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Jorge Duran Appointed New District Attorney Chief Investigator

DA Stephan Cites Duran's Three Decades of Community-Based Law Enforcement Experience

San Diego County District Attorney [Summer Stephan](#), today announced the appointment of Jorge Duran as new Chief Investigator of the District Attorney's Bureau of Investigation, the law enforcement arm of the San Diego County District Attorney's Office. The Bureau is made up of eight divisions, including 130 District Attorney Investigators—who are sworn peace officers—as well as Process Servers, Paralegals and Investigative Technicians.



“We are thrilled to have Jorge’s extensive experience, proven leadership, and innovative approach to community outreach heading our investigative team,” said District Attorney Summer Stephan. **“Jorge’s exemplary character and record of outstanding public service have defined his career and I know he will bring a fresh perspective to management of the Bureau of Investigation and to building safe and healthy neighborhoods in partnership with the communities we serve.”**

During his time as a Captain at the San Diego Police Department, Duran initiated and implemented the “Better a Block” community outreach program in the Southeastern Division communities. He partnered with local Pastors to host block parties to foster better relationships between his law enforcement officers and the communities they served and to build trust from the top down. The program served to reduce gang violence in these neighborhoods, and improved community relations so significantly that it is still active today.

“I am very excited and looking forward to working with the Bureau’s dedicated professionals who are committed to providing the highest quality service and building positive working relationships with the communities we serve,” said Chief Investigator Jorge Duran.

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Chief Duran served six years as a squad leader in the United States Marine Corps Reserves before joining the San Diego Police Department in 1987. He was promoted to Detective in Narcotics, Sergeant at the Western division, then Internal Affairs and later Cold Case Homicide, where he provided guidance and had oversight of the investigations into more than 100 cold cases. He was then promoted to Lieutenant and led the Central, Watch Commander, Gangs, Internal Affairs and Homicide Divisions. He also achieved the rank of Captain where he led the Southeastern Division and Operational Support Divisions.

Twenty of Jorge's 29 years at SDPD were spent in a leadership capacity as Sergeant, Lieutenant and Captain, and he attended the POST Supervisory Leadership Institute. While at SDPD, Duran successfully reduced gang-related murders by 80%, initiated problem solving meetings in underserved communities, developed contingencies for planned and unplanned critical incidents such as fires and protest demonstrations, supervised SWAT, Canine, and the Homeless Outreach Team/PERT, he managed the department's body worn camera program including training, maintenance, inventory and storage of over one thousand body worn cameras, participated in monthly community walks in neighborhoods to learn more about and address public safety concerns, and supervised the allocation of more than 1,000 patrol officers citywide.

After serving more than 29 years at SDPD, Duran joined the District Attorney's Office in 2017, where he has served in our Superior Court and Special Operations Divisions. He consults for the US Department of Justice to guide innovative and progressive police policies, and contributed to the publication of Homicide Process Mapping, a widely used DOJ-sponsored guide for optimizing investigation procedures and successful prosecutions.

In addition to Chief Duran's 31 years of law enforcement experience, he has a Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice Administration from San Diego State University, a Master of Arts in Organizational Leadership from Chapman University, and has attended the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Virginia where he received a Graduate Certificate in Criminal Justice Education from the University of Virginia.

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About the San Diego County District Attorney's Office

The San Diego County DA's Office prosecutes all felony crimes in the county and misdemeanor crimes committed outside the City of San Diego. The office files about 40,000 criminal cases a year and balances prosecution with numerous crime prevention programs. District Attorney Summer Stephan leads the office of more than 1,000 dedicated employees who pursue justice and support victims daily across San Diego County. DA Summer Stephan has devoted her life to protecting children and families and providing justice to the voiceless and most vulnerable. She is a national leader in the fight against sexual exploitation and human trafficking, and has served as a Deputy District Attorney in San Diego County for 28 years.