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### Daniel M. Perez Sworn in as Sussex County Prosecutor

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**NEWTON, NJ** — February 2, 2026 — The Sussex County Prosecutor's Office is proud to announce that Daniel M. Perez has been officially sworn in as the new Sussex County Prosecutor during a ceremony held at the Sussex County Courthouse in Newton. Perez succeeds Francis A. Koch, marking a new chapter in the leadership of the county's chief law enforcement agency.

Perez took the oath of office administered by the Honorable William J. McGovern, III, vowing to uphold justice and maintain the highest standards of integrity in serving the people of Sussex County.

A long time Sussex County resident, Perez brings extensive legal experience and a strong record of advocacy to the role. Before his appointment, he managed the Law Office of Daniel M. Perez, Esq. in Newton, where he specialized in criminal defense. Prosecutor Perez is the immediate past President of the Sussex County Bar Association, a recipient of the 2021 Professional Lawyer of the Year Award, was a member of the Committee on Character, Appointed by the Supreme Court of New Jersey, and was recently an honoree of the Vicinage 10 (Morris/Sussex) Hispanic/Latino Pioneers in the Law. Prosecutor Perez has served his community in various capacities, including as a member of his local board of education, a trustee of Sussex County Community College, and a commissioner of the Sussex County Municipal Utilities Authority. He earned his law degree from the New York University School of Law and received his undergraduate degree from Rutgers University.

“I am deeply honored to take on the responsibility of serving as Sussex County Prosecutor,” Perez said. “I look forward to working closely with law enforcement, community partners, and residents to ensure safety, fairness, and accountability for the residents, businesses, and visitors of Sussex County.”

Former Governor Philip D. Murphy nominated Perez to the position and his appointment was confirmed by the New Jersey State Senate. As the Chief Law Enforcement Officer of Sussex County, Perez will oversee all criminal prosecutions in Sussex County and lead efforts to strengthen community trust, enhance victim services, and protect the rights of all citizens.

For more information, please contact the Sussex County Prosecutor’s Office at (973) 383-1570.