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DA McMahon Holds Swearing-In Ceremony for ADAs and Detective Investigators, Announces Changes to Executive Team and Staff to Lead New Administration

A new dawn at RCDA as dozens of staff join team to help meet the challenges facing Staten Island

Staten Island, N.Y. – Richmond County District Attorney Michael E. McMahon on Tuesday evening held a swearing-in ceremony at St. John’s University’s Staten Island campus for all RCDA Assistant District Attorneys and Detective Investigators in order to renew their oath of office and once again sign the County Clerk’s book registering as public officers in Richmond County. Additionally, DA McMahon announced changes to RCDA’s Executive Team as well as the hiring of new staff and various promotions of current ADAs to key positions in order to better serve the people of Staten Island.

The new Executive Team is comprised of: Chief Assistant District Attorney- Timothy Koller; Executive ADA for Investigations- Thomas Ridges; Executive ADA for Litigation- Wanda DeOliveira; Chief of the Trials Division- Mark Palladino; Chief of the Special Victims Division- Tuesday Muller-Mondi; Chief of Staff- Ashleigh Owens, and Executive Advisor/Consultant- Yolanda Rudich.

Other ADA promotions announced include: Adam Silberlight- Bureau Chief, Trials; Lisa Davis- Deputy Bureau Chief, Trials; Victoria Levin- Bureau Chief, Domestic Violence; Alex Fumelli- Deputy Bureau Chief, Appeals; Jason Cohen- Unit Chief, Alternatives To Incarceration (ATI) Unit; Frank Prospero- Unit Chief, Vehicular Crimes Unit; Antonia Assenso- Unit Chief, Juvenile Justice Unit; Timothy Richard- Deputy Unit Chief, Juvenile Justice Unit.

“Although crime on Staten Island remains at historic lows, our borough still faces many challenges which require greater support, more reinforcements, and my entire team’s ongoing commitment to keeping our communities safe while also protecting and seeking justice on behalf of the victims of crime,” **said District Attorney Michael E. McMahon.** “I am immensely proud to announce a new dawn at RCDA as I begin my second term serving the people of Staten Island as their District Attorney. Our Executive Team has been

expanded to include several veteran RCDA bureau chiefs who all bring a wealth of knowledge and experience to this important leadership role in the office. I am certain that under their guidance RCDA will continue to grow and thrive while holding dangerous criminals accountable. At the same time, we have hired dozens of new staff members and promoted other experienced ADAs to fill key positions in order to better protect Staten Island and meet the strenuous demands placed upon us by the misguided and ill-conceived bail and discovery mandates. We remain determined to overcome this and all such arduous challenges affecting our Island, while always remaining a voice for victims of crime.”

Upon DA McMahon taking office in 2016, RCDA had 45 ADAs on staff. Currently, there are 80 ADAs working on behalf of the people of Staten Island, and there will be 85 prosecutors total when fully staffed by May 2020, marking a 90 percent increase. Additionally, RCDA’s total staff has grown from 105 to what will be 230 by May 2020. At the same time, RCDA has dramatically increased the number of Staten Islanders employed by the office, believing that a knowledge of the people and places of this borough make for a better prosecutor and public servant of Staten Island.

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