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DISTRICT ATTORNEY JEANNINE M. PACIONI APPOINTS RYAN MCGUIRK AS CHIEF DISTRICT ATTORNEY INVESTIGATOR

SALINAS, California- Monterey County District Attorney Jeannine M. Pacioni is pleased to announce the appointment of Captain Ryan McGuirk to the position of Chief Investigator for the District Attorney's Bureau of Investigation.

Captain McGuirk was raised in Lake Tahoe, California and moved to the County of Monterey to attend California State University Monterey Bay. While continuing his studies, he was hired in 2001 as a police officer for the City of Pacific Grove where he quickly promoted through the ranks becoming a detective and finally a sergeant. In 2004, he was awarded the Officer of the Year for the City of Pacific Grove.

In 2008, he was hired by the Monterey County District Attorney's Office and was assigned to the felony unit. Over the years he has worked as a lead investigator on matters involving juvenile crimes, domestic violence, gangs, child abuse, molestations, frauds, robberies, vehicular homicides, officer involved shootings, attempted murders and murder cases.

In 2009, he earned the distinction of being honored as the District Attorney Investigator of the Year by the Monterey County Peace Officers Association for his exceptional work in multiple high-profile cases. The following year, he was the recipient of the Award of Merit from the Monterey County Peace Officer Association and received the Law Enforcement Service Award from the Domestic Violence Coordinating Council of Monterey County. He has held the position of Vice President for the Deputy Sheriff's Association and has a Bachelor's Degree in Management from Golden Gate University.

In 2011, Captain McGuirk was promoted to a supervisory position in the Bureau of Investigations and has overseen every aspect of the bureau. Additionally, he is an adjunct professor at Monterey Peninsula College teaching Administration of Justice courses for the past five years. In 2013, he was joined by Odie, a Labrador Retriever, as Monterey County's first Courthouse Canine.

Odie lives with Captain McGuirk and has family and works with impacted victims and witnesses. Captain McGurk's focus in his law enforcement career has always been giving victims a voice.

District Attorney Pacioni stated that "Captain McGuirk is an extremely knowledgeable and talented investigator who demonstrates leadership, a true commitment to justice, and outstanding work ethic. He is truly an outstanding example of what we expect from our investigators and I am confident that he will excel in this position."

Captain McGuirk's predecessor was former Chief Investigator Gary Craft who retired in December 2017 after 30 years of service as a law enforcement officer.