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### **D.A. McMahon creates Domestic Violence Bureau, names Bureau Chief**

*\*\*\* Separate and dedicated Domestic Violence Bureau will be essential resource for Staten Island\*\*\**

STATEN ISLAND, N.Y. – Staten Island District Attorney Michael E. McMahon today announced that he has created a separate and dedicated Domestic Violence Bureau within the Richmond County District Attorney’s Office that will work solely on handling the borough’s growing number of domestic violence cases. The addition of a Domestic Violence Bureau, coupled with the soon-to-be opened Family Justice Center, will ensure that every victim and every case is given the proper attention it deserves. McMahon requested and was granted the funding to make this historic change and increase the capacity of the office to handle domestic violence cases in his FY2017 budget proposal to the City of New York. McMahon also announced today that he has named Tuesday Muller-Mondi, a Staten Island resident and the former Deputy Bureau Chief of the RCDA Special Victim’s Bureau, to be the inaugural Chief of the Domestic Violence Bureau.

“The creation of a dedicated Domestic Violence Bureau is an important historic change for the office and an essential resource for my team and the people of Staten Island, which has had the highest increase of domestic violence victims in the City,” said District Attorney Michael E. McMahon.

“For far too long, Staten Island was the only DA’s office without a separate and dedicated Domestic Violence Bureau. We are incredibly fortunate to have a Staten Islander with the depth of experience of Ms. Muller-Mondi undertaking the leadership of this new bureau, and I am confident that she will work tirelessly and capably to ensure that every victim receives the support and proper attention they deserve as we continue in our fight to bring justice to bear.”

According to DCJS, from 2009 to 2014, Staten Island reported an astounding 64 percent increase in domestic violence victims, by far the most of any other borough. Currently, Staten Island is on pace this year to reach over 2,600 domestic violence arrests, which would be the highest recorded in the history of the borough.

In addition to its new Bureau Chief, the Domestic Violence Bureau will be comprised of a Deputy Bureau Chief and five ADAs, at both the misdemeanor and felony level, as well as additional legal staff to allow for more direct and involved supervision of domestic violence cases, which have contributed to the borough’s ballooning homicide rate for the year.

Tuesday Muller-Mondi will be this office's first Domestic Violence Bureau Chief. She began her career with the Richmond County District Attorney's Office in April 2005, and currently serves as its Deputy Chief for Special Victims Bureau. She supervises and handles all aspects of felony prosecution related to child abuse, sexual abuse of adults and children, domestic violence, including misdemeanors, elder abuse, and abuse of members of vulnerable populations, including homicides. Under her role as Deputy Chief, she also served as liaison for various outside agencies including the Mayor's Office to Combat Domestic Violence, Community Health Action of Staten Island, NYPD Special Victims Unit and Sexual Offender Monitoring Unit, Office of Mental Health, Safe Horizon, ACS and SICAC. Muller-Mondi also headed a pilot project entitled Domestic Violence Electronic Monitoring Program, and serves on various committees and task forces, including the Sexual Assault Task Force, Mayor's Office U-Visa Subcommittee, and Mayor's Office Subcommittee on Trafficking Victims in New York City. Prior to that, she worked as Acting Deputy Chief for Supreme Court Bureau from April 2011 to September 2012. From June 2010 to April 2011 she worked as Deputy Chief for Criminal Court Bureau, and was also a Complaint Room Supervisor in Criminal Court from April 2005 to June 2010. Prior to coming to the Staten Island DA's Office, she worked in the Bronx DA's Office for five years.

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