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FBI Awards Special Recognition to Harris County Prosecutors

Three Harris County assistant district attorneys were recognized by the Federal Bureau of Investigation today for exceptional work in criminal prosecution.

In a ceremony hosted by DA Pat Lykos in the District Attorney's Office, FBI Assistant Special Agent in Charge Carlos Barron presented Harris County ADA's Lance Long, Beth Shipley and Connie Spence with *FBI Director's Certificates* in recognition of their achievements.

ADA's Long and Spence were recognized for their work prosecuting Roderick Fountain, a man convicted of murdering his three-year-old son Kendrick Jackson. The prosecution was particularly challenging because the child's body was never found. Extensive testimony centered on Fountain's history of abusing the child and two jailhouse confessions. Fountain was convicted of murder and was sentenced to life in prison.

Spence received additional recognition for her prosecution of LaMarques McWilliams, a serial rapist who forcibly tied up, tortured and sexually assaulted at least three women. Because the women engaged in prostitution, the cases presented unique challenges. McWilliams was sentenced to life in prison for his crimes.

ADA Shipley worked with Ft. Bend County prosecutors in the capital murder prosecution of Edward George McGregor. McGregor was implicated in the deaths of four women, including the sexual assault and murder of a Missouri City woman when McGregor was just 17 years old. DNA evidence from Houston crimes determined that McGregor committed the 1990 Ft. Bend slaying, as well as three others. With Shipley spearheading the prosecution, McGregor was sentenced to life in prison.

Said District Attorney Pat Lykos:

"The Harris County District Attorney's Office is staffed by some of the finest prosecutors in the nation, and I join the FBI in extending my heartfelt appreciation to ADA's Long, Spence and Shipley. Their passion, dedication and talent make all the difference as we pursue justice for crime victims, their loved ones and the broader community we serve. Thank you and congratulations on a job well done."

Said Assistant Special Agent in Charge Carlos Barron:

"ADAs Spence, Long, and Shipley's exemplary professionalism, selfless work ethic and unyielding dedication reflect great credit upon themselves and the Harris County District Attorney's Office. Thank you all for your efforts in the name of justice!"

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