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COUNTY OF TULARE

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**DISTRICT ATTORNEY SWEARS IN NEW PROSECUTORS,
INVESTIGATORS**

On Friday June 16, 2017, Tulare County District Attorney Tim Ward administered oaths of office to eleven new prosecutors and five criminal investigators during a ceremony held at the Tulare County Board of Supervisors chambers in Visalia.

Prosecutors Nicholas Boening, Rinata Krel-Abbey, Nima Vakili, Kristine Crossman, Ryan Tiede, Nadya Hannah, Sonya Jifkins, Noah Abolafia-Rosenzweig, Tomiwa Oduyemi, Matthew Rupp, and Diego Andrade recited their oaths in front of family, friends, and fellow members of the Office of the District Attorney. The addition of these new prosecutors, who will be assigned to prosecutorial divisions and office locations throughout Tulare County, creates a staff of 64 attorneys.

The District Attorney's Bureau of Investigations welcomed investigators Jerry Hunzinger, Cynthia Santillan, Jeffrey Gilbert, Ana Moreno, and Christopher Porter to its professional ranks. Criminal Investigator Josh Rowlett was also sworn in to the position of Supervising Investigator and will oversee the Bureau's Welfare Fraud Unit. The primary purpose of the Bureau of Investigations is to provide professional investigative support for the prosecutors in the Office of the District Attorney. The Bureau comprises of 40 sworn peace officer positions, making it one of the largest law enforcement agencies in Tulare County.

"Taking this oath is a time honored privilege that comes with enormous responsibility," said District Attorney Tim Ward. "Always be prepared to stand and say "Ready" for the people."

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