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### **D.A. McMahon: New staff members to serve the people of Staten Island**

*\*\*\*Newly appointed staff members join D.A.'s team\*\*\**

STATEN ISLAND, N.Y. – Richmond County District Attorney Michael E. McMahon today announced that he has recruited two new staff members, both Staten Island residents, to join his team in the roles of Criminal Court Supervisor and Press Secretary. He has also named a new head of Legal Support Staff.

“My office is committed to hiring and promoting the most capable individuals for the job to better serve the people of Staten Island,” said District Attorney Michael E. McMahon. “I consider each of these staff members a valuable asset to this office and the community.”

Maria Scarna has been named head of Legal Support Staff for the Richmond County District Attorney’s office. She started working in this office in 2005 as a Domestic Violence Case Coordinator for the Special Victims Bureau, before taking on the role of Paralegal assigned to Special Victims Bureau. Her new duties include overseeing the legal support staff and ensuring staff coverage, while also maintaining her paralegal duties.

Amelia Sanchez is the new Criminal Court Supervisor, responsible for overseeing the daily functions of Criminal Bureau. She most recently worked in the Brooklyn District Attorney’s office for 22 years as a Department Supervisor for Early Case Assessment Bureau.

Ryan Lavis is the office’s new Press Secretary, responsible for handling all press relations and media. He most recently worked as a reporter and photographer for the Staten Island Advance, where he covered crime and provided in-depth coverage on Staten Island’s drug epidemic.

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