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**RE: Cynthia Zimmer appoints Lyle Martin Chief District Attorney Investigator**

Kern County District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer announced today she has appointed Lyle Martin as the Chief District Attorney's Investigator. The Chief District Attorney's Investigator operates as the head of the District Attorney's Bureau of Investigations, a law enforcement agency with a combined staff of over fifty employees, including 27 peace officers.

The District Attorney's Bureau of Investigations conducts investigations on a broad range of issues, including public assistance fraud, public integrity cases, environmental enforcement, and elections fraud. Additionally, the District Attorney's Bureau of Investigations conducts additional investigative work for criminal cases of *all* kinds, including sexual assault, domestic violence, and homicide cases.

Lyle Martin has served as the Chief of the Bakersfield Police Department since December of 2016, and served as Assistant Chief for 8 years, from 2008 to 2016. Chief Martin has more than 30 years of experience with the Bakersfield Police Department; has served as a homicide detective, member of the SWAT team, and held leadership roles over multiple divisions of the Bakersfield Police Department during his expansive law enforcement career.

Lyle Martin holds a Master's Degree in Business Administration and is near completion of a Doctorate of Management, in addition to holding a Bachelor's degree in Business Management and an Associate's degree in the Administration of Justice. Lyle Martin has received multiple community awards, including induction in the Bakersfield City School District Hall of Fame in 2018, and receiving the 2017 California State University Community Service Award. Chief Martin has established an active presence in the community through his involvement in the Police Activities League as a Board of Directors member and current President, and has spent decades coaching youth football and soccer for multiple organizations throughout the community.

District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer commented on her appointment of Lyle Martin as Chief Investigator, stating “Lyle Martin has spent a lifetime in dedicated service to the citizens of Bakersfield, and now will have the opportunity to serve all members of Kern County. As Chief Investigator with the District Attorney’s Office, all of Kern County can benefit from Chief Martin’s expansive experience. I look forward to working with Chief Martin toward our common goals of combating violent crime county-wide.”

Lyle Martin is expected to begin his tenure as Chief District Attorney’s Investigator on December 30, 2019.

Photo:

District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer and Chief Lyle Martin at the Family Justice Center on October 1, 2019, recognizing Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

