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## **APD Young Nabs Felony Court Victories**

Jacksonville, FL: The legal representation of the indigent-accused provided by Public Defenders is a necessary 'check on the State' says Public Defender Matt Shirk of the Fourth Judicial Circuit. The agency dedicated to justice system fairness is responsible for zealously advocacy on behalf of its court-appointed clients in all instances. While often the underdog, Assistant Public Defenders occasionally are able to show a jury that there is 'reasonable doubt' that their client is guilty. APD Sandra Young has won Not Guilty verdicts for several of her clients in Fall 2010:



The State vs. Gilberto Ballester-Perez came to verdict in late October. APD Young (pictured, left) represented her client on two charges of armed robbery and one count of armed burglary stemming from a 2008 arrest. Mr. Ballester-Perez was accused of burglarizing a Jacksonville home with two people inside. Those individuals claimed they were robbed at gunpoint upon the suspect's entry. However, APD Young asserted that the alleged victims made her client a scapegoat in a drug deal gone bad. The jury ruled Not Guilty.

Ms. Young served as lead Defense attorney in a November 5<sup>th</sup> trial, APD Jon Lorimier (pictured, right) assisted her as second chair. In the retrial of The State vs. Daryl Lundy, the Defendant once again came before judge and jury facing a charge of armed robbery (a March 2010 jury was unable to render a verdict on this case.) The Defense argued that Mr. Lundy was falsely identified as the perpetrator because the alleged victim did not offer a description of the suspect until five days after the incident. The APDs went on to show that the alleged victim actually knew their client, and if he was in fact the perpetrator, he would have been more quickly identified. The jury sided with the Defense.

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