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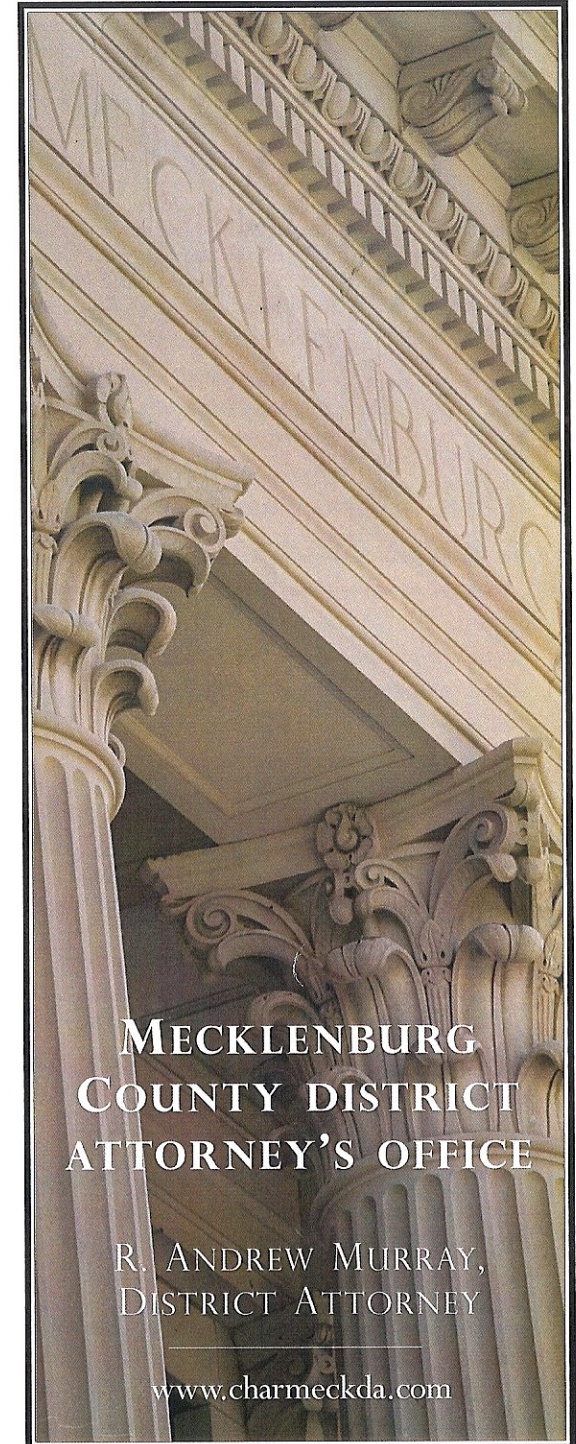
"I have an obligation to not only protect our community but to seek justice for all. My office is dedicated to evaluating the evidence and circumstances of each case to achieve a fair and just outcome. Every day, my prosecutors are working together to make Mecklenburg County a better and safer place to live, work and raise a family."

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ABOUT THE DA



As District Attorney, Andrew Murray leads an office of more than 80 Assistant District Attorneys and 60 support staff who work to vigorously and fairly prosecute all crimes that occur in Mecklenburg County.

Murray was elected District Attorney in November 2010 and took office in January 2011. With 20 years of legal experience as both a prosecutor and a defense attorney, Murray brought new insight to the District Attorney's Office.

After high school, Murray enlisted in the U.S. Coast Guard and joined the Reserve program following six years of active duty. He later attended UNC Charlotte and then graduated from the UNC School of Law.

He began his legal career at the Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Office, working on a variety of special prosecution teams. He then worked in private practice prior to being elected District Attorney.

Murray has continued his service to our country, serving as a Coast Guard officer since 1989 and earning the rank of Captain. He is also a member of the N.C. Conference of District Attorneys' Executive Committee.

He and his wife have been married for more than 30 years and have three children.

OUR MISSION

The District Attorney's Office prosecutes cases stemming from crimes and traffic offenses in North Carolina's 26th Prosecutorial District, which covers Mecklenburg County and includes Charlotte, Mint Hill, Matthews, Pineville, Huntersville, Cornelius and Davidson.

The office prosecutes more than 9,000 felonies and more than 200,000 misdemeanors and traffic offenses each year.

DA Andrew Murray's priorities include targeting violent criminals and repeat offenders, particularly those with guns. To prosecute the most violent offenders, the DA's Homicide Team sends its members to murder scenes to assist law enforcement in their investigations. Mr. Murray increased the number of prosecutors on the team, as well as the number of cases resolved, to quickly seek justice for victims and their families.

Murray has focused resources on prosecuting habitual felons who have repeatedly committed felonies. He also instructed his prosecutors to place an emphasis on people convicted of residential breaking or entering.

In 2012, Murray created a Domestic Violence Team to exclusively prosecute cases of domestic violence. These prosecutors are trained and equipped to handle the challenges of such cases effectively and with sensitivity.

Murray has also improved and will maintain relationships with local police departments and the community. He created the office's Community Liaison Initiative, which sends prosecutors to community meetings to speak with residents about the office's mission.

A TEAM APPROACH

To better manage the county's high volume of criminal cases, the DA has divided the office into prosecution teams. Each Assistant District Attorney is assigned to one of the following teams:

- Misdemeanor Team: Prosecutes DWIs, traffic violations and misdemeanor assaults and drug offenses.
- Misdemeanor Appeals and Probation Violation Team: Prosecutes misdemeanor appeals from District Court for a trial before a jury, and represents the State in probation violation hearings.
- Domestic Violence Team: Prosecutes charges stemming from domestic-related incidents, such as assaults and child abuse.
- Juvenile Team: Prosecutes crimes committed by offenders younger than age 16.
- Drug Team: Prosecutes drug trafficking, drug sale or delivery and prescription drug fraud.
- Crimes Against Property Team: Prosecutes residential and commercial break-ins, thefts and embezzlement.
- Crimes Against Persons Team: Prosecutes armed robberies, violent assaults, rapes and kidnappings.
- Habitual Felon Team: Prosecutes repeat offenders eligible for habitual felon status under state law.
- Homicide Team: Prosecutes cases of murder, manslaughter and felony death by vehicle.