



The Boys Who Never Came Home: 20 Years of Questions and Hope

By Katie Jeffries

Some stories do not fade with time. They linger... with unanswered questions. Those who have lived in Jacksonville since the early 2000's likely know the names, Mark Degner and Bryan Hayes. The boys who walked away from Paxon Middle School and never were seen again. The mystery around their disappearance is still talked about today.

This February marked 20 years since the last time the boys were seen alive. It all began on the cold morning of February 10, 2025. Mark Degner, 12, and Bryan Hayes, 13, both attended Paxon Middle School and were last seen around 1:30pm walking away from the school across the baseball grounds. According to witnesses, no one else was with them.

At home, Mark's sister, Brittany, was doing homework when her mother came in asking if she'd seen him. "We can't find your brother anywhere," she told her. Brittany began searching the neighborhood but found nothing. Police were called, and soon it became clear Bryan was missing, too. Flyers were printed, TV stations aired their faces, and volunteers searched—but there was no trace.

The boys hadn't taken anything with them: no money, clothing, or belongings. Detectives from the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office chased every lead. They even traveled to South Florida after a possible sighting but it led nowhere. Investigators explored a potential link to Ron Hyde, later convicted in the 1994 murder of teenager Fred Laster, but that connection also fell flat. Years became decades. The case grew cold.

Though often remembered as "the missing boys," Mark and Bryan would be in their 30s today. Both were known for their humor and kindness—Mark for his thick Southern drawl and love of animals, Bryan for his gentle spirit and fondness for flowers. Their families still hold out hope for their safe return.

In a 2017 interview, Bryan's mother, Alene Hayes, shared how deeply his brothers missed him. "We really miss him at Christmas," she said. "He always wanted to decorate the tree and did a beautiful job."

On the 20th anniversary, Mark's grandmother, Darlene Briggs, released a statement through the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children: "Our family is truly thankful for the needed support and encouragement from the community, our public officials, the many efforts of law enforcement in their continued search, and the media as they keep community awareness that our missing loved ones are not forgotten. Our hearts are filled with hope as we pray for God's protection, provision and safe return of all our missing loved ones."

The Degner family says they still hold out hope that they will be reunited one day. Detectives want Mark and Bryan to know they're not in trouble. Their families and officers just want to know they're safe.

The Justice Coalition's director, Robert Bracewell, says he is re-establishing the reward of \$10,000 for information leading to the whereabouts of Mark Degner and/or Bryan Hayes. If you know anything, please call the Justice Coalition at 904-783-6312 or the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office at 904-630-0500. Let's bring Mark and Bryan home!

Standing With Survivors

Northeast Florida Unites To End Domestic Violence

By Aida Quinones

Knowledge is essential in the fight to end domestic violence. It is not a private issue; it concerns all of us. What we do or don't do, what we say or don't say, and even what we think can make a devastating difference in how we respond to any domestic abuse situation or how we stand with survivors.

Victims come in all shapes and sizes. Family members, friends, neighbors, coworkers, anyone can be a victim. One day you could be in a position that requires you to choose to help or to look away.

This information is intended to empower you to be more than a bystander. This article aims to inform and motivate you. By simply knowing the basic facts, we can begin to take action against this epidemic.

What is domestic violence?

In Florida, domestic violence encompasses a broad range of abusive behaviors within a family or household. The statute recognizes acts such as assault, aggravated assault, battery, aggravated battery, sexual assault, sexual battery, stalking, aggravated stalking, kidnapping, false imprisonment, and other criminal offenses that result in physical injury or death of one family or household member by another.

In practical terms, domestic violence is a pattern of abusive tactics used by a spouse, partner, or other intimate relation to establish or maintain power and control over the victim. The statute also outlines protective measures, intervention processes, and other considerations for addressing this crime.

Strengthening our resolve

As a woman, mother, and victim advocate, I am proud and privileged to support this effort. I hope that you are encouraged and motivated to join me in this endeavor as we work together to uplift survivors and hold offenders accountable.

Forms of Domestic Violence

Domestic violence takes many forms and can happen occasionally or continuously. It often worsens over time. Examples of different forms of domestic violence include:

Psychological and Emotional Abuse: The victim is told she is ugly, fat, hopeless, stupid, or a bad parent. This form includes stalking, intimidation, or emotional blackmail with statements such as, "If you really love me, you would..."

Social Abuse: The victim is prevented from seeing people she wants to see or is pressured to distance herself from family or friends because of ongoing arguments.

Financial Abuse: The victim is not given enough money to feed and clothe herself or her children, or receives no money for paying bills but is expected to make ends meet. The victim may be forced to hand over her money or is prevented by the perpetrator from getting or keeping a job.

Physical Abuse: The victim is pushed, shoved, slapped, hit, punched, or kicked, or objects are used as weapons. This is the most visible form of domestic violence.

Understanding the scope

Domestic violence is not limited to one incident; it often involves a pattern of behavior aimed at control and intimidation.

Not all incidents qualify as a criminal offense, but many can escalate into more serious crimes such as battery, assault, sexual violence, or kidnapping.

In Northeast Florida, you may encounter a range of responses from law enforcement, the court system, and community services designed to protect victims and hold offenders accountable.

Impact and reach

There is extensive research on the impact, dynamics, and consequences of domestic violence. Despite protections and resources, the global burden remains heavy: millions of people are affected each year, with women disproportionately impacted. In Florida, survivors face barriers such

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Attorney General Uthmeier Targets Tech Giants Over Child Safety, Parental Rights

Attorney General James Uthmeier is taking aim at major tech platforms accused of endangering children and violating parental rights.

Uthmeier's office issued criminal subpoenas to Roblox after reports that predators used the gaming platform to contact and exploit minors. The subpoenas seek records on age-verification, content moderation, and reporting failures.

"Platforms like Roblox have become breeding grounds for predators to gain access to our kids," Uthmeier said. "We will stop at nothing to protect Florida's children."

Separately, the Office of Parental Rights filed a civil enforcement action against Roku, Inc., alleging violations of the Florida Digital Bill of Rights and Deceptive and Unfair Trade Practices Act.

The complaint states that Roku collected and sold children's personal data, including voice recordings and viewing history, without proper parental consent.

"Parents—not tech companies—direct the upbringing of their children," Uthmeier said. "Any company that conceals or exploits that information will be held accountable."

Together, the actions highlight Florida's dual strategy: criminal enforcement to stop child exploitation online and civil penalties for companies that misuse minors' data.

Uthmeier said the initiatives send a clear message that technology firms must protect children's safety and privacy—or face state action.

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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.

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- To educate the general public on criminal justice issues
- To be pro-active in the fight against crime

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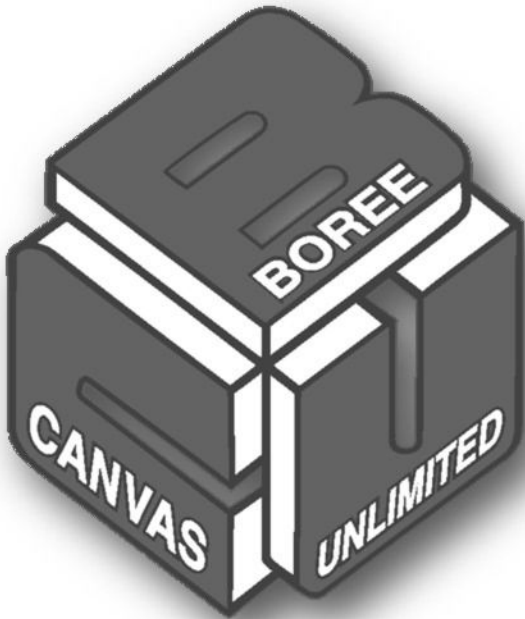
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Hidden in this Anniversary Edition of the *Victims' Advocate* is the SECRET WORD for the month of August. The rules are simple:
1. Find the word.
2. Telephone the Justice Coalition office 783-6312.
3. The first person who telephones the correct Secret Word wins a Gift Certificate to Sonny's Real Pit Barbeque Restaurant.
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Compensation (victim)

Justice Coalition: 904-783-6312

Mothers Against Drunk Driving
(MAAD) victim services

904-388-2455

Detoxification

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904-387-4661

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Emergency, North 904-695-9145
South 904-642-9100

Parental Help

www.hopehaven.org/partners
904-346-5100

Rape

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904-722-3000
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JSO's Missing Persons Unit Leads
the Way in Locating the Vulnerable

By: Sgt. M.C. Monts

The Jacksonville Sheriff's Office Missing Persons Unit (MPU) is on the front lines of one of the city's most delicate responsibilities—locating missing children, adults, and vulnerable individuals. With just seven detectives and a sergeant, the unit investigates more than 3,000 cases every year, ranging from juvenile runaways and voluntary disappearances to cases involving foul play, mental illness, and cognitive disabilities.

Each case begins with a patrol officer's initial report. Within 24 hours of assignment, a detective makes the first call to a family member, and the case remains active until the individual is found. Detectives use a wide range of tools—placing flyers, canvassing neighborhoods, coordinating with patrol officers, and when necessary, calling on the resources of the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) and the FBI. By law, dental records must be obtained at the 30-day mark and DNA samples at 90 days, ensuring thorough case tracking under state statutes.

Innovative Programs to Protect the Vulnerable

Recognizing that time is critical in missing person cases, JSO has launched several groundbreaking initiatives to increase recovery rates:

- MEPSAR (Missing Endangered Persons Search and Rescue): Started in 2021, this joint program with Jacksonville Fire and Rescue boasts a 99.6% recovery rate. It uses real-time data and coordinated search tactics to locate missing individuals quickly.
- REVAMP (Registry for Endangered, Vulnerable, and Missing Persons): A voluntary registry where families can provide detailed information about their loved one—including photos, medical diagnoses, and personal tendencies—before a crisis occurs. The data is secured under HIPAA and CJIS standards and is only accessed in emergencies, saving valuable time when a search begins.
- Scent Preservation Kits: Funded through Florida's "Bring the Lost Home" appropriation, these kits allow families to store a clean scent sample of a loved one for use by bloodhounds. Unlike improvised items like pillowcases, which can be contaminated, these samples enable faster, more accurate tracking.
- Awareness Sticker Program: Special decals placed on vehicles and homes alert first responders that an individual inside may have cognitive disabilities, helping officers adjust their approach during an encounter.

- CareTrak Electronic Monitoring: Made possible through the Kevin & Avonte federal grant, this program provides electronic trackers for individuals prone to wandering. With it, MPU officers have reduced searches that might take days to just one or two hours.

A Commitment to Jacksonville Families

Sgt. M.C. Monts, who leads the unit, emphasizes that every case is different but treated with the same urgency and care. "Our detectives may not be perfect, but they are the best of the best," Monts said. "They do their jobs with an amazing ability and heart for the individuals they are searching for."

The MPU's work reflects an evolving partnership between law enforcement, first responders, and the community. By combining traditional detective work with innovative tools and programs, JSO has positioned itself as a leader in protecting Jacksonville's most vulnerable residents. Families interested in registering for REVAMP or requesting scent kits can visit JaxReady.com/REVAMP or contact the MPU directly at JSOMentalHealthRegistry@jaxsheriff.org



A 17-year-old girl, Angel Cline, has been missing since February 19, 2025 and JSO is concerned for her safety and welfare.

She has multiple facial piercings and was last seen wearing a green and white hooded sweatshirt, blue plaid pajama pants, and black and white skater style shoes, carrying a black drawstring backpack. She was last seen on February 19 in St. Augustine.

If you have information about Cline's whereabouts, please contact the St. Johns County Sheriff's Office at (904) 824-8304, or crimetips@sjso.org.

You can also remain anonymous and may be eligible for a cash reward by contacting Crime Stoppers of North East Florida at 888-277-TIPS (8477).



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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.



MICHAEL AUSTIN DAVIS
Missing Age 25
5' 8", 180 lbs, Brown hair, Blue eyes
Missing since June 26, 2007 Notify Jacksonville Sheriff's Office 904-630-0500



GEANNA MARIA JONES
Missing Age 36
5' 9", 165 lbs, Brown hair, Brown eyes
Missing since Nov. 3, 2000 Notify Jacksonville Sheriff's Office 904-630-0500



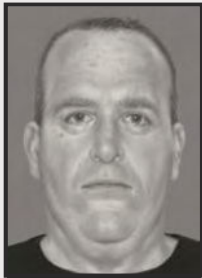
THERESA MAYNETTE MAXWELL
Current Age 66
5' 7", 140 - 152 lbs, Red hair, Green/hazel eyes
Missing since Dec. 28, 2022 Notify Nassau County Sheriff's Office 904-225-5174



BREION J'MAALE DAVIS
Current Age 36
5' 7", 150 lbs, Black hair, Brown eyes
Missing since Aug. 6, 2019 Notify Jacksonville Sheriff's Office 904-630-0500



ROSEMARY RIVAS DAY
Current Age 41
5' 4", 120-150 lbs, Brown Hair, Brown Eyes
Missing Since May 25, 2011 \$5,000 Reward Notify JSO 904-630-2791



CHRISTOPHER SCOTT YANT
Current Age 46
5' 10", 180 lbs, Brown hair, Blue eyes
Missing since August 6, 2010 Notify Clay County Sheriff's Office 904-264-6512



LAURENCE WHITEMORE
Current Age 59
5' 8", 180 lbs, Salt & Pepper hair, Blue eyes, Goatee
Missing since May 7, 2022 Notify Nassau County Sheriff's Office 904-548-4003



JOHN PATRICK ROWAN
Missing Age 34
5' 9-11", 220 lbs, Black hair, Blue eyes
Missing since Feb.. 23, 2001 Notify Jacksonville Sheriff's Office 904-630-1157



JACQUELYN LORRAINE MARKHAM
Current Age 75
5' 6", 150 lbs, Light brown hair, Brown eyes
Missing Since Dec. 14, 2000 Notify Nassau County Sheriff's Office 904-225-8984



TRAVIS DANIEL CHURCH
Current Age 32
5' 11", 152 lbs, Brown hair, Green eyes
Missing since Jan. 9, 2018 Nassau County Sheriff's Office 904-548-4085



JEROME DEMPSEY JOHNSON
Current Age 67
6' 2", 215 lbs, Gray hair, brown eyes
Missing since Mar. 30, 2016 Notify Jacksonville County Sheriff's Office 904-630-0500



MICHAEL ROBERT BAUERNFEIND
Current Age 58
5' 8 -5' 10", 140 - 160 lbs, Brown hair, Brown eyes
Missing since Feb. 12, 2019 Notify Flagler County Sheriff's Office 386-313-4911



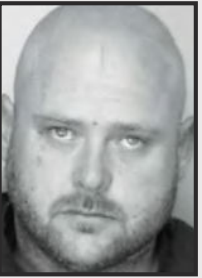
GEORGE JAMES CONTOS
Current Age 68
5' 11" - 6' 3", 240 - 280 lbs, Gray hair, Brown eyes
Missing since May 9, 2015 Notify Flagler County Sheriff's Office 386-313-4911



ZUNILDA RONDON
Current Age 42
5' 7", 160 lbs, Black hair, Brown eyes
Missing since June 3, 2022 Notify Flagler County Sheriff's Office 386-313-4911



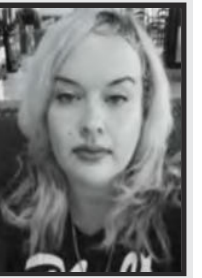
LAURA LYNN BRYANT
Current Age 44
5' 4", 120 lbs, Brown hair, Green eyes
Missing since Sept. 19, 2022 Notify St. Johns County Sheriff's Office 904-824-8304



DONALD RAY TOLLIVER
Current Age 42
5' 11", 200 lbs, Brown hair, Blue eyes, Faded tear drop tattoo under eye
Missing since July 27, 2022 Notify St. Johns County Sheriff's Office 904-824-8304



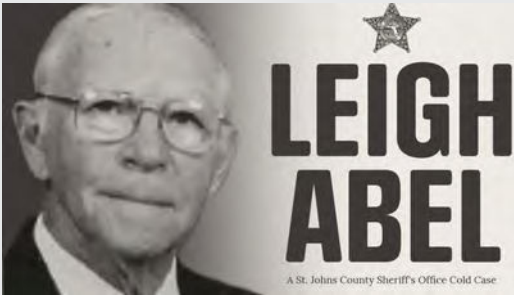
RICHARD JAMES RIDER JR.
Current Age 52
5' 6", 169 lbs, Brown hair, Hazel eyes, Eye glasses
Missing since Oct. 11, 2011 Notify Nassau County Sheriff's Office 904-548-4085



ELIZABETH ABIGAIL ATKINS
Current Age 38
5' 2", 175 lbs, Pink and blonde hair, Blue eyes
Missing since Nov. 27, 2024 Notify St. Johns County Sheriff's Office 904-548-4085



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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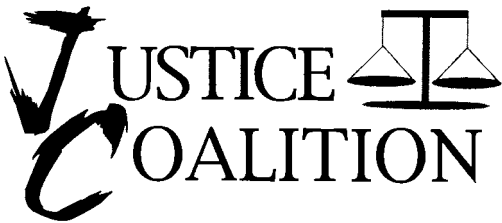
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Name: Mary Futrill Petersen
Info: This 34-year-old mother of two was strangled during the night and found by her little children on May 28, 2002.
Notify: JSO Homicide at 630-1157.



Name: Paul W. Seidenstricker
Info: This 44-year-old beloved husband and father was murdered on E. 17th and Hubbard St. on Feb. 21, 1994, by multiple stab wounds.
Notify: JSO at 630-0500

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WE NEED YOUR HELP

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: Amber Bass
Info: This 22-year-old woman was shot outside her home on July 19, 2013. Detectives are looking for a light-colored car.
Notify: JSO Homicide at 904-630-2171. Crime Stoppers offers \$3,000 for information and \$1,000 to recover gun used in crime.



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 904-630-2172.



Name: Jason Tyler Pelishek
Info: He was found in a parking lot of a law office on Liberty Street on July 23, 2012.
Notify: Call 904-630-2626 or First Coast Crime Stoppers 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 904-630-2172



Name: Michael E. Siegrist
Info: Siegrist, 34, was waiting with a friend at the bus stop at Jammes and Harlow Rd. on July 13, 2013, when a tall, thin black man (about 6'2" in his 20s with short hair) stole the friend's purse. Siegrist intervened and was shot and killed
Notify: JSO Homicide 904-630-2171



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 904-630-2172.



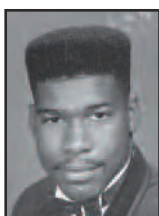
Name: Samuel A. Scott
Info: This 34-year old was found shot in his vehicle on January 14, 1995, on I-95 South. His vehicle crashed into a wall south of Ashley Street.
Notify: JSO Homicide at 630-2172.



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 904-630-2172.



Name: Antonio Creech
Info: This young man, 22, was murdered Dec. 23, 2007, in a shooting at Eureka Gardens Apartments. Franklin Delano Prince Jr. died at the scene with Creech. Another friend survived but unable to make any identifications.
Notify: JSO Homicide 904-630-2171



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 904-630-2172.



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 904-630-2172.



Name: Clifford Backmann
Info: Backmann, 56, was working alone on an office construction at 6960 Bonneval Rd. near intersection of Philips Hwy. & J. Turner Butler Blvd. on 10/10/2009 when an unknown assailant robbed and shot him. Prior to death, he called 911 stated gunman as a black male.
Notify: JSO Homicide 904-630-0500



Name: Steffon Larry
Info: This young man was 26 years old when he was discovered murdered inside of a burning car in a double unsolved murder in West St. Augustine.
Notify: St. Augustine Police Department at (904) 825-1070



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: Joe Harrell
Info: This young man was discovered January 22, 2006, lying in the driveway of a vacant home a 3021 Silver Street, believed to have been killed around midnight while walking home from work.
Notify: JSO Homicide at 904-630-2172



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, 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 904-630-2172..



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: John Gates, II
Info: He was murdered on June 2, 2005, while working as a clerk at the BP gas station, 643 Stockton St. According to a second victim, two black males entered the store at 7:50 p.m. One suspect held this victim at gunpoint while the other shot Gates.
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 904-630-2172.



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 904-630-2172.



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 904-630-2172.



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 904-630-2172.



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 904-630-2172.



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 904-630-2172.



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 904-630-2172.



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 904-630-2172 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 904-630-2172.



Name: Cedric Deon Williams
Info: This 15-year-old was killed at 344 Phelps Street on Sept. 23, 2005.
Notify: JSO Homicide at 904-630-2172.



Name: Lance Van Dominguez Morene
Info: This 23-year-old was killed November 9, 2012, in the 3200 block of Rayford Street.
Notify: JSO Homicide at 904-630-2172.



Name: Crandall "Jack" Reed
Info: On 11/16/2007, Reed, 51, was driving his cab when a white car pulled alongside him, robbed, and shot him twice. JSO found him on Edgewood seeking help. He died an hour later.
Notify: JSO Homicide at 904-630-2172



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 904-630-2172.



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 904-630-2172.



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 904-630-2172.



Name: Nancy Canode
Info: 39-year-old mother was found stabbed to death on the morning of 3/3/1981, in her family Ponte Vedra condo, 695 A1A S. Last seen by husband Ken Canode.
Notify: St. Johns County Sheriff's Office at 904-824-8304.



Name: Eugene Brown III
Info: Brown III, 27, was found shot and killed inside his residence at 2125 Danese St., 11/24/2010. Two young black males were seen leaving the scene after shots were fired.
Notify: JSO Homicide at 904-630-2172.



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 904-630-2172.

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:
2025-00601143
UNKNOWN SUSPECTS
Grand Theft
14900 Max Leggett Pkwy



Case ID:
2025-00604329
UNKNOWN SUSPECTS
Grand Theft
4900 Gate Pkwy



Case ID:
2025-00606345
UNKNOWN SUSPECTS
Grand Theft
13000 City Station Dr



Case ID:
2025-00604773
UNKNOWN SUSPECT
Fraudulent Use of Credit
Cards
6500 Mariam St



Case ID:
2025-00613790
UNKNOWN SUSPECT(S)
Auto Theft
5800 Edenfield Rd



Case ID:
2025-00608351
UNKNOWN SUSPECTS
Discharging a Firearm in
Public
700 San Marco Blvd



Case ID:
2025-00539034
UNKNOWN SUSPECT
Armed Robbery
5100 Timuquana Rd



Case ID:
2025-00581052
UNKNOWN SUSPECT
Grand Theft
5100 Lenox Ave



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Burglary to a Conveyance
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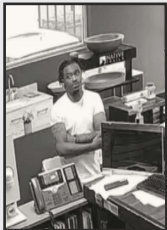
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UNKNOWN SUSPECT
Fraudulent Use of Credit
Cards
900 Canal St



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



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UNKNOWN SUSPECTS
Grand Theft
4700 Block of River City Dr



Case ID:
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UNKNOWN SUSPECT
Burglary
4700 Hodges Blvd



Case ID:
2025-00527182
UNKNOWN SUSPECT
Counterfeit Payment
13800 of Old St Augustine Rd



Case ID:
2025-00562399
UNKNOWN SUSPECT
Grand Theft 11900
Atlantic Blvd



Case ID:
2025-00566220
UNKNOWN SUSPECTS
Burglary
8500 103rd St



Case ID:
2025-00552458
UNKNOWN SUSPECT
Burglary
7000 Shindler Dr



Case ID:
2025-00538501
UNKNOWN SUSPECT
Grand Theft
11000 San Jose Blvd



Case ID:
2025-00476919
UNKNOWN SUSPECT
Burglary
11000 San Jose Blvd



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



Case ID:
2025-00538056
UNKNOWN SUSPECT
Petit Theft
10 University Blvd N



Case ID:
2025-00519231
UNKNOWN SUSPECT
Fraudulent Use of a Credit
Card
1100 Dunn Ave



Case ID:
2025-00473433
UNKNOWN SUSPECTS
Grand Theft
13000 City Station Dr



Case ID:
2025-00418508
UNKNOWN SUSPECT
Burglary
5800 University Blvd W



Case ID:
2025-00394083
UNKNOWN SUSPECTS
Grand Theft
6000 Block of Ft Caroline Rd



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



Case ID:
2025-00340076
UNKNOWN SUSPECT
Grand Theft
8100 Block of 103rd St



Case ID:
2025-00349429
UNKNOWN SUSPECTS
Grand Theft
10000 Block of San Jose Blvd

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as safety concerns, housing instability, financial dependency, and ongoing risk from perpetrators. Our communities in Northeast Florida—Jacksonville, St. Augustine, Palm Coast, Fernandina Beach, and surrounding areas—benefit from coordinated local services that include hotlines, shelters, legal aid, counseling, and coordinated court processes.

What can we do here in Northeast Florida?

- ✓ Learn the signs of abuse and how to respond safely and confidentially.
- ✓ Support survivors with empathy, nonjudgmental listening, and practical resources such as safety planning and access to services.
- ✓ Share accurate information and connect people to local resources: hotlines, shelters, legal aid, counseling, and emergency services.
- ✓ Advocate for policies and programs that promote prevention, accountability, and access to justice.
- ✓ Educate ourselves and others—especially youth and communities of color—about healthy relationships, consent, and respectful behavior.

Local resources for Northeast Florida

- Domestic violence hotlines and crisis lines (24/7 confidential support)
- Local shelters and transitional housing options
- Legal aid and crime victims’ services
- Family justice centers or multi-agency collaborations (where available)
- Prosecutors’ victim-witness programs and court accompaniment services
- Community-based counseling, parenting support, and safety planning services
- Faith-based and community organizations offering nonjudgmental support

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