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METROPOLITAN NASHVILLE DAVIDSON COUNTY

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VICTIM WITNESS SERVICES DIRECTOR NAMED

Nashville, Tenn.--District Attorney General Glenn Funk has announced the appointment of Mackenzie Shankland to the position of Victim Witness Services Director for the Davidson County DA's Office. Mackenzie Shankland first joined the DA's Office in 2011 and currently serves as a Victim Witness Coordinator.

"Treating victims of crime with compassion, dignity and respect is a priority for our office," Funk said. "Mackenzie has already demonstrated great care for victims and will do an outstanding job ensuring victims' rights are protected."

A Nashville native, Shankland is a graduate of Lipscomb University and the 2013 recipient of the Brenda Brown Award for Outstanding Advocacy from the Nashville Coalition Against Domestic Violence. "I am honored to have been given this opportunity to continue to serve crime victims in Davidson County and enhance awareness of victims' rights," Shankland added.

Shankland will step into the role following the retirement of Director Teresa Shearon in November.

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