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### **The California District Attorney's Association Board of Directors Announces Investigator of the Year Award**

Investigator Wayne Cox has been selected as the first ever California District Attorney's Association's "Outstanding District Attorney Investigator of the Year." He was chosen in large part for his outstanding work in the case concerning Curtis Huntzinger, but also for his dedication to teamwork and willingness to pursue a case long after it has been abandoned by other law enforcement agencies.

The Association has been in existence for over 90 years and presently is composed of 2,500 prosecutors from throughout the state. CDAA's mission is to serve the needs and promote the interests of California's prosecutors. Honoring Investigator Wayne Cox is a way to highlight the important part that investigators play in the prosecutorial team; one which makes a District Attorney's office more effective in promoting public safety. CDAA provides a forum for the exchange of information and innovation in the criminal justice field.

The award will be bestowed on Investigator Cox July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010, at the CDAA Summer Conference and Awards Banquet held at the Monterrey Marriot Hotel.

Last year, The National Center for Missing & Exploited Children (NCMEC), the Fraternal Order of Police and the U.S. Department of Justice's Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention honored Wayne Cox to receive special recognition with its 2009 Award for his work on the Huntzinger case.

The Humboldt DAs office will be honoring Wayne Cox today, Tuesday, May 11 at 3:00 PM, at a press conference and celebration.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to call the above.