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**R. Andrew Murray**  
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## **District Attorney's Office names Community Liaison Coordinator**

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – The Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Office has named Meghan Cooke as its new Community Liaison Coordinator.

Cooke comes to the Office from The Charlotte Observer, where she reported on local news, crime and public safety issues for three years.

In her new role, Cooke will use her journalism experience to help the public understand the District Attorney's Office's mission, as well as its role in the criminal justice system. District Attorney Andrew Murray created the position as part of an effort to promote transparency in the Office's communications and protect information that could jeopardize pending criminal cases or a defendant's right to a fair trial.

In addition to coordinating requests from journalists, Cooke will report important news, events and verdicts through the Office's website and social media and in regular email alerts to residents who've signed up to receive communications from the Office. (To sign up, visit [www.charmeckda.com](http://www.charmeckda.com).) She'll also assist in the Office's Community Liaison Initiative, which was launched in 2011 to allow prosecutors to attend community meetings across the county to share the Office's goals and address residents' concerns.

"I am excited to have Meghan Cooke with her skill set and unique talents join our professional team," said District Attorney Andrew Murray. "Her new role as this Office's Community Liaison Coordinator will allow us to better inform the public, whom this office serves, about issues of importance to individuals and their communities."

Cooke is a North Carolina native and a 2009 graduate of UNC Chapel Hill's School of Journalism and Mass Communication.

"It's a privilege to work alongside so many people who sincerely care about the victims of crime and the citizens of Mecklenburg County," Cooke said. "We have great stories to tell at the District Attorney's Office, and I look forward to sharing our successes while maintaining our legal and ethical responsibility to provide the public with accurate information."

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