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TO ALL CRIMINAL JUSTICE DEPARTMENT/AGENCY HEADS

RE: GUARDIAN OF JUSTICE AWARD

In 2013, the 79th Judicial District Attorney's Office awarded the first Guardian of Justice Award, this year we have lost several individuals who served our criminal justice system (including the juvenile system). Carlos Araujo and Ramon Joslin were two such individuals who served their departments and our jurisdiction with honor and distinction.

The Guardian of Justice Award is a memorial award presented in recognition of a life of service and dedication to the criminal justice system in the 79th Judicial District of Texas. The 79th Judicial District Attorney's Office will be accepting applications for 2014, through January 15, 2015. Please submit an application on behalf of any individual from your department or agency who is entitled to the memorial award.

The memorial award is open to individuals who:

1. Passed away in 2014;
2. Worked within the criminal justice system in any of the following areas: Law Enforcement (peace officers, special agents, troopers, dispatchers), Judicial Services (Judges, Prosecutors, Criminal Defense Attorneys, Clerks), Correctional Departments (Probation Officers, Juvenile Probation Officer, Jailers, Parole Officers);
3. Were either employed within a criminal justice related field at the time of their death, were on medical leave from the related field at the time of their death, or had retired from the related field at the time of their death.

Please submit a Guardian of Justice Award application on behalf of anyone who is entitled to the memorial recognition. The application may be submitted by the department/agency or a family member of the deceased individual.

Thank you.

Respectfully,

Carlos Omar Garcia

**GUARDIAN OF JUSTICE AWARD
APPLICATION: 2014**

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(Please print or type)

NAME OF NOMINEE: _____

DATE OF BIRTH: _____ **DATE OF DEATH:** _____

DEPARTMENT/AGENCY: _____

CRIMINAL JUSTICE (CJ) FIELD: (SPECIFIC FIELD _____)

____ **LAW ENFORCEMENT** ____ **JUDICIAL** ____ **CORRECTIONAL**

NOMINEE'S CJ FIELD STATUS AT TIME OF DEATH:

____ **EMPLOYED** ____ **ON LEAVE** ____ **RETIRED**

YEARS OF CJ SERVICE: _____ **TOTAL YEARS**

ADDITIONAL CJ RELATED SERVICE: _____

MILITARY SERVICE: BRANCH _____ **YEARS OF SERVICE** _____

DEPARTMENT CONTACT: _____

FAMILY CONTACT: _____

Please provide any additional information which may be used to recognize the nominee such as: obituary write-ups, resumes, professional and civic memberships, awards, commendations, community service activities, etc.

Please return applications to the District Attorney's Office by January 15, 2015.