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City of LaGrange Employee LPD Officer Unricky Parks Honored for 30 Years of Service

LaGrange, Ga. April 16, 2021 – The City of LaGrange is honoring LaGrange Police Senior Officer Unricky Parks for his dedicated 30 years of service.



Cynthia Parks places the 30 year pin on her husband LPD Officer Unricky Parks

Parks received his 30-year service pin at the LaGrange City Council meeting Tuesday (4/13) night. He received the pin with his wife

Cynthia, sons Ricktavius and Ricktez, and sister in law Robin Herndon by his side.

Senior Officer Parks started his career with the LaGrange Police Department in March of 1991 and graduated from the Police Academy on May 24, 1991. He started in the Patrol division and then was assigned to serve as a Warrant Officer as well as working in Recorder's Court. A few years later, Unricky was reassigned to Patrol and shortly after that time he was asked to start a Juvenile Program by writing a grant for a Cops in School Program. When the program started, Officer Parks began working in the school system as well as with Juvenile Court where he was tasked with court security as well as transportation of juveniles to and from the youth detention facilities. When he was not in Court he spent his time in the various schools interacting with both students and staff. In June 2001 Unricky successfully completed an 80 hour School Resource Officer Training Program and was assigned as a full time School Resource Officer at Troup High School where he served until November 2020.

"There are so many people I would like to thank who supported me through the years. I work with a great group of people at the LaGrange Police Department and I've had the pleasure to work with some wonderful young people. Of course I am grateful for my family who have been there for me this whole time," said Senior Officer Unricky Parks. "My advice to the young people who want to make it 30 years is to make sure to treat people right all the time and you will be successful too."



Pictured from left to right. Front row: Ricktavius Parks, Robin Herndon, Cynthia Parks, Officer Unricky Parks, Rickeez Parks, Mayor Jim Thornton & Chief Lou Dekmar. Back row: Councilman Nathan Gaskin, Councilman Tom Gore, Councilman Mark Mitchell, Councilman LeGree McCamey & Councilman Jim Arrington. (not pictured Councilman Willie T. Edmondson)

Unricky's dedication to his community and the citizens he has served has long been noted, not only in the agency and among his peers, but in the positive impact that he has made with the youth of this community. He has served as a role model, a mentor, a teacher, a father figure and an ambassador of the LaGrange Police Department.

"Senior Officer Parks is a true professional who is committed to our community's youth," said LPD Chief Lou Dekmar. "He is a wonderful ambassador for our agency and we are proud of his dedicated 30 years of service."

His involvement with the youth has been continuous throughout his career. Unricky has assisted with school sports programs as a coach at Callaway High School for more than fifteen years. He has worked with the Boys and Girls Club and has been an important part of the success of the yearly youth camp which started with only about 15 kids and has

now grown to more than 80. Officer Unricky Parks epitomizes human kindness and caring attributes that have been consistent throughout his career with the LaGrange Police Department.

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