

NEWS RELEASE

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Special Assistant U.S. Attorney to act as liaison between state, federal prosecutors

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – Mecklenburg County District Attorney Andrew Murray is pleased to announce that one of his senior prosecutors, Erik Lindahl, has been appointed as a Special Assistant United States Attorney who will act as a liaison between state and federal prosecutors, strengthening their collaborative work to protect Mecklenburg County from violent offenders.

State and federal authorities share concurrent jurisdiction over many crimes, which allows for prosecution in either state or federal court. The grant-funded position of Special Assistant United States Attorney (SAUSA) represents a partnership between DA Murray and U.S. Attorney Jill Westmoreland Rose and their mutual goal of determining the best choice of prosecution venue to effectively and vigorously prosecute defendants who are charged with violent crimes.

Mr. Lindahl has served as an Assistant District Attorney in Mecklenburg County since 2007. During that time, he has prosecuted a variety of cases such as property crimes, offenses committed by habitual felons and homicides. He most recently acted as the supervisor of the District Attorney's Domestic Violence Team, which is responsible for the prosecution of both misdemeanor and felony crimes that occur between people in relationships.

In his new role, Mr. Lindahl will become a dually-sworn state/federal prosecutor. He'll remain a member of DA Murray's staff but will be assigned to the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Western District of North Carolina. By consulting with local and state authorities and working as a liaison between the state and federal prosecutors, he'll work to identify cases that should be indicted and prosecuted at the federal level and then prosecute those cases in federal court. Mr. Lindahl began his new post this week.

The SAUSA position is funded through a grant provided by the North Carolina Governor's Crime Commission.

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