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ANNUAL MEETING 2015

Montgomery County District Attorney Risa Vetri Ferman presented the District Attorney Medal and Commendations to members of her staff for their outstanding performance. DA Ferman presented these honors at her Annual Staff Meeting on January 15, 2015.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY MEDAL PRESENTED TO DEPUTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY ROBERT FALIN

In recognition of his outstanding work as the Chief of the Appellate Division. DDA Falin took on a well-funded team of anti-death penalty attorneys from the Federal Public Defender’s Office who represented John Eichinger, who was convicted in 2005 of the brutal murders of three members of the Greaves family and the 1999 murder of Jennifer Still. Eichinger was sentenced to three death sentences. On December 31, 2014, the Pennsylvania Supreme Court upheld the conviction and sharply criticized the agenda-driven Federal Defenders for abusing the system and wasting taxpayer time and money. In the case of Christopher Johnson, who was convicted of murdering Wildlife Conservation Officer David Grove in Adams County, DDA Falin volunteered his time to argue the appeal before the Pennsylvania Supreme Court. On December 30, 2014 the Supreme Court upheld the first degree murder conviction and death sentence.
In recognition of his outstanding use of technology to gather crucial intelligence information to assist Detectives from the Homicide Unit in identifying suspects and witnesses during investigations.

**JASON EDWARDS - EXTRADITION CLERK**
In recognition of his dedication and organization of the District Attorney's Extradition Unit.

**KIERSTEN MCDONALD - DOMESTIC VIOLENCE INVESTIGATOR**
Her outstanding dedication and tireless effort to develop the Montgomery County District Attorney Courthouse Comfort Dog Program to support victims and witnesses and help them handle the trauma and stress of testifying and appearing in court. Investigator McDonald is the primary handler for K9-Turks and the coordinator of the K9 Program.
JONATHAN PERRONE - COMPUTER OPERATIONS SUPERVISOR
In recognition of his outstanding use of technology in the courtroom working with prosecutors with court presentations of audio recordings, video recordings, photographs and Power Point presentations in numerous murder trials in Montgomery County including defendants Max Stine, Michael Hinton, Maurice Andrews and Raghunandan Yandamuri.

RACHEL WEAVER - SECRETARY
AMANDA STONG – SECRETARY
In recognition of their dedicated service to the Investigating Grand Jury.

DOUGLAS LAVENBERG – ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY
In recognition of his hard work, dedication and organization for the Montgomery County District Attorney's Office DUI Unit.

GABRIEL MAGEE – ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY
In recognition of his outstanding prosecution and convictions of multiple defendants for robbery and firearms offenses who were involved in the June 19, 2013 bank robbery of National Penn Bank in Lower Pottsgrove.

KATHLEEN MCLAUGHLIN – ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY
In recognition of her outstanding trial preparation of two cases with First Assistant District Attorney Kevin R. Steele, which led to successful verdicts in each case. Commonwealth v. Albert Dudanowicz, a man who fired shots out of his apartment in Pottstown nearly striking civilians, police officers and tactical officers and Commonwealth v. Joseph McAndrew, who brutally murdered his mother, father and twin brother in their home with a sword.

CHRISTOPHER DANIELS  -  ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY
DIRK BOUGHTER  -  MONTGOMERY COUNTY DETECTIVE

In recognition of their outstanding investigation and conviction in Commonwealth v. Marshall Perlman for insurance fraud and theft.

SOPHIA POLITES  -  ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY
MICHAEL BEGLEY  -  MONTGOMERY COUNTY DETECTIVE

In recognition of their outstanding prosecution and conviction of Commonwealth v. Stahley, who was convicted of first degree murder and sentenced to life without parole.
PAUL BRADBURY – MONTGOMERY COUNTY DETECTIVE
In recognition of his outstanding investigation in three homicide cases. Commonwealth v. Stahley, who was sentenced to life without parole; Commonwealth v. Joseph McAndrew, convicted of three counts of First Degree Murder (but mentally ill) and sentenced to three life sentences; and Commonwealth v. Yandamuri, who was convicted of first degree murder and sentenced to death.

SPECIAL COMMENDATION
KEVIN R. STEELE – FIRST ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY
For his leadership, investigative skill and prosecutorial excellence. In 2014 FADA Steele prosecuted and obtained five first degree murder convictions in two vicious murders, Commonwealth v. Joseph McAndrews and Commonwealth v. Ragu Yandamuri, who was sentenced to death. When Wildlife Conservation Officer David Grove was ambushed and murdered in Adams County by Christopher Johnson, FADA Steele volunteered to work on the case with District Attorney Shawn Wagner of Adams County. Christopher Johnson was convicted of First Degree Murder and sentenced to death.