



The Rule of Law: Honoring Marsy’s Law and Michael Liles’ Legacy

In 1983, the family of Marsalee “Marsy” Nicholas suffered an unimaginable blow. Just days after her murder, her brother Dr. Henry Nicholas and his family unexpectedly confronted her killer in a grocery store. Released on bail without their knowledge, the shock of that encounter inspired Dr. Nicholas to launch a movement. Marsy’s Law was born—a nationwide effort to ensure crime victims’ rights would stand equal to those of the accused.

In Florida, that fight found a powerful voice in Michael Liles, executive director of the Justice Coalition. His wife, Debbie—a beloved teacher, musician, Christian, and grandmother of eight—was brutally murdered in 2017 during a home invasion. Instead of retreating into grief, Michael carried Debbie’s memory forward, becoming a key spokesperson for Amendment 6, which enshrined Marsy’s Law into the Florida Constitution.

Marsy’s Law guarantees victims notification of hearings, the right to be heard in court, protection from intimidation, access to information, and restitution. It ensures fairness and dignity, elevating victims to equal standing with defendants. Michael believed in that principle: nothing more, nothing less.

In 2018, Michael and Debbie’s children—Michelle, Dana, Gerald, Rockey, and Rachel—embraced a rare approach: restorative justice. With State Attorney Melissa Nelson’s support, they confronted Debbie’s killer. Their agreement was simple: if he answered their questions truthfully, he would plead guilty and accept life in prison instead of the death penalty.

The family sought answers: Did Debbie fight back? Why their family? Was there an accomplice? Dana held a note Debbie once wrote to her grandson, about rockets “shooting up to God.” Michelle demanded the killer face the crime-scene photos of their mother. Gerald, torn after reading about the killer’s traumatic childhood, insisted “every life has value.”

But answers never came. Still, the murderer pleaded guilty to four charges, including first-degree murder, and received a life sentence. For the Liles family, justice was imperfect, but closure came in confronting him face-to-face. Michael carried that pain until his death, which friends believe came from a broken heart. Yet his legacy lives on in Marsy’s Law, in protections for victims’ privacy, and in the voices he helped elevate across Florida.

As Justice Coalition founder Ted Hires once said, “The criminal justice system doesn’t discriminate—it treats all victims like dirt.” Michael proved one person can make a difference. His courage, advocacy, and devotion to Debbie helped ensure victims will never again be treated as afterthoughts, but as equals in the pursuit of justice.

A Mother’s 30-Year Fight for Justice

Justice Coalition Continues To Give Victims A Voice

By Justice Coalition Staff

When May Martinez’s daughter, Colleen Slemmer, left Orange Park, Florida, for Knoxville, Tennessee, on October 31, 1994, no one could have imagined the horror that awaited her. Colleen, just 19 years old, had enrolled in Computer Job Corps training with dreams for her future. Less than three months later, on January 13, 1995, she was brutally murdered in one of Tennessee’s most notorious crimes.

Three students lured Colleen under the pretense of renting movies, took her to the University of Tennessee campus, and murdered her in an attack so vicious it shocked the nation. Her killers carved a five-point pentagram into her chest and kept a piece of her skull as a grisly souvenir, claiming it was for a human sacrifice. The ringleader, Christa Gail Pike, later displayed a fragment of Colleen’s skull to other students at breakfast

In the aftermath, May Martinez was left to navigate the legal system across state lines, with little guidance or compassion. “I didn’t know how to handle the process, and I was completely alone,” she recalls. That changed when she met Ted Hires in 1995, shortly after he founded the Justice Coalition and launched the Victim’s Advocate newspaper.

“Ted helped me understand what would happen and guided me through legal matters, even though my case was in Tennessee,” Martinez said. “This newspaper has always been essential for victims. It gives people information, direction, and emotional support. It allows victims to tell their stories, so they’re not forgotten.”

For nearly three decades, Martinez has endured the painful realities of the justice system. Evidence from Colleen’s case was withheld for years. After 18 years, Martinez was handed her daughter’s skull in a box at the airport, where she and Ann Dugger of the Justice Coalition had to count each piece alongside a judge. Meanwhile, Pike—who remains on death row but now lives in general prison population—dismissed the proceedings, saying she wanted to return to her cell

The agony continued when Martinez received body parts in the mail with no explanation, no labeling—just her name on the box. “I opened it, and inside were pieces of my daughter,” she said. She has had to reopen Colleen’s grave in Pennsylvania three times to lay her remains to rest, each time seeking a judge’s order. Adding to the pain, Pike has been able to profit from prison work and media appearances, publicly speaking about the murder that devastated Martinez’s life. “She talks about what she did to Colleen like it’s entertainment, while we, the victims, get no help,” Martinez said. Martinez insists that her experiences drives home why Jacksonville can’t afford to lose the *Victims’ Advocate*. “Victims need a place to go when the legal system fails them. They need guidance, direction, support, and someone who understands what they’re going through,” she said.

For Martinez, the Justice Coalition remains more than just a nonprofit or a publication—it is a lifeline for families facing unthinkable loss. “The Justice Coalition and its newspaper are vital. They give victims hope, direction, and a voice,” she said.

As Jacksonville continues to confront senseless crime and violence, Martinez’s plea is clear: the Victim’s Advocate must remain, so no other family has to walk alone through the darkness of tragedy.

Attorney General Uthmeier Announces 20-Year Prison Sentence For Human Trafficker



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Attorney General James Uthmeier announced that Sky Skidmore has been sentenced to 20 years in the Florida Department of Corrections, followed by 10 years of sexual offender probation, for human trafficking and related crimes. Skidmore was also designated a sex offender.

“Human trafficking and the exploitation of children are among the most heinous crimes imaginable,” said Attorney General James Uthmeier. “This predator stole innocence and tried to silence his victim. The sentence secured by Senior Assistant Statewide Prosecutor Guillermo Vallejo ensures he will never again have the chance to harm a child.”

Skidmore pled guilty to human trafficking for commercial sexual activity, lewd or lascivious battery, promoting a sexual performance by a child, tampering with a victim, and use of a two-way device to commit a felony.

In 2023, investigators discovered Skidmore was exploiting a minor for commercial sex. He used various social media platforms, including Facebook and Snapchat, to communicate with the victim and coerced her into performing lewd acts.

Evidence showed that Skidmore sexually abused the victim, promoted the production of child sexual performance materials, and later attempted to intimidate and tamper with the victim during the ongoing case.

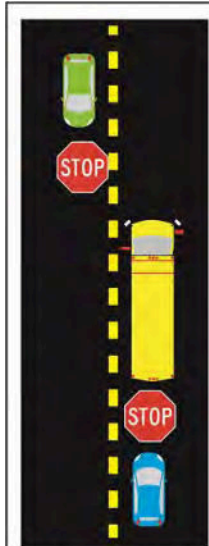
The investigation was a joint effort by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, Leon County Sheriff’s Office, Wakulla County Sheriff’s Office, Tallahassee Police Department, and the Office of Statewide Prosecution.

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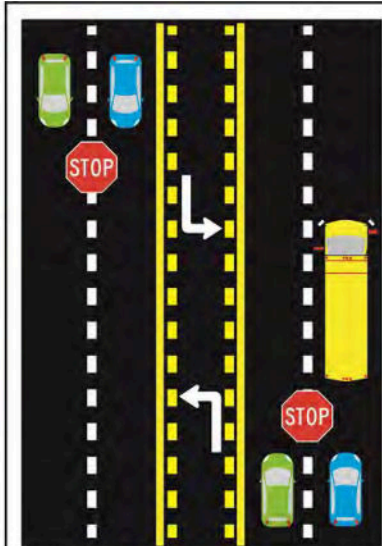


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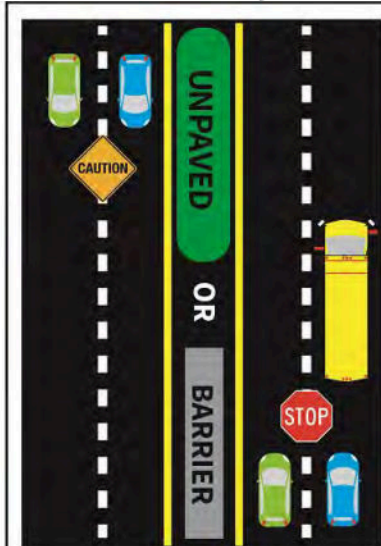
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JSO: Child’s Murder Suspect Now Charged in Another Case

A young man already accused in the shocking death of a 7-year-old is now facing another murder charge. Keith Johnson, 21, is one of six men charged earlier this year in the killing of 7-year-old Breon Allen. Now, detectives with the Jacksonville Sheriff’s Office (JSO) say he is also responsible for the April 2024 murder of 43-year-old Valondia Norris.

Johnson was initially arrested as an accessory and for tampering with evidence in Norris’ case. However, after what JSO described as a “very thorough investigation,” homicide detectives say they gathered enough evidence to directly charge him with murder.

Another suspect, 21-year-old Dannel Larkins, is also charged in both Norris’ and Allen’s deaths. Just last week, Larkins was arrested again for a third, unrelated murder. Both men remain locked up at the John E. Goode Pretrial Detention Facility in Duval County.

The murders have shaken the community, especially with such young suspects now linked to multiple violent crimes. Breon Allen’s death earlier this year drew city-wide outrage, as residents demanded justice for the 7-year-old victim. The arrest of Johnson in yet another case deepens concern about the level of violence in Jacksonville’s neighborhoods.

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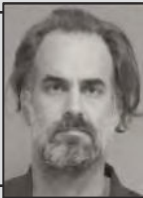
Sheriff Bill Leeper and the Nassau County Sheriff’s Office endorse the efforts of the Justice Coalition to capture wanted criminals. We rely greatly on the public’s participation in locating wanted persons and deeply appreciate their efforts.

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DOB: 11/25/1982 Ht: 5’6”
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The Justice Coalition was founded in 1995, when one man's priorities were changed. Ted Hires was the average businessman working 60 to 80 hours a week and looking out for himself until the day when he and his staff were robbed at gunpoint. As a victim of a crime, Ted found the criminal justice system worked harder for the criminal than the victim. As a result of his experience, Ted formed a (501(c)(3)), non-profit organization, Justice Coalition, which continues Ted's mission of assisting innocent victims of violent crimes in the Fourth Judicial court system. Since 1995, the Justice Coalition has been fighting crime every step of the way. Fugitives captured are through a partnership with local law enforcement agencies, the media, and citizen involvement.

The Justice Coalition's
Victims' Advocate

A free newspaper supporting victims' rights and published monthly by the Justice Coalition, Inc. The opinions of contributing writers are not necessarily those of the *Victims' Advocate* or the Justice Coalition. The *Victims' Advocate* welcomes both editorial and photographic submissions but they cannot be returned. Please allow six weeks for a response to submitted works. Calendar information is welcome but must be submitted one month in advance of the event.

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- To be available for innocent victims of violent crime
- To educate the general public on criminal justice issues
- To be pro-active in the fight against crime

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THE SECRET
WORD GAME

Hidden in this Anniversary Edition of the *Victims' Advocate* is the SECRET WORD for the month of August. The rules are simple:
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3. The first person who telephones the correct Secret Word wins a Gift Certificate to Sonny's Real Pit Barbeque Restaurant.
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(MAAD) victim services

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Justice Coalition Condemns
Violence, Calls for Healing

By: Justice Coalition Staff

At the Justice Coalition, we are deeply shaken by the senseless act of violence carried out by a lone gunman that claimed the life of Charlie Kirk and endangered so many others. This tragedy is a stark reminder of how political divisions and hostility can lead to devastating consequences. In moments like these, the humanity of every victim must remain at the center of our response.

Violence—whether political, ideological, or personal—erodes dignity, fractures families, and undermines the foundation of our society: the promise that every voice can be heard safely and with respect.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Charlie Kirk’s family, friends, and loved ones as they grieve, and with all who feel the ripple effects of this tragedy. To members of our local community touched by this event: you are not alone. Your safety and healing matter to us.

At the Justice Coalition, we stand firmly against violence as a means of advancing any belief or policy. Our mission is clear: to protect the vulnerable, to seek justice for innocent victims, and to promote safety, accountability, and dialogue rooted in humanity and the rule of law.

We call on leaders, institutions, and citizens alike to reject violence in all its forms, support survivors, and uphold the rights and dignity of every person harmed or endangered by such acts. Violence divides communities and erodes trust—it is our responsibility to respond with care, clarity, and resolve.

We reaffirm our commitment to:

- Provide compassionate advocacy and resources for victims and families affected by violent crime.
- Support measures that reduce harm, strengthen safety, and safeguard due process.
- Foster respectful dialogue across differences to ensure violent impulses never take root in public life.
- Promote healing, resilience, and reforms that honor victims and uphold justice without retaliation or fear.

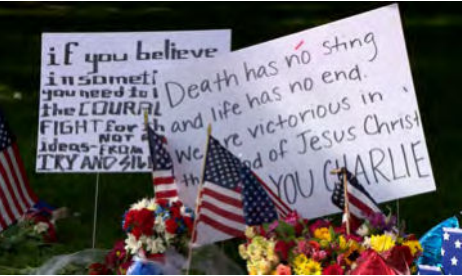
To the communities listening: you

To the communities listening: you deserve safety, support, and a path forward. We will stand with you as you navigate loss and healing. We will amplify your voices, meet your needs, and work toward a safer, more just society where every life is valued and every voice can be heard without fear.



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For those wishing to support our mission and help families impacted by tragedies like this, please visit www.justicecoalition.org to make a donation, or contact us at 904-783-6312 for more information. Your generosity sustains critical services at a time when they are needed most.



A memorial honoring Charlie Kirk on the campus of Utah Valley University is pictured on Saturday, Sept. 13, 2025. (Istvan Bartos, KSL TV)

BE ON THE LOOKOUT



SJSO and FBI Jacksonville continue to investigate the April 9, 2025, armed robbery at Ameris Bank, 4070 US1 South, in St. Augustine.

On April 9, the suspect is seen on surveillance video walking into the bank at 10:57am armed with a black semi-automatic handgun. The suspect ordered the bank employees away from the teller stations, climbed over the counter, removed cash from four stations and placed it into a plastic “Publix” shopping bag.

The suspect was in the bank for approximately one minute and twenty seconds and fled on foot. He is captured on surveillance video at a nearby business walking south on a jogging trail toward Palermo Road immediately after the robbery.

The suspect wore an “Ozark” snorkel mask, black neck gaiter, grey hooded sweatshirt and sweatpants, vinyl gloves, and white Adidas running shoes. The suspect is a white male with a thin athletic build, blonde or sandy colored hair, and is approximately 5’10” tall.

If you have information regarding this robbery, please contact the St. Johns County Sheriff’s Office at (904) 824-8304, or crimetips@sjso.org.

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Missing Age 36
5' 9", 165 lbs, Brown hair, Brown eyes
Missing since Nov. 3, 2000
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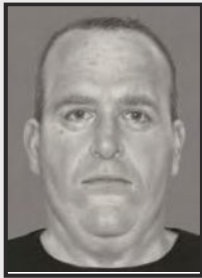
THERESA MAYNETTE MAXWELL
Current Age 66
5' 7", 140 - 152 lbs, Red hair, Green/hazel eyes
Missing since Dec. 28, 2022
Notify Nassau County Sheriff's Office
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Current Age 41
5' 4", 120-150 lbs, Brown Hair, Brown Eyes
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CHRISTOPHER SCOTT YANT
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Missing since May 7, 2022
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JACQUELYN LORRAINE MARKHAM
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TRAVIS DANIEL CHURCH
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5' 11", 152 lbs, Brown hair, Green eyes
Missing since Jan. 9, 2018
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JEROME DEMPSEY JOHNSON
Current Age 67
6' 2", 215 lbs, Gray hair, brown eyes
Missing since Mar. 30, 2016
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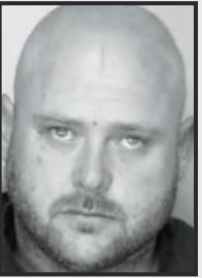
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Missing since June 3, 2022
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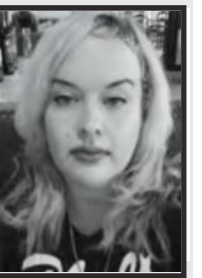
LAURA LYNN BRYANT
Current Age 44
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DONALD RAY TOLLIVER
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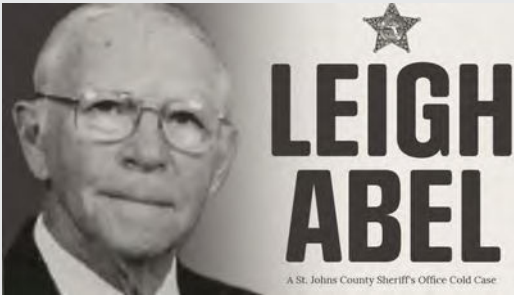
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Current Age 52
5' 6", 169 lbs, Brown hair, Hazel eyes, Eye glasses
Missing since Oct. 11, 2011
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ELIZABETH ABIGAIL ATKINS
Current Age 38
5' 2", 175 lbs, Pink and blonde hair, Blue eyes
Missing since Nov. 27, 2024
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Name: Eric "Paul" Akridge
Info: Last seen May 3, 2021 in the 7800-block of State Road 21 in Keystone Heights area of Clay County, Florida. Paul is 6' tall, 180 lbs, brown hair and hazel eyes. Anyone with information concerning Eric "Paul" Akridge's disappearance is asked to call the Clay County Sheriff's Office at 904-264-6512 or First Coast Crime Stoppers at 1-866-845-TIPS. There is a \$17,000 reward for information leading to Paul's location.



It's been 23 years since 78-year-old Leigh Abel disappeared during a day of fishing at Canaveral National Seashore in Volusia County. Abel was reported missing along with his vehicle. More than a decade passed without any trace of him, until human remains were discovered in a wooded area of McCullough Creek in St. Johns County in 2012. Investigative efforts and help from Volusia Sheriff's Office Detectives confirmed the remains belonged to Abel. The investigation spans hundreds of miles across several Florida counties, but to this day, his death remains a mystery. If you have information about this cold case, please contact the St. Johns County Sheriff's Office. If you wish to remain anonymous, contact Crime Stoppers: Email: crimetips@sjso.org, SJSO non-emergency: 904-824-8304, or Crime Stoppers: 1-888-277-TIPS



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Your help is needed in the following cases. If you have any information, no matter how insignificant, please notify the authorities.

UNSOLVED MURDERS

We regret that because of insufficient space we cannot include all unsolved murder cases on this page. We will rotate all pictures, featuring each victim every three months. We remain sorry for your loss and will continue to work to seek justice for all.



Name: Paula Harler Blackburn
Info: Paula was found murdered December 4, 1983, behind Brandy Branch Baptist Church, Bryceville, Florida, approximately six miles from the Jax I-10 Truck Stop (Baldwin, Florida).
Notify: Nassau at 904-548-4085



Name: Christopher Muncie
Info: This 37-year-old male was shot by an unknown assailant outside McB's Lounge, 6211 St. Augustine Rd. on Mother's Day in 2005. He died on his 38th birthday, June 16, 2006.
Notify: JSO Homicide at 630-2172.



Name: Jason Tyler Pelishek
Info: He was found in a park-ing lot of a law office on Lib-erty Street on July 23, 2012.
Notify: Call 630-2626 or First Coast CrimeStoppers at 866-845-TIPS.



Name: Ansel Albert Thompson
Info: He was murdered on May 16, 1990, at 1973 Ribault Scenic Drive. The suspect left the scene in the victim's red Nissan Path-finder.
Notify: JSO Homicide at 630-2172.



Name: Donna Wideman
Info: On November 29, 2001, Donna was located in a shallow grave off of Wildwood Road in Yulee, Florida. She was known to frequent the area of 15th Street/16th Street/Hubbard Street.
Notify: Nassau at 904-548-4085



Name: Sulaiman Allah Muhammad
Info: This 28-year-old male was found shot while sitting inside his vehicle on January 9, 2011. He was parked at 6650 103rd Street.
Notify: JSO Homicide at 630-2172.



Name: Samuel A. Scott
Info: This 34-year old was found shot in his vehicle on January 14, 1995, on I-95 South. His vehicle crashed into a wall south of Ashley Street.
Notify: JSO Homicide at 630-2172.



Name: Tammie Lee Tschappatt
Info: On May 23, 2008, Tammie was shot as she walked on the street in the vicinity of Shenan-doah and Lacoma Dr. She was rushed to Shands where she died several days later.
Notify: JSO Homicide at 630-2172.



Name: Pamela Norton Wilson
Info: Pamela was released from the Duval County Correctional Facility on May 27, 1999. On April 10, 2009, the remains of Pamela Wilson were located by two individuals while in Deep Creek Hunting Camp in Bryceville, Florida.
Notify: Nassau at 904-548-4085



Name: Shawn Patrick Newman
Info: On Nov. 9, 2007, unknown assailants shot this 35-year-old male through the door of his apartment at 4743 Radcliff Ct. Before losing consciousness, he stated, "They came in and shot me." He died later at Shands Hospital.
Notify: JSO Homicide at 630-2172.



Name: Moussa Set
Info: He was found dead on May 6, 2003, inside the Amoco on Beach Blvd. and Art Museum Dr., lying on the floor and the bulletproof booth was open.
Notify: JSO Homicide at 630-2172.



Name: Michele Tyler-Hart
Info: This 21-year-old was murdered on August 9, 1995, near Borden Cemetery off Plant Lane and Old Middleburg Rd. (near I-295) on the Westside.
Notify: JSO Homicide at 630-2172.



Name: Delbert Bailey Luzader, "Lou"
Info: Lou's body was recovered on October 18, 1983 off of Crawford Road (Powerline Road), Callahan, Florida wrapped in sheets. His 1970's Ford Ranger may have been sold in South Carolina. A suspect has been developed and case is pending closure.



Name: Hiep Nguyen
Info: This young man was found murdered on the floor of his business, Boba Coffee Shop, June 23, 2004.
Notify: JSO Homicide at 630-2172.



Name: Bilaal Kwame Shaw
Info: Bilaal "Blair" Shaw, 19, murdered while waiting to catch a city bus on Jan. 8, 2009 at 5:00 a.m. CrimeStoppers reports only one tip has been received since the young man's death.
Notify: JSO at 630-0500 or CrimeStoppers at 866-845-TIPS



Name: Damien A. Wallace
Info: He was found deceased in the front seat of a car at 1261 N. Broad Street on April 27, 2010.
Notify: JSO Homicide at 630-2172.



Name: Linda Faye (Keener) Anderson
Info: Linda's remains were located November 29, 1987 off an embankment on Interstate 10 in Nassau County. She lived in Neptune Beach and was recently divorced.
Notify: Nassau at 904-548-4085



Name: Dustin Padley
Info: On Jan. 9, 2006, this 23-year-old male was crossing two lanes of Hwy 1 Southbound in St. Augustine Beach, when he was struck by a white '88 or '89 LTD, thrown approx. 120 feet and killed.
Notify: FHP at 904-695-4115, ext. 535.



Name: Jeffrey Edwin Sheppard
Info: This man was murdered and his body found in the River-side area on August 18, 2008.
Notify: JSO Homicide at 630-2172.



Name: James Alfred Waters
Info: On Jan. 19, 2009, this 32-year-old man was killed while sitting in his car at the Cleveland Arms Apts. Numer-ous witnesses deny knowing anything about the murder.
Notify: JSO Homicide at 630-2172.



Name: Terry Lamar Maslin
Info: Terry was found murdered on Oct. 16, 2002, at 11501 Harts Road, the Hartwood Apartments.
Notify: JSO at 904-630-2172



Name: Julius Parrish
Info: He was watching his dog in the yard on June 30, 2012. A car slowly approached and someone began shooting. Another victim was also shot, but survived.
Notify: JSO Homicide at 630-2172.



Name: Merkel Hosea Smalls
Info: This man was found de-ceased on June 23, 2005, in the 11000 block of Thein Street.
Notify: JSO Homicide at 630-2172.



Name: Otis West
Info: On Sept. 14, 2002, this 29-year-old man was shot in the back as he walked away from an argument with friends to return to his home. The shooting oc-curred at 1248 W. Duval Street.
Notify: JSO Homicide at 630-2172.



Name: Thomas Leo Buckley
Info: On July 28, 1992, Thomas Buckley's body was recovered on Interstate 95 South (Nassau County), near the Florida/Georgia line with an apparent gunshot wound wearing a shirt that displayed, "Carpetland Florida's Largest"
Notify: Nassau at 904-548-4085



Name: Michael Lamar Perry
Info: On Aug. 7, 2008, he was gunned down at 13th and Mon-crief by an unidentified black male riding a green beach cruiser bicycle.
Notify: JSO Homicide at 630-2172.



Name: Terrance Dwayne Snead
Info: On Dec. 14, 2003, at 7:30 pm, the victim was found shot at 1944 Berkley St. in Jackson-ville where he lived with his grandmother.
Notify: JSO Homicide at 630-2172.



Name: Stephen Wiggins
Info: On Oct. 7, 2008, 56 year old Stephen was found bleeding and unresponsive on the road-side in the area of 5100 Colonial Ave. He was pronounced dead at the scene
Notify: JSO Homicide at 630-2172.



Name: Crandall "Jack" Reed
Info: Police found 51-year-old Crandall Jack Reed fatally wounded in his cab on South Edgewood Avenue. He died later at the hospital. Reed was believed to have been was shot in a parking
Notify: JSO Homicide at 630-2172.



Name: John Ragin, Jr.
Info: He and Eric Stubbs were found murdered on June 29, 2011, at 5443 Bristol Bay Lane N on Jacksonville's Westside.
Notify: JSO Homicide at 630-2172 or CrimeStoppers at 866-845-TIPS.



Name: Darrell Lamar Stringfield
Info: Shot by unknown assailant on October 22, 2008, in the park-ing lot of Grand Oaks Apts. on Justina Road. He died on March 6, 2009. The suspect is a black male, 20s, 6'2", 225lbs.
Notify: JSO Homicide at 630-2172.



Name: Cedric Deon Williams
Info: This 15-year-old was killed at 344 Phelps Street on Sept. 23, 2005.
Notify: JSO Homicide at 630-2172.



Name: Lance Van Dominguez
Info: This 23-year-old was killed November 9, 2012, in the 3200 block of Rayford Street.
Notify: JSO Homicide at 630-2172.



Name: Crandall "Jack" Reed
Info: On Nov. 16, 2007, this 51-year-old man was driving his cab when a white car pulled alongside him, robbed him and shot him twice. JSO found him on Edgewood trying to get help. He died an hour later. **Notify:** JSO Homicide at 630-2172 or CrimeStoppers at 866-845-TIPS.



Name: Eric Stubbs
Info: He and John Ragin, Jr., were found murdered on June 29, 2011, at 5443 Bristol Bay Lane N on Jacksonville's Westside.
Notify: JSO Homicide at 630-2172 or CrimeStoppers at 866-845-TIPS.



Name: Kawan Lamar Williams
Info: In July 13, 2003, Kawan was shot, apparently during a robbery, at 8711 Newton Road in the Southwind Villa Apts.
Notify: JSO Homicide at 630-2172.



Name: Hakeem Muhammad
Info: This 17-year-old male was found deceased from a gunshot wound on July 26, 2006, inside room 119 at the Budget Inn, 6545 Ramona Blvd.
Notify: JSO Homicide at 630-2172.



Name: George Renard Santa Cruz
Info: He was found murdered on Aug. 5, 2005, at 284 Lamson Street.
Notify: JSO Homicide at 630-2172.



Name: Edin Tabora
Info: Murdered on October 31, 2008, in front of his home at Leigh Meadows Apartments on Sunbeam Road.
Notify: JSO Homicide at 630-2172.



Name: Ryan Bernard Williams
Info: This 23-year-old was shot and killed April 1, 2010, by unknown assailants after being pinned in his car by other vehicles at Kings Road and Division Street.
Notify: JSO Homicide at 630-2172.

UNSOLVED CRIMES

Anyone with information concerning these individuals, please call JSO at 904-630-0500 or First Coast Crime Stoppers at 1.866.845.TIPS (8477)



Case ID:
2025-00511172
UNKNOWN SUSPECT
Unauthorized Use of Credit Card
6200 Philips Hwy



Case ID:
2025-00513264
UNKNOWN SUSPECT
Petit Theft
9500 Regency Square Blvd N



Case ID:
2025-00519366
UNKNOWN SUSPECTS
Grand Theft
6200 St Augustine Rd



Case ID:
2025-00515067
UNKNOWN SUSPECT
Burglary
4600 Ken Knight Dr N



Case ID:
2025-00518420
UNKNOWN SUSPECTS
Strong Arm Robbery
10900 New Kinds Rd



Case ID:
2025-00396297
UNKNOWN SUSPECT
Burglary to a Conveyance,
Fraudulent or Illegal Use of
Credit Cards
14900 Block of Max Leggett
Pkwy



Case ID:
2025-00403707
UNKNOWN SUSPECTS
Grand Theft
11000 Block of Atlantic Blvd



Case ID:
2025-00381338
UNKNOWN SUSPECTS
Burglary to a Dwelling
500 Block of Laurina St



Case ID:
2025-00382163
UNKNOWN SUSPECT
Burglary to a Structure
1400 Block of 6th St W



Case ID:
2025-00368123
UNKNOWN SUSPECT
Criminal Mischief > \$1,000
6600 Block of Southpoint Dr S



Case ID:
2025-00383746
UNKNOWN SUSPECTS
Grand Theft
400 Block of Monument Rd



Case ID:
2025-00385403
UNKNOWN SUSPECTS
Grand Theft
10900 Block of San Jose



Case ID:
2025-00388852
UNKNOWN SUSPECT
Burglary to a Conveyance
and a Structure
9000 Block of New Kings Rd



Case ID:
2025-00389942
UNKNOWN SUSPECTS
Grand Theft
4700 Block of River City Dr



Case ID:
2025-00359485
UNKNOWN SUSPECT
Grand Theft & Criminal
Conspiracy
9400 Block of Lem Turner
Road



Case ID:
2025-00375645
UNKNOWN SUSPECT
Burglary to a Structure
9500 Block of Joos Rd



Case ID:
2025-00371049
UNKNOWN SUSPECT
Burglary to a Conveyance
900 Block of Cassat Ave



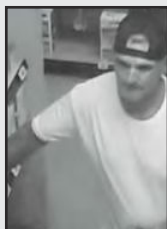
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UNKNOWN SUSPECTS
Auto Theft
2600 Strickland St



Case ID:
2025-00377173
UNKNOWN SUSPECT
Grand Theft
5800 Block of University
Blvd W



Case ID:
2025-00305643
UNKNOWN SUSPECT
Armed Robbery
1300 Block of Barnett St



Case ID:
2025-00374808
UNKNOWN SUSPECT
Communicate to Defraud
and Obtain Property
8600 Block of Western Way



Case ID:
2025-00374973
UNKNOWN SUSPECTS
Burglary to a Structure
6600 Block of Firestone Rd



Case ID:
2025-00375811
UNKNOWN SUSPECT
Burglary to a Structure
7900 Block of 103rd St



Case ID:
2025-00368609
UNKNOWN SUSPECT
Burglary to a Structure &
Theft of a Motor Vehicle
900 Block of Arlington Rd N



Case ID:
2025-00339441
UNKNOWN SUSPECTS
Burglary to a Structure
5900 Block of Atlantic Blvd



Case ID:
2025-00366183
UNKNOWN SUSPECT
Burglary to a Structure
1600 Block of Hendricks Ave



Case ID:
2025-00367755
UNKNOWN SUSPECT
Criminal Mischief > \$1,000
5800 Block of San Juan Ave



Case ID:
2025-00367248
UNKNOWN SUSPECT
Flee or Elude Officer,
Leaving the Scene of a
Crash & Resisting Officer
1100 Block of 8th St W



Case ID:
2025-00370579
UNKNOWN SUSPECT
Grand Theft
10300 Block of Beach Blvd



Case ID:
2025-00370553
UNKNOWN SUSPECT
Burglary to a Conveyance
10900 Block of Heathfield Rd

UNSOLVED CRIMES FROM THE JACKSONVILLE SHERIFF'S OFFICE

An active case existed for every unsolved crime shown on this page at the time the Justice Coalition received the information from the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office Unsolved Crimes database for this August 2025 edition, about one week before the Victim's Advocate went to press. To learn more and obtain an updated status, visit unsolvedcrimes.jaxsheriff.org

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The Victim’s Advocate Returns Stronger Than Ever

By: Executive Director Robert Bracewell

The recent relaunch of the Victim’s Advocate at the Justice Coalition’s 30th anniversary celebration was a tremendous success. The outpouring of positive feedback from readers and community partners has confirmed what we already believed—this was the right time, and the right decision, to bring the paper back.

Many told us that print was “dead” and that news online was the only way forward. But our readers have proven otherwise. Just as books are still being printed and purchased, our paper remains valued and appreciated. The Victim’s Advocate is still free to the public, and it continues to be the most cost-effective outreach and advertising tool for the Justice Coalition.

More importantly, the paper is a lifeline. It serves as a guide for victims, a resource for families, and a way to connect people with the many organizations working to serve Northeast Florida. It also provides opportunities for local employment while reinforcing our commitment to the community.

As always, we ask readers to recycle or reuse their copy once they are done. Every little effort helps keep our neighborhoods clean.

If you pick up a paper, please let us know your thoughts—whether praise, ideas, or concerns. You can reach us at editor@justicecoalition.org or through our website at www.justicecoalition.org. Please remember to support the local businesses that advertise in our pages, as their commitment makes this paper possible.

If you or someone you know is in need of Justice Coalition services, please call our office at 904-783-6312. We are here to help.

Justice Coalition Marks 30 Years with Anniversary
Celebration and Newspaper Relaunch

On July 29, 2025, the Justice Coalition celebrated its 30th anniversary at the Duval County Courthouse with a memorable ceremony that also marked the relaunch of the Victim’s Advocate newspaper. The event honored the vision of founder Ted Hires, reflected on decades of advocacy for victims, and looked ahead to continuing the mission of serving families impacted by crime.

The courthouse lobby displayed decades of history through “Through the Years” boards filled with photographs, old newspapers, and stories. Many of the displays featured Ted Hires’ words in print, along with a powerful video recorded by John Walsh of America’s Most Wanted reenacting the robbery that inspired Hires to start the Justice Coalition in 1995. Walsh called the organization a model for the nation, saying it “should be duplicated in every city in America.”

Honoring Founders and Leaders

Included mayors, governors, law enforcement officers, court staff, legislators, clergy, attorneys, and community leaders who have supported the organization through the years. Photos of victims and families helped by the Justice Coalition highlighted the heart of the mission—standing with victims in their time of need.

The program began with emcee Ashley Harding reflecting on the organization’s history, followed by Pastor Amos Bankhead’s invocation and the Jacksonville Sheriff’s Office Honor Guard presenting the colors. Chief Judge Lance Day recalled meeting Hires early in his career, remembering his challenge to prosecutors: “Don’t sit on your apathy, you’ve got work to do.”

Congressman John Rutherford praised the Coalition’s close work with the Jacksonville Sheriff’s Office during his time as sheriff, while the Honorable Eric Smith highlighted the organization’s role in victim services.

Executive Director Robert Bracewell presented the Ted Hires video with John Walsh, underscoring the Coalition’s lasting impact. Board Chair and victim advocate Andrea Crutchfield spoke of the loss of her son Brandon Blansit, saying the Justice Coalition “saved her life” after his murder. Longtime volunteer and board member Foster Coker shared his harrowing encounter with gang violence, crediting the Coalition for empowering victims like himself to speak out.



A Legacy Continued

The ceremony culminated in the unveiling of the Victim’s Advocate newspaper by Ted and Wanda Hires’ son, Wesly Hires, with a special acknowledgment of Wanda’s decades of dedication. The crowd responded with a standing ovation for Executive Director Bracewell and the Justice Coalition team for their commitment to victims.

Special Thanks

The success of the anniversary celebration was made possible through the generosity and service of many individuals:

- Kelly Chatham for designing and funding the historical displays
- Jessico Bowman for editing the Victim’s Advocate newspaper
- Jonathan and Brenda Lee for pro bono photography
- Rose Devoe for decorations and assistance with the location
- Claude Colvin, courthouse administrator, for logistical support
- Chief Judge Lance Day and staff for helping schedule the event
- JSO Honor Guard for the presentation of colors
- Justice Coalition staff Kalei Crutchfield and Anne Taylor for their contributions

The 30th anniversary not only honored the Justice Coalition’s past but also re-energized its mission for the future. The Justice Coalition will continue to support victims, by amplifying voices, demanding justice for victims, and serving the community with compassion and courage.

