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**Cecil County Circuit Court Judges Appoint
James Dellmyer as State's Attorney; Remove "Interim" Designation**

Elkton, Maryland. Effective Friday, December 20, 2019, the Judges of the Circuit Court appointed James A. Dellmyer, Esquire as State's Attorney for Cecil County. This appointment comes after Mr. Dellmyer was named Interim State's Attorney replacing Amanda Bessicks in March, 2019 following her resignation and has run the Office since that time.

Under Mr. Dellmyer's leadership, the Office of the State's Attorney has become more responsive and better able to serve the Citizens of Cecil County. The Office has undergone significant changes and improvements, including transitioning all prosecutors from part-time to full-time employment. This has resulted in increased productivity, and has helped to accomplish a cost-effective and fiscally conservative budget. In addition, to better promote accountability and productivity of staff, Mr. Dellmyer created an Attorney Performance Evaluation system and he has implemented mandatory training for staff in various fields including trial presentation, investigations, digital evidence, office management, victim services (particularly domestic violence), and bias awareness training.

As a result of these changes, the Office of the State's Attorney is better equipped to handle cases involving career criminals and violent offenders. With grant funding provided by the Maryland Criminal Intelligence Network (MCIN) at no additional cost to Cecil County taxpayers, the Office of the State's Attorney has developed a special prosecutions unit consisting of an additional experienced prosecutor and paralegal, who also provides multi-agency support as a Crime Analyst. By implementing intelligence-driven prosecution in the MCIN program, the Office is better able to identify and successfully prosecute the most serious criminal offenders in Cecil County.

State's Attorney Dellmyer has also prioritized supporting those individuals and families who struggle with the disease of addiction. During his tenure as Interim State's Attorney, Mr. Dellmyer has supported the Cecil County Health Department in their efforts to provide community support by advocating for treatment for non-violent offenders.

Regarding the appointment, Mr. Dellmyer commented: “I am humbled and honored by the decision of the Judges of the Circuit Court. The confidence they have shown in me with this appointment means very much to me and my team. I look forward to furthering the progress we have made protecting the safety of the citizens of Cecil County which is our most important mission.”

The Office of the State’s Attorney for Cecil County is a division of the Executive Branch of Cecil County Government that serves as the County’s chief prosecuting law enforcement agency. The Office is responsible for prosecuting all criminal cases that occur in Cecil County ranging from traffic infractions to murder. State’s Attorney, James Dellmyer, leads a team of prosecutors, victim advocates, specialized staff, and investigators seeking justice in all criminal cases that occur in Cecil County. Dellmyer said: “It is vital to the mission of the Office of the State’s Attorney to work closely with law enforcement and other allied agencies. We are fortunate that we enjoy the benefit of having dedicated, professional and hardworking law enforcement officers who protect us citizens each day.”

