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### PRESS RELEASE

#### **DISTRICT ATTORNEY INVESTIGATOR LESLIE SEVERE NAMED CALIFORNIA INVESTIGATOR OF THE YEAR**

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Napa County District Attorney Allison Haley issued the following press release:

The California District Attorney Investigators' Association (CDAIA), having over 1,600 DA Investigator members, has named Napa County District Attorney Investigator Leslie Severe 2017 Investigator of the Year. The prestigious award will be presented at the association's annual training conference in September, 2017.

District Attorney Investigators are peace officers who have the same authority as city police officers and county deputy sheriffs. DA Investigators conduct trial preparation, locate witnesses and evidence and work to build cases to protect the residents of Napa County from those who would do them physical or financial harm.

Investigator Severe was nominated for the award based on her past successes in criminal investigation as well as her service to the community. She served as a Chief Petty Officer in the US Coast Guard, followed by service as a deputy sheriff in Contra Costa County, where she worked the Custody Division, Patrol Division, Street Apprehension Team, SWAT and vice assignments. She has been assigned to investigate various significant cases in Napa County, including the murder of Kayleigh Slusher and the murder of Anita Andrews. She routinely volunteers as a guest lecturer on criminal justice issues at local colleges and routinely receives glowing reviews from students. Investigator Severe helps organize the Law Enforcement Torch Run in Napa County to benefit the Special Olympics, in addition to her past work arranging the DA's Office participation in National Night Out and the informational booth at the Napa Town and Country Fair.

During her nearly decade-long service as a District Attorney Investigator, in addition to an impressive array of accomplishments, Investigator Severe earned both her bachelor's and master's degrees during her off-hours. She exemplifies the core values of the Napa County District Attorney's Office, and is committed to values that help insure justice to both the citizens of, and the many visitors to, Napa County: integrity, accountability, fairness, equality, efficiency, persistence, trust and tenacity. We are proud of the work done by Investigator Severe. We congratulate her for this recognition and are excited that her peers selected her for this prestigious honor.