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DISTRICT ATTORNEY INVESTIGATOR WINS OFFICER OF THE YEAR

Harris County District Attorney's Office Investigator Chuck Lowery was honored Wednesday by the 100 Club in a ceremony in which he received a prestigious Hero award. The 100 Club presents this award annually to police officers and firefighters who have demonstrated exceptional achievements in crime prevention, investigation, public safety, or valor.

Lowery distinguished himself by reviewing hundreds of cold cases, identifying those in which he could identify and possibly locate a suspect, and then effectuating 26 arrests of homicide suspects. In 2011, Lowery identified and located several individuals charged with murder who had been fugitives for decades.

Harris County District Attorney Pat Lykos calls Lowery her "secret weapon" for locating fugitives. She added, "His investigative skills are second to none. If you are running from the law in Harris County, you might as well surrender now—because once I put Chuck on your trail, you are going to jail!"

Lowery stated that he was humbled by the honor and that he shares it with many others who work with him at the District Attorney's Office. "I have spent almost 35 years in law enforcement and worked with many extraordinary people in my career. I feel I fortunate to serve the residents of Harris County, and I still get excited when I catch a murderer who's been on the run for years. I want to thank DA Lykos and Chief Investigator Don McWilliams for the support, encouragement and resources that allow me to do my job so well."

Lowery is responsible for locating and arresting several fugitives in old homicide cases, including Theodore Emerson Dominguez—wanted for the 1988 stabbing of an acquaintance, Cruz Sanchez—wanted for the 1983 stabbing death of a man at a bar, Joseph Ray Alvarez—wanted for both murder and attempted murder of two men in 1991, Alfredo Gomez—wanted for a 1981 murder of an acquaintance after an argument at a party, Jorge Norvaez—wanted for killing a man by beating him with a baseball bat in 1980, and David Gonzales—wanted for shooting a coworker several times and causing his death.

Lowery's distinguished career includes employment at the Houston Police Department, the Harris County Sheriff's Office, and the Harris County District Attorney's Office. He serves as chief investigator of the Fugitive Apprehension Unit.

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Pictured are Investigator Chuck Lowery and District Attorney Pat Lykos