

NEWS RELEASE

R. Andrew Murray
District Attorney

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DA Murray to present awards in inaugural ceremony

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – To recognize those who have contributed to the success of the criminal justice system and the betterment of the local community, the Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Office will present awards to deserving individuals during its inaugural awards ceremony this week.

District Attorney Andrew Murray created an awards committee this year with the hope of establishing a new tradition of recognizing people in Mecklenburg County and within the District Attorney's Office who have provided unique and outstanding service to promote the mission of the office and to improve the community as a whole. The awards ceremony will be held at the District Attorney's Office on December 16, 2015.

DA Murray will present Above and Beyond Awards to a police officer and citizens whose exemplary work, actions or testimony contributed to the prosecution of cases that ultimately helped protect the community. An Assistant District Attorney will receive an award for his or her work outside of the courtroom to make Mecklenburg County a better place.

"As we reach the year's end and reflect on the great work that has been done in our courts on behalf of crime victims, it's important to celebrate those who have played a crucial role in our efforts to seek justice," says DA Murray. "My prosecutors and I could not secure convictions of defendants who harm this community without the testimony of courageous victims and witnesses and the hard work of local law enforcement."

The award recipients were nominated by employees of the District Attorney's Office and selected by a committee made up of Mecklenburg County prosecutors and support staff.

Media who are interested in attending the awards ceremony should contact Community Liaison Coordinator Meghan Cooke McDonald at meghan.a.cooke@nccourts.org.

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