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Juvenile, Felony and County Court Units in PD Office Post July Trial Victories

Jacksonville, FL: Clients of the Law Offices of Public Defender Matt Shirk continue to receive zealous advocacy and effective courtroom representation. In three separate July trials, clients of the Public Defender won acquittals in Duval County courtrooms.



The State vs. Antjuan Wyman came to verdict on July 21 in Felony Court. Lead Defense Counsel Assistant Public Defender (APD) James Armstrong (left) and second chair APD Chris Blaisdell (right) convinced the jury that their client was not guilty of a Felony Battery charge. The case involved a family disagreement; a father who was allegedly drinking refused to let his son Mr. Wyman occupy a family home. The disagreement became violent and the Defense argued that their client was acting in self defense, therefore was not the aggressor. APD Armstrong credits Public Defender Investigations for preparation of critical exhibits that were used in the victorious trial.



On July 22 in Duval County Court, APD Zach Shafer (left) led the successful Defense team in *The State vs. Nedal Bdaweia*. Noteworthy of this team – the second chair in the trial was Ruby Green (right), a Certified Legal Intern (CLI) who has since completed a summer term with the office and returns to Florida Coastal School of Law (FCSL) for her third year this fall. APD Shafer and Ms. Green convinced the jury that their client was innocent of a domestic battery charge because Mr. Bdaweia's wife completely recanted her original story where she'd accused him of beating her. The jury ruled in favor of the Defense, despite attempts by the State to argue that their star witness was lying when she recanted.



In Juvenile Court, a July 28th bench trial concluded with a Not Guilty verdict by the Judge. The Defense was led by APD Rob Bowers (left) with second Chair APD Jodi Miles (right) who successfully argued that their client was mistakenly identified when he was arrested in April on a charge of resisting police without violence. Mr. Bowers credits Public Defender Investigators for producing an eyewitness that ultimately cleared his client.
