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1/4/2012 ORGANIZATIONAL MOVES IN THE OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY

The following organizational moves are effective January 3, 2012:

Adam Haney and Aishala Burgess will move to the Violent Crime Unit to begin their new grant-funded assignments as Gang Prosecutors. They will report to Dana Cummings, VCU Section Chief. Aishala Burgess's replacement will be named at a later date.

Leila Braswell will replace Adam Haney as the senior Felony Assistant in Section 7. Chris Hester will replace Leila in Section 7. Louise Hines will replace Chris Hester as the Misdemeanor Assistant in Section 8. Rachel Keene will replace Louise in a new paralegal position supporting VCU.

Sareda McPhee will join our office as a full-time employee and become the first Victim Assistance Coordinator supporting our Juvenile Section. Lance Lepine will join our office as a full-time Investigator assigned to Section 1.

Belinda Eliser will be assigned as our second probation officer responsible for DA misdemeanor probation cases along with Van Foster. Rhonda Hebert will be replacing Belinda as Appellate Secretary. Rhonda Hebert's replacement will be named at a later date.

Racheal Hebert will be leaving our office to become the first employee of a newly formed non-profit organization: the Sexual Trauma and Awareness Response Center (STAR). This new organization will continue the activities formerly conducted by our internal Rape Crisis Center. Dr. Randy Brown will continue to serve as our office Medical Director and continue to provide STAR with his medical expertise. Jane Wood will continue to serve as Executive Director, on a loaned basis to STAR, until November 1, 2012. Nicole Gillum will continue as the Sexual Assault Counselor, on a loaned basis to STAR until February 1, 2012. On January 3, 2012, Krystal Sugulleh joined STAR as their new grant-funded Community Prevention Educator.

Lee Wilson, Juvenile Section Chief, has announced his retirement effective March 1, 2012. Curtis Nelson will replace Lee as Juvenile Section Chief. Curtis' replacement will be announced at a later date.

Patricia Byrd, has announced her retirement effective February 1, 2012. Lauren Corkern joined Section 5 on January 3, 2012 and replaced Patricia as Section 5 Misdemeanor Assistant.

Jeff Traylor has announced his move to the Attorney General's Office effective February 3, 2012. His replacement will be named at a later date.

As you can see, 2012 promises to be a year of change and opportunity. I look forward to seeing the future successes of these employees in their new assignments. I thank everyone for their hard work and dedication and ask that you join me in congratulating these employees on their moves.