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County Court APD's Win Acquittals for Clients in July

Jacksonville, FL: Clients of the Law Office of Fourth Judicial Circuit Public Defender Matt Shirk continue to receive effective, quality legal representation when they face criminal charges. The month of July started with two acquittals in the County Court Unit, when clients facing misdemeanor charges were found Not Guilty.

“Assistant Public Defenders carry very large caseloads, but do a tremendous job for the clients we represent,” said Shirk. “It is notable when we receive a favorable ruling in the courtroom and I commend the latest group of victorious attorneys.”



In *The State vs. Asia Babbs*, the Defense was led by APD De'Anna Hines (left) with second chair APD Stephanie Jaffe (right). Mr. Babbs was charged with violating a soon-to-expire restraining order because he delivered gifts for his children to his ex-wife's residence. Ms. Hines brought forth a defense that her client acted with no criminal intent. After hearing testimony from some of his seven children, the Duval County jury found Mr. Babbs Not Guilty of the charge following the July 1st trial.

On July 14th, a Duval County judge heard *The State vs. Homer Murray*. Lead Defense attorney APD Coral Messina (right), assisted by APD Ron Romeo (left) successfully argued to the judge that there was not enough evidence to convict their client on the charge that he failed to return rental property. As a result, a Judgment of Acquittal (JOA) was handed down in Duval County Court.

