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**Cherokee County Investigator Kathleen Tallent
Named Investigator of the Year by the District Attorneys' Association of Georgia**

October 8, 2020 – This week, the District Attorneys' Association of Georgia announced that Kathleen "Kat" Tallent, an investigator for the Cherokee County District Attorney's Office, was named Investigator of the Year.

Tallent is one of three Georgia investigators who were honored this week in a virtual awards ceremony. The annual award is normally presented at the Prosecuting Attorneys' Council (PAC) of Georgia summer conference, which was not held this year due to COVID-19.

Assigned to a trial team in the District Attorney's Office, Tallent investigates felony cases including armed robbery, vehicular homicide, controlled substance trafficking, burglary, and other serious crimes. She works in collaboration with an assistant district attorney and victim advocate.

"Kat is an outstanding investigator who has an uncanny ability to analyze facts and make connections," said Deputy Chief ADA David Holmes. "Last year, while listening to a jail call, she uncovered a murder conspiracy and initiated an investigation, likely saving a young man's life. She is passionate about her work and is very deserving of this award."

Prior to joining the District Attorney's Office in 2019, Tallent worked as a uniformed police officer for Power Springs Police Department, where she received the Rising Star of the Year Award, Life Saving Award, and Officer of the Year Award.

"Kat Tallent is a true public servant who fights for justice and the rights of crime victims. Every day, she brings an incredible level of dedication and commitment to her work. She is a model employee, and I am so proud that she is being recognized with this award," said Shannon Wallace, District Attorney for the Blue Ridge Judicial District.

The Prosecuting Attorneys' Council of Georgia (PAC) is the overarching judicial branch government agency supporting Georgia prosecutors and their staff, which includes 49 District Attorney Offices (primarily felony cases) and 65 Solicitor-General Offices (only misdemeanor cases).

The Office of the District Attorney for the Blue Ridge Judicial Circuit is committed to seeking justice, acting with integrity, and collaborating with partner agencies in the criminal justice system in order to protect the citizens of Cherokee County and the State of Georgia.

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