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## TOP COP JOINS DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S TEAM

DPD Assistant Chief Named Tarrant County Criminal DA's New Chief Investigator

(Fort Worth, TX) – Tarrant County Criminal District Attorney Sharen Wilson announced today that Tammie A. Hughes has joined her staff as Chief of the Investigative Division.

Hughes, a highly decorated 33-year veteran of the Dallas Police Department, most recently served as Assistant Chief during the tenures of both former Dallas Police Chief David Brown and new Chief Renee' Hall. She retired from the DPD, the 2<sup>nd</sup> largest police department in the State, at the end of 2017.

"Tammie brings an exemplary combination of experience and expertise," said Criminal District Attorney Sharen Wilson. "I'm thrilled to have her as a member of my executive team."

Wilson assembled a panel of law enforcement leaders from around the County to assist the executive team in interviewing applicants for this position, one of the top 4 leadership positions in the office. After a multi-level selection process, the panel heartily endorsed Hughes for the role. She replaces former division chief, Gary Willis, who retired in 2017.

"In her tenure with the Dallas Police Department, Tammie dealt with almost every imaginable management scenario through her leadership positions with divisions such as Internal Affairs, Personnel, Public Integrity and Training," Wilson continued. "She has dedicated herself to the same principles of accountability, transparency and enhanced communication on which we model our practices, and is every bit as personable as she is professional."

Hughes will manage the more than 40 CDA investigators who make up the Investigative Division of the District Attorney's office. All certified Texas Peace Officers, their primary responsibilities include assisting the prosecutors in evaluating and preparing cases for trial. Their duties often include traditional activities such as interviewing witnesses, arresting suspects, and advising and assisting other Federal, State and local law enforcement agencies in a variety of situations. The division also includes the office's Digital Forensics and Technology Services (DFATS) unit, a nationally-recognized one-stop-shop for digital media evidence.

Hughes' first day on the job with the office was Tuesday, January 2, 2018.

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