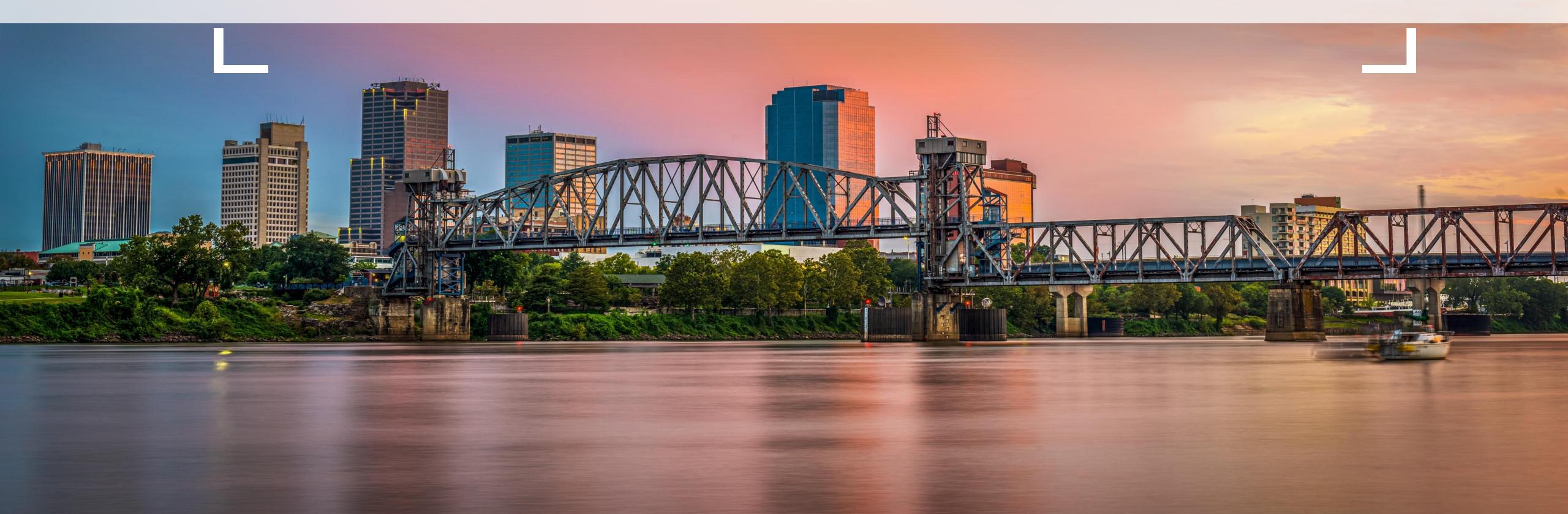
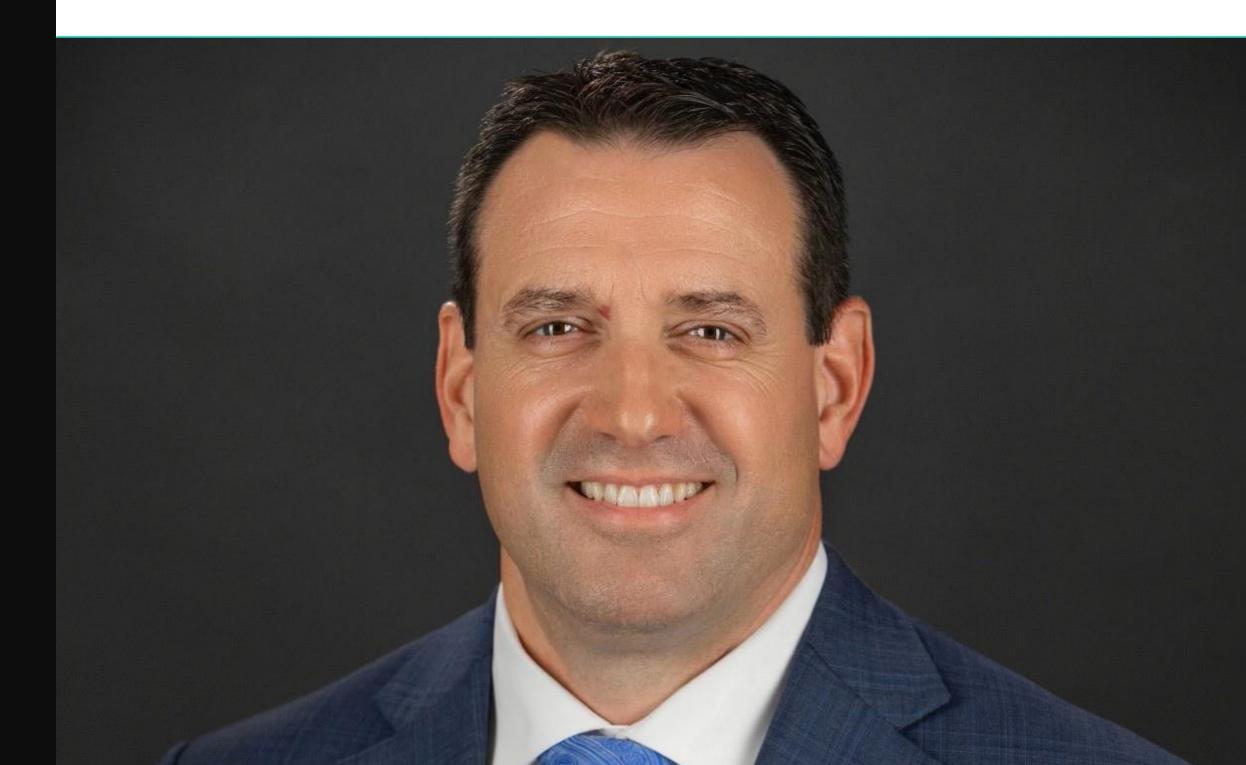
# The New Vision for Arkansas' 6<sup>th</sup> Judicial District: We are just getting started!



- Introduction
- Traditional reactionary role still exists
- Traditional law enforcement role still exists
- Typical role begins in the aftermath of a crime
- Introduction of a new parallel approach to prosecution
- Simultaneously working on prevention and intervention
- Working to transcend boundaries
- Fostering connection and new alliances for a community wide approach







Our judicial district suffers from significant past and ongoing hurt and distrust.

Working to heal is a necessity to tackle our crime rate and youth violence epidemic.

#### Therefore, we are:

- Exploring new ways to bridge gaps
- Looking to new avenues for opportunities to grow
- Fostering fresh connections
- Leading conversations to dismantle barriers that have hindered genuine progress in the past



### Casey Beard

Senior Deputy overseeing Youth Prevention Intervention and Outreach

#### Where have I been?

Introduction

### Why am I here now?

- I advocate for change in our community at the extension of Will Jones.
- I thrive on building relationships and connections with all walks of life.
- I believe that almost anyone can sit across from someone they think they do not like and find something that they have in common that softens that belief going forward.
- I am extremely passionate about bringing all resources to one table for the common good of our whole community.



### This new vision has our office

- Improving relationships with law enforcement
- Making ourselves more available to them throughout the entire process
- Relating to community members and victims with intentionality
- Engaging with the business, education, legal, and moral communities
- Investing time and manpower into prevention + intervention



- Investing in the two-generation approach
- Implementing credible messengers at an ideal ratio of 1:6
- Encouraging the moral voices and the business district to include the importance "heart piece" factor to their daily missions
- Balancing that fine line between assisting and not "over servicing" or duplicating services for individuals or families
- Finding and utilizing evidence-based programs and interventions to ensure successful outcomes

We believe we have all we need in our community to make big change in violent crime, but only as long as we check egos and territorial tendencies at the door.

We believe that hurt people hurt people.

We believe that community and relationships heal people.

We believe that it is just as much our job to help turn off the faucet as it is to hold those that hurt others accountable for their actions.





# Thinking outside the box

We show up and we have the backs of all those doing good work for our community





Benefit of the doubt that we are all here for positive change

Getting comfortable with each other to tear down walls of pain and distrust

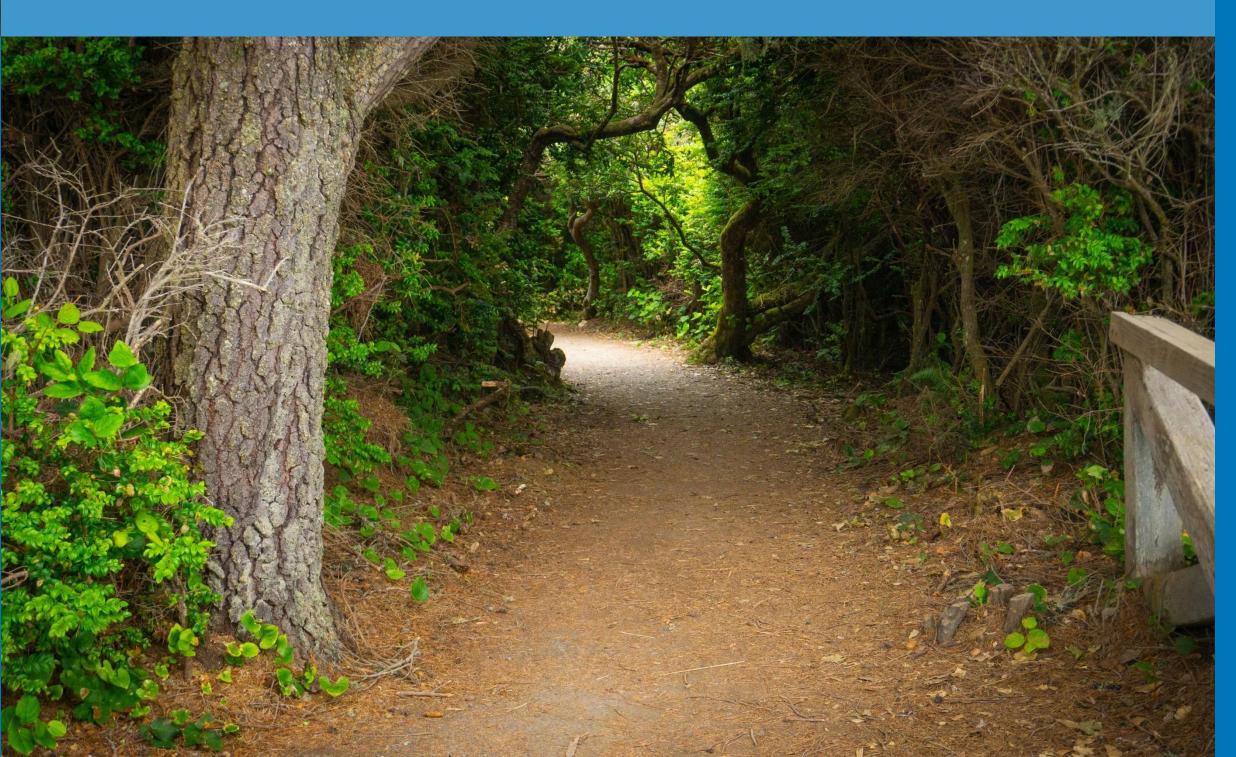




### Making friends

Respecting each other's perspectives on deeper level

Ready to do work that has never been done



Working to make alliances at every level Not deterred by exclusivity or territorial tendencies Making space for everyone at the table. Walking the walk and talking the

One Common Goal Distinct Roles

LAW ENFORCEMENT

COMMUNITY MEMBERS SOCIAL SERVICES PROVIDERS

Guide intervention based on frontline knowledge and real-time data on violence and those that need the greatest support

# Goal

Our vision will build connections and open pathways to healing in the community and in schools at these stages:

- Early intervention stage from conception through elementary school
- Prevention stage of middle and high school
- Rehabilitative stage for high school and alternative schools for those who have already committed youthful offender crimes

## Goal

- To include as many partners as we can add to our support team to open doors for education, training, jobs, life skills, and wellness
- To open possibilities for individuals to improve life for themselves and their families long-term
- To lead us to lasting change not only in the crime statistics we see here, but in real lives of people in our community

## Realities

- Individuals that do what we do and looks like we look will not be as effective at the ground level in the community as the credible messengers, moral voices, and community support partners.
- We will not hold ourselves out as an entity or people who can "fix" a broken community or heal hurt people.
- However, the heart and passion of our office will be present behind the scenes while the hard work is being done on the ground.
- We can and will be facilitators and supporters that actively work on the mission.
- We will partner with local organizations for focus groups and input from the families we seek to reach, so we are not implementing something that will not be well received.
- Something historically has not worked well, so the advice and accountability from all the partners involved can lead to more successful outcomes.



We are 2.5 years into the shift towards this parallel approach.

We have made ample alliances to start the work.

Securing and receiving funds to support the infrastructure of our vision for Pulaski County is what we are currently working towards.

Focusing especially with onboarding the large number of credible messengers we will need to be successful at violence intervention in a community like ours.

Funding assistance is being considered at state level and local levels.

When everything falls in place, we will implement an approach for violence prevention and intervention in the form of a collaborative village approach that sets the municipalities within our judicial district up for success.

Then, we will use the data we collect to help gain long-term impact.

# If not us, who? If not now, when?

- This quote is used often and there is debate over who said it first.
- Credit is often given to any of the following: Hillel, a 1<sup>st</sup> Century Jewish scholar, Ronald Regan, John F. Kennedy, or John Lewis.
- We will breathe in the motivation from anyone that claims this inspirational quote,
   Will and I assign the importance of this quote to someone else.
- Will's Chief Deputy is Kelly Ward. She is not here with us for this event, but she is nonetheless central to the goals we work daily to achieve. I call her the dream maker because of all the work she does behind the scenes.
- Kelly gave Will a plaque with this quote when they took on these new roles in 2023.
   Soon after that, I joined them, and they shared the motivation with me.
- It serves a very important motto for our team as we move toward a safer healthier community for every person in our judicial district.
- There are so many hard days in this work, and this quote keeps us remembering why!



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