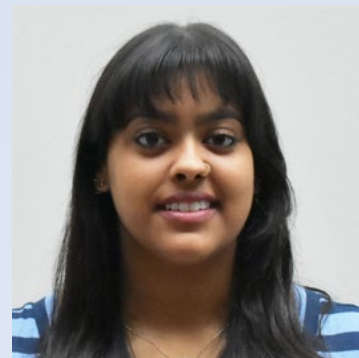
I am a 21-year-old senior at Albany State University majoring in Political Science with a minor in Criminal Justice. I am a member of our Pre-Law and Criminal Justice Club. In past years, I have interned with attorney Patrise Perkins-Hooker as a part of the Justice Robert Benham Law Camp. I enjoy family time, listening to music, cooking, and trying new dishes. I started a business back when COVID started called Lenee's Beauty Bar, a luxury, vegan lip gloss line that will have been in operation for 2 years come August.



SONYA COMBS

S.A.K.I. Unit, Special Victims Division

My name is Sonya Combs, and I am currently enrolled at Loyola University Chicago. I transferred last year from a community college in Seattle. I am actively involved with the campus ministry program. We attend spiritual retreats and also provide food for the homeless. In addition, I am actively involved with Greek community and Model UN. Outside of school, I enjoy long walks with my Belgian Malinois/Greyhound mix dog named Zoe Bernadette. When possible, I also really enjoy toiling in the garden with flowers, plants, and fruit trees. My favorite activity is enjoying a nice meal with my family at a Sichuan Hot Pot restaurant.

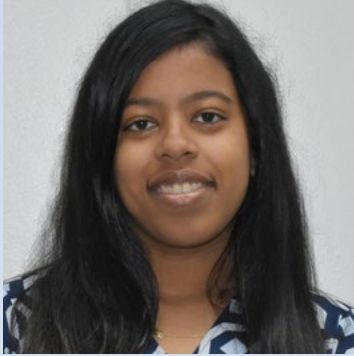


RHEA D'SOUZA

Juvenile Unit - Special Victims Division

Hello! My name is Rhea D'Souza. In the fall, I start as a freshman at Kennesaw State University as a Criminal Justice major. I plan to go to law school and become a prosecutor, hence my interest in the Fulton County District Attorney's office. I used to work as an intern in the City of Roswell's Legal Department, and I am a graduate of Roswell High School. I spend my free time in my schools orchestra as a violist and I love film photography and reading.

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CHANDLER DAVIS

Major Crimes Division

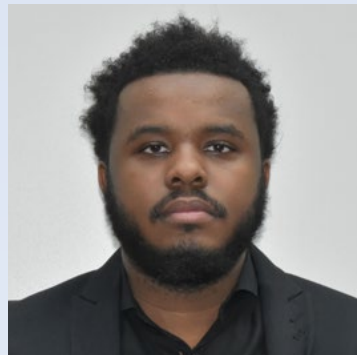
My name is Chandler Davis, and I am a 21-year-old rising senior at Western New England University. I'm pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice. I am passionate about the rule of law and helping to ensure that justice is served for both the victims and the accused in our community. I want to be sure that the innocent are not deprived of their rights and that the guilty receive a just sentence. That sense of duty and respect for the law is what drives my determination. I was a legal intern at the Atlanta Bar Association Summer Law Internship in 2019. I had three-week law internship at The Office of The Public Defender. I was prepared for and served as lead prosecutor during mock trial, assisted attorneys in preparations for trial, and completed assignments that exposed me to prosecutorial functions, including research and memo writing, drafting pre-trial motions, interviewing witnesses and investigations. I was also a legal intern at the Gate City Bar Association's Justice Benham Law Camp Internship a year before. I had a three-week law internship at Georgia State University. I provided case information to lawyers and learned the application of legal processes related to specific cases. My leadership skills were initially honed in high school, where I received my Silver Award from Girl Scouts of America. I was on the tennis, cross-country and track teams at North Atlanta High School. I believe that my academic background, internship experiences, and problem-solving training has prepared me for a career in law. My blend of skills provides me with passion and a point of view that's desperately needed in our judicial system. I look forward to learning more about how I can be of service to the community.



KIMANII HOLLIS

Complex Unit
Trial Division

My Name is Kimanii Hollis, and I am a 21-year-old alumna from Georgia State University. I graduated in May 2021 with my degrees in English and Political Science. I hope one day to have my own law firm.



HASSAN COLEMAN

Victim Witness Advocates Program
Prgrams Division

Greetings! My name is Hassan Coleman. Born and raised in Atlanta, I attend Clark Atlanta University with a major in Social Work. I am passionate about helping people and service work. Additionally, I find excitement in giving back to my community through volunteer work. My hobbies include listening to music and watching movies.



CHELSEA-MCCALL COKER

Trial Division

My name is Chelsea-McCall Coker. I attend Maynard Jackson High School, where I'm a member of the Black Student Union, JROTC and the girl's volleyball team. Outside of academics, I enjoy socializing with friends, supporting my high school football and basketball teams, spending time with family, and traveling with my parents.

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JAIDA FARMER | Complex Unit, Trial Division

Hi! My name is Jaida Farmer, and I am currently a sophomore at Loyola University New Orleans, where I intend to earn a Bachelor of Arts degree in Criminology and Justice. I am also a Cum Laude graduate of Luella High School in Locust Grove, Georgia. My hobbies include reading, writing, team sports, and playing the trumpet. I participate in a few extracurricular activities on-campus: the Student Government Association, Black Student Union, and the National Honors Society. Off-campus, I am a volunteer with LUCAP NOLA, where students can complete community service hours within the New Orleans area. Thank you for the offer. I am very excited to work alongside you all and I look forward to gaining much knowledge this summer!



MICHAEL TANKS, II | Investigations, Major Crimes Division

My name is Michael Tanks, II and I am entering my senior year at Valdosta State University, majoring in Political Science with aspirations to obtain a Juris Doctor degree. I originally hail from Atlanta, and I am a 2018 graduate of Woodland High School. Some of my hobbies include watching and playing sports, completing puzzles, watching movies, traveling, and cooking and baking. I recently became a member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. last November, and I am heavily involved in various community-service activities through our chapter. My ultimate goal with this internship is to acquire knowledge to use in pursuit of my degree and create lasting relationships with those around me.



MIAYATA FREEMAN | Investigations, Special Victims Division

My Name is Miayata Freeman, Before going to college I acquired two associate's degrees: in Childcare and Criminal Justice. I am a full-time student at Georgia State University, where I major in political science with a concentration in pre-law. While also being a full-time student, I work full time at a therapy office. I'm involved in multiple organizations at my school, including NBLSA-PLD (National Black Law Society Association), the Criminal Law Society, and The Sisters In Law society. I just joined the Mock Trial Team. During my free time, I enjoy watching crime-based movies as well as historical movies. In the future, I aspire to be a criminal lawyer and then go on to become a supreme court judge.



CATHERINE HAMILTON | Civil Forfeiture Unit, Major Crimes Division

Catherine Hamilton-I am a first-year at UCLA, double majoring in English and Political Science. I plan to go to law school to pursue a career in criminal justice. I am from Atlanta, so I am looking forward to the opportunity to work in the legal sphere of the county I grew up in. This past school year, I interned at the Vanguard, a non-profit organization seeking to increase accountability and transparency in the California court system. At school, I'm an assistant news editor for the student-run newspaper, an executive editor for the Undergraduate Law Journal, and a senior staff member for Model UN. Outside of school and these organizations, I love reading both fiction and non-fiction, writing, reading the New York Times/Washington Post, and listening to global and national news podcasts.

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ALYSSA FERNANDES

Complex Unit
Trial Division

Hello, my name is Alyssa Fernandes and I am elated to have this opportunity with the Fulton County District Attorney's Office. I just completed my first year at Georgia State University as a criminal justice major with a concentration in legal studies and a minor in psychology. I am gripped in the pre-law track and have always been eager to make a change. I indeed found a passion in this field after completing a course in high school called Current Issues. On that occasion, I started to become more involved by joining numerous extracurricular activities including model UN, student government, and the debate team. I just finished my first year as a pre-law student. For reference, I took a criminal justice course, policing, psychology, global issues, and two communications courses. Although I still have a lot to learn in this field, I am passionate, hardworking, and always looking forward to learning something new.



GRACE AHN

White Collar Crime
Major Crimes Division

Hello! My name is Grace Ahn and I'm from Buford, which is near the Mall of Georgia, in case the name wasn't familiar. After high school, college took me up to Pittsburgh, where I'm a rising sophomore at Carnegie Mellon University. While I'm currently a business major, I really enjoyed my philosophy and history classes, so I recently added an additional major in Ethics, History, and Public Policy. Some of the things I do outside of school include playing the cello and going figure skating. Fun fact, it'll be my 8th year playing the cello this October! I also love listening to various genres of music or watching too much TV in one sitting; my current obsession is NCIS: Hawai'i. I applied (and was thankfully accepted!) to this internship as I want to become a lawyer and want to start gaining experience early. I'm so excited to be joining this summer, and I'll be in your care for the next 8 weeks! Thank you!



SAHAR MIRZAD

Special Victims Division

Hello, I'm Sahar. Currently, I'm attending Georgia State University, and I'll be entering my sophomore year in the fall. When I was in high school, I took advantage of the different legal classes available. I learned a lot about the different types of jobs in the legal profession. After graduating from high school, I interned at Gwinnett Legal Aid, where I gained experience working in the legal field by engaging with clients through interviews and phone consultations. Additionally, I learned how to operate a database and how to approach cases after reviewing the details. While in college, I plan to do internships in different areas of the legal field.

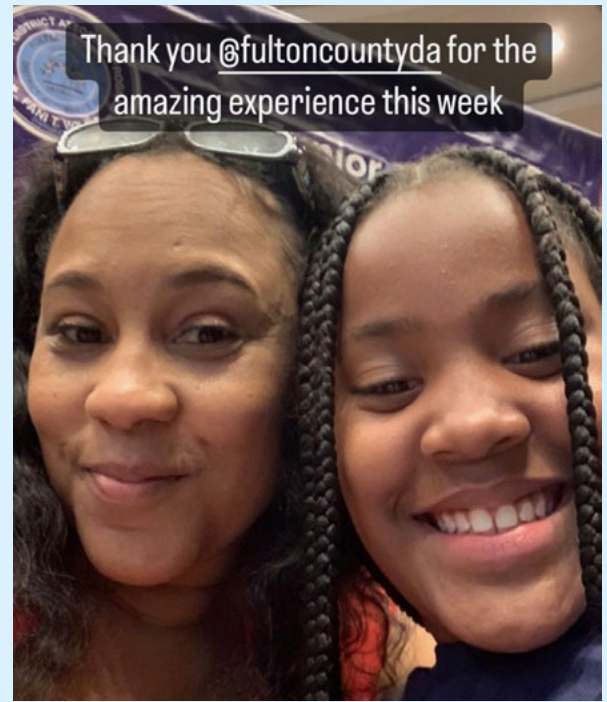
Also, I volunteer with Hands on Atlanta during my free time or during school breaks. Reading, listening to podcasts, and working out are some of my hobbies.

WEEK 1

June 6th-10th, 2022

JuniorDA

Summer Youth Program





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Giving Back to Our Community

Fulton Leadership Academy (FLA)

Which Road Presentation

Scholars from the Fulton Leadership Academy (FLA), Georgia's first single-gender charter school for young men grades 6-12, participated in the Which Road Presentation, which centered around the importance of making wise choices. The event was hosted on May 10, 2022, by Fulton County District Attorney staff Deputy DA Rewa Collier, Executive DA George Jenkins, ADA Nikia Sellers, Chief Senior ADA Shannon Trotty, ADA Kimberly Carey, Executive Assistant Aakeam Woodard, and Investigator Julisha Lansiquot (pictured on the right). Six FLA alumni wore their college gear and imparted wisdom about preparing for college and working hard toward goals.

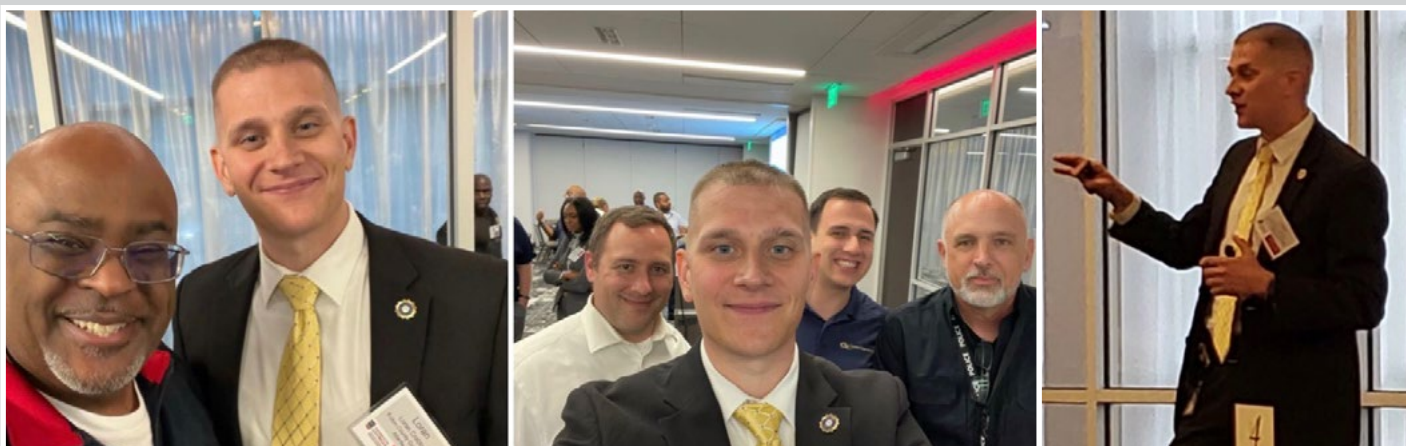


Giving back to Our Community

Managing Threats to Georgia Universities for Chiefs and Command Conference

Threat-Assessment Presentation

On June 4, 2022, Chief Senior Investigator Loran Crabtree gave a threat-assessment presentation for chiefs and command centers at various Georgia universities from across the state.



Courtroom Demeanor and Testimony Training

Georgia Public Safety Training Center (GPSTC)

On June 7, 2022, Deputy District Attorneys Cara Convery and Will Wooten, along with Atlanta Police Detective Kevin Leonpacher gave a training on courtroom demeanor and testimony to police cadets from multiple agencies in the Atlanta area. Cadets learned how to testify with in-person demonstrations of direct and cross examinations.



Class of
2022
Congratulations Graduates



Kindergarten:
Sawyer McKenzie, granddaughter of Brenda Sharpe



Preschool:
Iky Okam, son of Chinekwu Okam



Pre-kindergarten:
Ryan Hyslop, son of Jill Hollander



Preschool:
Jude Anderson, son of Jason Anderson



Pre-kindergarten:
Jaylen Shirley, son of Helen Bastien



4th Grade:
Rhys A. Charles, son of Nalda "Kay" Charles

Class of
2022
Congratulations Graduates



8th Grade:
Kayla Collier, daughter of Rewa Collier



8th Grade:
Kalee Arnold, daughter of KaVon Arnold



High School:
Fred Myles Connor Glenn, son of Fred Glenn



High School:
Jada Scurry, daughter of Alicia Scurry



High School:
Jason Turner, nephew/son of Donita Morris



High School:
Skylar Bailey, daughter of Thomas Ricks

Class of
2022
Congratulations Graduates



University of Georgia:
Analla Reid, FCDAO employee



Logan University:
Jared Leifer, DC (Doctor of Chiropractic), son of Tom Wight



Atlanta Metropolitan State College:
Quinyana Long, daughter of Shaun Pritchett



College of Central Florida:
Kevin Kilpatrick, Jr., son of Shaun Pritchett



University of Georgia:
Katie Manos, daughter of Christy Manos



Texas Wesleyan University
Collier Ricks, son of Thomas Ricks

City of Atlanta's 25th Chief of Police Retirement

Chief Rodney Bryant

June 14, 2022

The Fulton County District Attorney's Office salutes Rodney Bryant – Atlanta Police Department's 25th Chief of Police – on his retirement after 34 years of dedicated service. Thank you, Chief Bryant, for all you have done for the City of Atlanta. Congratulations on a well-deserved retirement!





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GRADUATION

MAY 26, 2022



Left to Right: Chief of Investigations Capers Green, Executive Deputy District Attorney Daysha Young, Madam DA Fani T. Willis, Director of Victim Witness Advocates Chandrika Derricho, and Executive Deputy District Attorney Mike Carlson.



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CONVICTION ALERTS



JULIANNA PETERSON

Deputy District Attorney
S.A.K.I. Unit
Special Victims Division



ADA Christina Robinson



ADA Katherine David



Inv. Jamie Gore



Inv. James Spear



LA Raymond Carpenter



VWA Meesun Hong-Thongkoth



Crime Analyst Kimberly Boyd



Crime Analyst Robert Summerill

Congratulations to the SAKI Trial Team on getting justice for a former young college student. They received a guilty verdict on all counts in less than 35 mins. The defendant was sentenced to life plus 20 years in prison. This case took a lot of work, and the SAKI team as a whole did an amazing job. This case had unique difficulties, as there was no police report and no medical records, so the case had to be built from the ground up. This was the 2000 rape of a Freshman Spelman College student, who was abducted as she was walking from Spelman to the MARTA station and was then driven to an isolated location and raped. She went to Grady Hospital for a sexual assault kit which sat for 15 years uncollected and untested, until the kit was collected as part of the SAKI project, tested, and the **DNA of Cleophus Ward came back as a match in 2018.**

Shout out to the graphics team, in particular Mike Makins, who created some amazing graphics and boards that helped tell the story. In particular, Mike created two different timelines, that showed the timeline of what the victim's life SHOULD have looked like (graduating from Spelman, etc.,) and what happened. Many thanks for the time and creative ideas that helped tell the story to the jury.

- Daysha Young
Executive Deputy District Attorney, Special Victims Division



NAILAH McFARLANE

Senior Assistant District Attorney
Cold & Capital Case Unit
Major Crimes Division



JEFFREY LEE

Senior Assistant District Attorney
Major Case Unit
Major Crimes Division



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Inv. Misty Botu



VWA Illona Rolack



DDA Chris Sperry



DDA Gautam Rao



Inv. Sammy John



VWA Chowan Moore



LA Saquez King

Good Evening DA Family!
This email is to extend a HEARTY Congratulations for a less than 1 HOUR VERDICT in the **State v. Octavius Moore** to for a **GUILTY ON ALL 9 COUNTS!!**

- Madam DA Willis



LA Kiera Jackson

Good morning FCDA FAMILY,
Congratulations for the guilty verdict before Judge Barwick in **State v. Warriell Adams**. It was a true team effort and each one of you played a very important role in the process to successfully achieve closure for these families. I am very proud of the work, determination, and joint effort by all! Great example of hard work paying off! Congratulations!

- Adam Abbate, Deputy District Attorney
Major Case Unit, Major Crimes Division

Madam DA's School of Integrity

Legal Assistants Master Class Graduation

June 8, 2022



Guest Speaker (Far-Left): Cecile Roberts (former FCDA Legal Assistant).

Graduates: Alicia Scurry – SVD; Analla Reid – Record Restriction; Andre Moorer – MCD; April Bailey – MCD; Azilee Williams – TD; Bradley Crawford – MCD; Breanna Barrett – MCD; Brenda Mitchell – Anti-Corruption; Brenda Sharpe – CID; Candis Malloy – Operations; Charly Hardnett – MCD; Chrissandra Jallah – SVD; Daniel Pinilla – MCD; Enenwan Akpan-Iquot – TD; Gabrielle Sellers – CID; Gloria Robinson – CID; JaTrenton Gillyard – MCD; Jayson Chavis – TD; Lakisha Fonville – MCD; Linda Long – Records; Marlene Wilson-Hacker – SVD; Michelle Andrews – CID; Nicole Whigham – TD; Patrice Stewart – SVD; Quentin Wright – MCD; Rishia Lee – TD; Shaneika Crawford – CID; Shatara Clark – TD; Tiffany Horton – SVD; and Valerie Carson – TD.



LA Nicole Whigham received a gift card from Legal Assistant Leadership for perfect attendance. Well done!



Presenter (Far-Left): Deputy Legal Assistant Keehlan Haygood

Shining Star Recipients (Left to Right): Andre Moorer, Analla Reid, Enenwan Akpan-Iquot, Rishia Lee and Daniel Pinilla (not pictured).

ATLANTA CARIBBEAN CARNIVAL

SAT. MAY 28TH, 2022



2022 GRAND MARSHAL **FANI T. WILLIS**



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Special Thank You

PLAIN CLOTHES INVESTIGATORS:

- Plain clothes Commander
- AC Rob Turner
- Jamie Gore
- Fatimah Winston
- Shae Corso
- Bill Ansel
- Shanice Winthrow
- Neil Effler
- Christopher Davidson
- Brian Salters
- Paul Washington
- DC Richard Randolph

DIGNITARY TEAM

- AC Thomas Ricks
- Damien Smith
- Jason Anderson
- Robert Brown
- Justin French
- James Miller
- Keenan O'Neal
- Antonio Long
- AC Loran Crabtree
- AC Robert Turner
- Chief Capers Green
- DC Johnna Griffin
- DC Richard Randolph

for your exemplary service!



Mayor's LGBTQ Advisory Board Reception

June 13, 2022



(Right to Left): APD Interim Police Chief Darin Schierbaum, Malik Brown, Director, Mayor's Division of LGBTQ Affairs, Atlanta Mayor Andre Dickens, Dr. Alie Redd, Executive Director, Covenant House, and Co-Chair of the Mayor's LGBTQ Advisory Board, and Madam DA Willis.



Members of FCDAO LGBTQ+ Advisory Committee (Right to Left): ADA Pierce Hand (He/Him/His), Malik Brown, Director, Mayor's Division of LGBTQ Affairs (He/Him/His), DDA & Chairperson Will Wooten (He/Him/His), Executive Assistant Jeremy Murray (He/Him/His) & Aaron Rice, Interim Chief Development Officer, Families First (He/Him/His).



MAYOR'S LGBTQ ADVISORY BOARD



PIERCE HAND (HE/HIM/HIS)
 STAFF ATTORNEY,
 ATLANTA VOLUNTEER LAWYERS FOUNDATION

Congratulations

to ADA Pierce Hand for his second appointment to the Atlanta Mayor's LGBTQ Advisory Board.



IN THE PRESS

CourtWatch Kick-Off

June 13, 2022



Fulton County District Attorney Fani T. Willis, Atlanta Mayor Andre Dickens, Fulton County Chief Deputy Sheriff Antonio Johnson, and City of Atlanta Police Interim Chief Darin Schierbaum in a joint press conference to re-launch the Court Watch Program.

FCDA Trainings



GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE AND HEALTHY MASCULINITY TRAINING

with Victim Witness Advocates

On May 24, 2022, Omega Man, Ceyveon Ingram, LMSW, came to speak to our office about gender-based violence and healthy masculinity. Mr. Ingram will be visiting the office again for a follow-up training. Details to come.



Wiley D. Murphy (Danny)

Senior Investigator
Technology Unit - Investigations Division

Born and raised in Mableton in neighboring Cobb County, Danny Murphy joined the Fulton County District Attorney's Office last February. He began as a Senior Investigator in the Trial Division before transferring to the Technology Unit.

In the early 1980s, he started his law enforcement career in the Marietta Police Department before moving into corporate security. He worked with Macy's in Atlanta, where he began as a store detective and learned that scared runs faster than mad. He was promoted several times, ultimately becoming the senior executive responsible for the Special Investigations Unit (SIU) for the Southeast, handling major investigations and internal affairs.

In 1994, Danny joined Atlanta-based Wolf Camera, where he developed and implemented the company's first corporate security team and helped Wolf Camera grow from 100 stores to more 1,000 stores in an 8-year span. He became vice president responsible for internal and external investigations, and physical-security planning and implementation for stores, corporate offices and distribution centers.

In 2001, he joined AT&T Corporate Security. In 2005, he became Director, Corporate Security. His responsibilities included developing and implementing security strategies for more than 3,000 stores and merchandise-distribution facilities, and overseeing Homeland Security activities related to telecommunications infrastructure. Danny also managed and developed the investigative teams' design and implementation of plans to address security deficiencies, including conducting direct threat assessment investigations for critical telecommunication infrastructure, and threats against executive leadership. In 2015, AT&T acquired Iusacell, Mexico's second-largest wireless provider. The acquisition required a whole new level of understanding criminal activity.

Retiring from AT&T in 2017 after 16 years, Danny went back to his passion: law enforcement. He spent the next 18 months in a patrol car in a small department in northwest Georgia before moving to the Office of Commissioner of Insurance as a criminal investigator.

Danny enjoys spending time with his wife, Kristie, his sons, Daniel and Christopher, and his daughter-in-law, Lauren, doing whatever they require. He lives in a log home that seemed like a good idea at the time. He has a Brussels Griffon he adores, and the dog adores his wife. He loves outdoor activities including motorcycles, kayaking and camping.





Marylyn Morgan

Victim Witness Advocate - Case Intake Division

Born in Atlanta, Marylyn Morgan lived on the other end of Pryor Road in what used to be Carver Homes Housing Projects and is now The Villages of Carver Homes. Her memories of growing up in Atlanta was that it was a fun and exciting place. That's because during the era when she grew up (she's a '76 baby), there were community centers everywhere. So being bored was not an option. For her, it's Forever I Love Atlanta (FILA).

She earned Associate and Bachelor degrees in Criminal Justice/Criminal Justice Administration from Strayer University. On May 4, she graduated from Georgia State University with a Master's degree in Social Work.

She previously worked as a supervisor over inmate trustees in Gwinnett County, a Probation Officer Intake Coordinator for Professional Probation Services, and an Information Analyst in Investigations for the Department of Juvenile Justice. She truly enjoys everything criminal justice but, ironically, she rarely watches any criminal justice television shows.

Her proudest achievement is being the mother to four children: two adults and two teenagers. She has seven beautiful grandkids: five boys and two girls. She enjoys spending all her time and money on them as they bring her next-level joy.

Aside from being the best grandma in the world, according to her grandson, she loves hanging out with girlfriends trying new restaurants in the metro area, walking on trails and shopping at Target. Although she has seven grandkids, she chose the youngest to include in the photo because he is the coolest, most chill baby on earth and her twin.





Michelle Andrews

Legal Assistant - Case Intake Division

After graduating Magna Cum Laude with a Bachelor's degree in Law at Georgia Southern's Savannah Campus, Michelle Andrews went straight to law school at Florida Coastal School of Law in Jacksonville. She completed her final semester of law school at Georgia State University's College of Law. During that time, she interned at the Fulton County District Attorney's Office with the special victims division and had the opportunity for the first time to sit second chair on a serial-rapist case. Last December, she not only graduated law school a semester early but also in the top 10 percent of her class.

After graduation, she became a legal assistant in Case Intake while studying for the February 2022 bar exam. In May, she passed the Bar and became a domestic violence-grant attorney. Her favorite pastime is traveling. She has visited 10 countries and half of the 50 states. Weekend trips are her highlight of each month.

She turned 25 in April. She's been told she's the youngest attorney in the office but she has not been able to confirm that - lol.





Shaneika Crawford

Legal Assistant - Case Intake Division

Born and raised in Montgomery, Alabama, Shaneika Crawford graduated from Sidney Lanier High School and attended Alabama A&M University. While at A&M, she was a Dancing Diva. She loves dance so much that for six years, she had her own competitive dance team for girls ages 5-17.

She has a passion for helping people and loves working at the Fulton County District Attorney's Office, she's a legal assistant for the Case Intake Division and the Repeat Offender Tracking Unit. Her prior work experience includes the Alabama Department of Corrections, the Montgomery Police Department, the Alabama Forestry Commission, and the Georgia Department of Community Supervision, where she worked for Fulton County Superior Court Judge Robert C.I. McBurney.



Thanksgiving is her favorite holiday and her favorite color is lavender. She enjoys spending time with family and friends. She loves, loves, loves music. She's the oldest of four children and the only girl. She's also the mother of a son, Kamden. Currently, she owns and operates I.D.E.A.L. Ink LLC, an embroidery and printing company.



LawSummary

By: Deputy District Attorney
Kevin Armstrong

ENTRY INTO A HOME TO EXECUTE AN ARREST

Absent consent or exigent circumstances, you cannot just enter a home to arrest Billy Bob. You need more than probable cause—you need a warrant. Whether you need just an arrest warrant for Billy Bob or a search warrant as well depends on whose home Billy Bob is in.

BILLY BOB IS IN BILLY BOB'S OWN HOME

Absent consent or exigent circumstances, you must first have an arrest warrant for Billy Bob to enter Billy Bob's own home to arrest him. However, even if you have an arrest warrant for Billy Bob, you can only enter Billy Bob's own residence to search for him if you have reason to believe he is currently at home.

"[A]n arrest warrant founded on probable cause implicitly carries with it the limited authority to enter a dwelling in which the suspect lives when there is reason to believe the suspect is within." *Payton v. New York*, 445 U.S. 573, 603 (1980). "[T]his limited authority includes the right to enter the back yard of the home to prevent any attempted escape through the rear." *Carter v. State*, 308 Ga. App. 686, 688 (1) (2011). See also *Owens v. State*, 236 Ga. App. 534, 535 (1999) (motel room is the equivalent of a home); *Reed v. State*, 163 Ga. App. 233, 234 (1982) (LEO entitled to enter storage room to look for defendant when serving arrest warrant at defendant's residence).

Such an entry is lawful even against others. See *Wall v. State*, 291 Ga. App. 278 (2008) (LEOs had an arrest warrant for a person and had reason to believe he was inside location he had listed on probation papers as his residence; LEOs' discovery of another's contraband inside was lawful).

See also *Carranza v. State*, 266 Ga. 263, 267 (1) (1996) ("even where the offense is committed in the officer's presence while in the privacy of the accused's home, the officer is required to obtain an arrest warrant absent consent or exigent circumstances").

BILLY BOB IS IN SOMEONE ELSE'S HOME

Absent consent or exigent circumstances, you must first have a search warrant to enter the home of a third party to search for Billy Bob—even if you have an arrest warrant for Billy Bob. *Steagald v. U.S.*, 451 U.S. 204 (1981).

However, this rule applies to the rights of the third party rather than Billy Bob himself. "It would be anomalous...to afford Brown more rights in Ware's home than he would have in his own." *Brown v. State*, 240 Ga. App. 321, 323 (1) (1999). Thus, such an entry with an arrest warrant for Billy Bob would be lawful as against Billy Bob, but not against Billy Bob's host. In *Steagald*, the host's contraband was suppressed due to the unlawful entry; in *Brown*, the entry was lawful against the subject of the arrest warrant.

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