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Struggling to Rebuild a Life After Gun Violence

**James Uthmeier:
Seminole County man
faces 60 child predator
charges**

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A Central Florida man could face the remainder of his life in prison after being arrested on dozens of charges related to possessing child sexual abuse material.

Attorney General James Uthmeier held a news conference in Sanford where he detailed the investigation into Blake McKinniss, who was arrested March 9. The Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) acted on a tip and began looking into McKinniss along with investigators from the Seminole County Sheriff's Office and the Sanford Police Department.

A search warrant was executed earlier this month. Uthmeier said that when investigators arrived, they found a “house of horrors” at the home of the 37-year-old.

“What law enforcement saw when they arrived left them speechless,” Uthmeier said.

Investigators say McKinniss' home was decorated with children's attire, toys and paraphernalia. Uthmeier said McKinniss had no contact with children at the time of his arrest. But there were children's clothing and toys strewn throughout the residence, even though no children lived there.

Investigators then looked into digital images that McKinniss possessed. He was charged with 53 counts of possessing child sexual abuse material, 46 counts of artificial intelligence child sexual abuse material and one count of possessing a childlike sex doll.

“This guy could spend the rest of his life in prison and I'm grateful our team worked to ensure he never has access to our kids,” Uthmeier said. FDLE Special Agent in Charge Felipe Williams said the agency is committed to arresting child predators. “FDLE remains steadfast in our mission to protect our most vulnerable from those who seek to harm them,” Williams said. “Our agents and law enforcement partners work every day to identify and remove dangerous predators from our communities. We have kept our word: if you think you can prey on our children, you are wrong.” McKinniss remains in the Seminole County Jail on a \$350,000 bond. Uthmeier's Office of Statewide Prosecution will handle the case in court.

On the night of February 9, 2025, around 10:25 p.m., police officers responded to a call about a person who had been shot. When officers arrived at the scene, they found 19-year-old Da'Jour Pfeifer lying on the front porch of his home, suffering from a gunshot wound to his neck. A witness who had called 911 was with him, desperately trying to help until emergency responders arrived.

What began as a normal night had turned into a life-altering tragedy.

According to the investigation, Da'Jour had been standing on the porch of his residence when an argument broke out between him and his neighbor. The man, someone Da'Jour knew as “Bart,” had once been friendly with him. When Da'Jour first moved into the neighborhood, he said his neighbor was one of the first people who showed him kindness and welcomed him.

That sense of neighborly familiarity made what happened next even more shocking. Earlier that evening, Da'Jour had gone to speak with his neighbor following an unrelated altercation with his partner. During their conversation, he noticed his neighbor seemed agitated. Sensing the tension, Da'Jour chose to walk away rather than escalate the situation. But walking away did not end the conflict, his neighbor pulled out a firearm and pointed it at him. Da'Jour reportedly told him that if there was a problem, they could fight instead. For a moment, it seemed the situation might calm down.

Instead, the gun was raised again. Then it went off. The bullet struck Da'Jour in the neck. For Da'Jour, everything went dark. He was rushed to the hospital with life-threatening injuries. Doctors fought to save his life and for two months, Da'Jour remained in a coma.

When Da'Jour finally regained consciousness, he had no clear memory of the shooting itself. Instead, he woke up to a new and devastating reality.

He could no longer move his legs. The gunshot had damaged his spinal cord. In an instant, the life of a healthy 19-year-old had been permanently changed.

Da'Jour was now paralyzed from the chest down. Simple things most people take for granted—standing up, walking across a room, or running outside—were no longer possible. Daily life had become a series of new challenges, requiring medical care, physical adjustments, and emotional strength.

The trauma of the shooting was not the first time gun violence had touched his life.

Da'Jour had already experienced the pain of losing his sister to gun violence. Now, he had become another victim of the same cycle.

For many survivors, the justice system can offer a sense of accountability or closure. But for Da'Jour, that hope never fully materialized.

Despite the seriousness of the shooting and the evidence gathered during the investigation, the case was ultimately disposed in court. Prosecutors entered a nolle prosequi, a legal term meaning the state decided not to move forward with the charges. As a result, the case was dropped.

The man accused of shooting Da'Jour is still living right next door. Da'Jour continues to face the reality of living just a yard away from the person who changed his life forever.

For a survivor already coping with paralysis and trauma, that reality can feel overwhelming. The system that is designed to support victims also failed him.

Victims of violent crime in Florida are often eligible for financial assistance through victim compensation programs, which can help cover medical bills, counseling, and other recovery needs. However, navigating these programs typically requires guidance and support from victim advocates assigned through the justice system.

In Da'Jour's case, that support never fully came.

The state-appointed victim advocate who was supposed to assist him did not help him complete the paperwork needed to apply for victim compensation. As a result, Da'Jour was left to navigate the complicated process on his own while simultaneously adjusting to life after a catastrophic injury.

Today, Da'Jour continues to rebuild his life piece by piece. He faces physical challenges every day, but he also carries the emotional weight of knowing that justice, support, and safety—things many victims hope to find after violence—never fully arrived for him. The justice coalition is slowly helping Da'Jour stabilize his life by helping him get the compensation he deserves. To any victims that is reading this, we urge you to continue to speak up, continue to advocate for yourself, and keep fighting. The Justice Coalition is here to help victims of violent crime find their voice and advocate for you to keep going.

His story is not just about a shooting. It is about survival. It is about resilience in the face of life-changing violence. It is about the gaps in a system that is supposed to protect and support victims when they need it most.

This story has been approved by the victim, all information from the story is public record and stated by the victim. Story written by Jeannie Ly, (Victim Advocate) Justice Coalition



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- Psalm 107:1



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<p>MALCOM SWAIN SHUMAN</p> <p>DOB: 07/13/1965 Ht./Wt.: 5'8" / 150-160 Eyes/Hair: Hazel / Bald Warrant Issued: 2/18/2025 Offense: Possession of Controlled Substance</p>	<p>MARIO DANIEL ANTONIO SWIFT</p> <p>DOB: 9/3/1989 Ht./Wt.: 5'9" / 175 Eyes/Hair: Brown / Brown Warrant Issued: 5/13/25 Offense: VOP Criminal Mischief Over \$1,000 & Battery Domestic Violence (Misdemeanor)</p>	<p>JAMES MICHAEL WHITE</p> <p>DOB: 10/08/1990 Ht./Wt.: 5'7" Eyes/Hair: Hazel / Brown Warrant Issued: 01/30/2025 Offense: Felony Retail Theft with 2 or more Prior Convictions</p>	<p>KALIE MARIE CALLAHAN</p> <p>DOB: 02/02/1989 Ht./Wt.: 5'3" / 100-120 Eyes/Hair: Green / Brown Warrant Issued: 08/26/2025 Offense: Possession of Meth, Possession of Fentanyl, Possession of Cocaine</p>
<p>TRAVIS MARSHALL BLACKWELDER</p> <p>DOB: 10/25/1980 Ht./Wt.: 5'7" / 190-200 Eyes/Hair: Green / Brown Warrant Issued: 3/11/2025 Offense: FTA 3 Counts of Failure to Comply w/Sexual Offender Requirements</p>	<p>SHANNON SAAMON ELAINE ROBERTS</p> <p>DOB: 08/15/1994 Ht./Wt.: 5'4" / 155 Eyes/Hair: Brown / Black Warrant Issued: 10/18/2023 Offense: Fraudulent Use of Credit Card</p>	<p>TEVELTON DELEON HOLDER</p> <p>DOB: 10/19/1986 Ht./Wt.: 6'1-6'2" / 195-210 Eyes/Hair: Brown / Black Warrant Issued: 09/16/2025 Offense: FTA Scheme to Defraud \$50,000 or more; Grand Theft \$20,000 or more (x2); Grand Theft, more than \$300, less than \$20,000 (x2)</p>	<p>DAVID MICHAEL DOMINGUE</p> <p>DOB: 07/12/1979 Ht./Wt.: 6'2" / 170 Eyes/Hair: Brown / Brown Warrant(s) Issued: 08/27/2025 & 09/22/2025 Offense(s): Theft \$10,000-\$50,000 from Person 65+ YOA & VOP 1st Degree Misdemeanor Battery</p>

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Tossing of the Roses

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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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THE SECRET WORD GAME

Hidden in this edition of the *Victims' Advocate* is the SECRET WORD for the month of November.

The rules are simple:

1. Find the word.
2. Telephone the Justice Coalition office at 783-6312.3.

The first person who telephones the correct Secret Word wins a Gift Certificate to Sonny's Real Pit Barbeque Restaurant.4.

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Justice Coalition 904-783-6312

Quigley House - Clay County

24 Hour Hotline: 904-284-0061
9:30 - 4:30: 904-284-0340

Compensation (victim)

Justice Coalition: 904-783-6312

Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MAAD) victim services

904-388-2455

Detoxification

Gateway Community Services
904-387-4661

Mental Health Resource Center

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

Parental Help

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

Rape

Women's Center Of Jacksonville:
904-722-3000
WCJ-Nassau County
904-716-5390
24hr Hotline
904-721-7273

Family Support Services of North Florida

1300Riverplace Blvd., Suite700
Jacksonville, FL 32207
904-421-5800 www.fss.jax.org

Guardian Ad Litem Program

Edward Ball Bldg. 214 N. Hogan St.,
Suite 6004 Jacksonville, FL 32202
904/255-8440

State Attorney's Office

904-630-2400

Youth Crisis Youth Crisis Center

The SafePlace 3015 Parental
HomeRoad Jacksonville, FL
32216 904-725-6662

Justice Coalition Assists Home Invasion Victim

Foster Coker joined the Board of Directors for the Justice Coalition in November 2019. The following is his own firsthand account of how he came to be a member of the Justice Coalition family.

August 15, 2014 was supposed to be just another day for me, my wife Pam, and our then seven-year old grandson. It was a Friday, and our grandson had slept over at our house the night before, so Pam had to get up a little early to drop him off at his mother's apartment on her way to work. Since I worked from home at the time, I was able to sleep a little later.

At the same time she was getting dressed for work, though, a stolen car driven by a neighbor was dropping two men off in the parking lot next door. The two men were convicted felons; indeed, the street gang to which they belonged required a felony conviction to be considered for membership. The two men climbed the privacy fence into our backyard and at exactly 6:20 AM, one of them kicked in the back door.

What followed was a nine-minute fight for life as Pam and I struggled to defend our lives and that of our grandson from the armed intruder. Both of us received serious injuries, but thankfully, we were able to use our legally-owned firearms to win out. The battle left the intruder dead and his accomplices on the run. The Jacksonville Sheriff's Office and the State Attorney's Office responded very quickly in the aftermath of the attack. Pam and I were both transported to the hospital to have our wounds treated, and we were told that the investigation into the attack was underway.

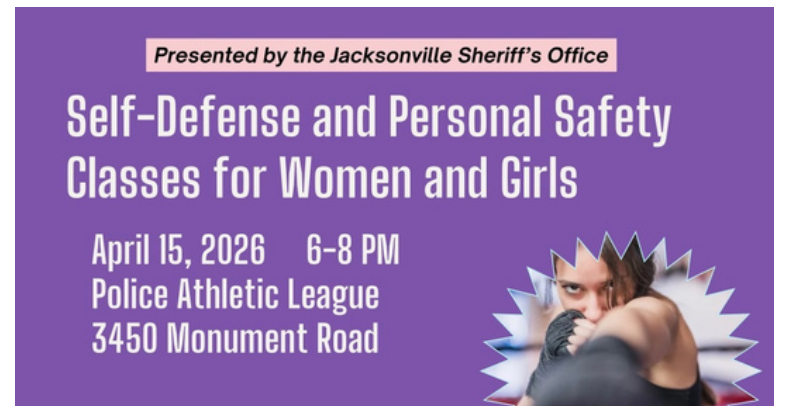
Needless to say, the broad daylight invasion of our home, and the lengths we were forced to go to left us in a state of severe shock. Our friends and family rallied around us, but even they could not prepare us for the ordeal that would follow...months of court cases against the two accomplices that eventually dragged into years.

Three days after the initial attack, we were put in touch with the Justice Coalition. I was vaguely aware of the organization, thanks mostly to their ubiquitous monthly newspaper THE VICTIMS' ADVOCATE, but had no idea what actual services they provided. Pam and I were invited to meet with the staff in person the very next day. We were so relieved to discover that the organization was not only willing to help us, but that it was also a faith-based operation. In one short meeting, we were put in touch with various state and local resources to help with medical expenses, lost wages, grocery bills, and the like.

Our kind-hearted advocate also explained to us what we might be facing court-wise in the months to come. Not only were we assured we would be kept up to date on all proceedings against the accomplices, but the Justice Coalition team also vowed to be right there beside us every step of the way; attending every court appearance and hearing, helping us prepare a victim's impact statement, and just being a shoulder to lean on in a very difficult time.

The two accomplices were eventually caught and arrested, as was a third gang member who was present during the planning of the home invasion. Over the next three years, these cases all played out through the court system, with the defendants trotting out every delaying tactic the law would allow. These delays did not discourage the Justice Coalition in the least. They were constantly there for us, in the court room, in the office, or just on the phone when we inevitably became frustrated with the slow progress of justice. In the end, the driver and the other participant were both convicted of Second-Degree Murder thanks to Florida's "Felony Murder law. The other gang member also went to prison for possession of a convicted firearm by a convicted felon, because he was armed when brought in for questioning.

The role the Justice Coalition played in helping my wife and me throughout those dark days cannot be overstated. We were amazed to learn just how many families they are in contact with every day, families who have been touched by violent crime through no fault of their own. We saw firsthand what a valuable asset the Justice Coalition was to the communities of Northeast Florida, and how they continue to be that asset even today eleven and a half years later. When I was asked to join the Board of Directors, I was proud to accept and become a part of such an exceptional, God-fearing organization.



LISTEN. ACT. ADVOCATE.
Protect Victims & Serve Communities

VAAC Event Dates & Times

Tossing of The Roses: Monday, April 20, 2026 @ 6:00 p.m. - Loc. TBD - Hosted by The Justice Coalition

Press conference: Tuesday, April 21, 2026 @11:00 a.m. | City Hall Atrium

Panel discussion: Friday, April 24, 2026 | Downtown Main Library- Hicks Auditorium @ 10 a.m.

Moderator: Judge Gary Flower

Topic: The Dark Side of Artificial Intelligence: Trends, Risks, Community Response

Luncheon: Friday, April 24, 2026 | Downtown Main Library @12:00pm (Noon) | Multi-purpose Room



MISSING PERSONS

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



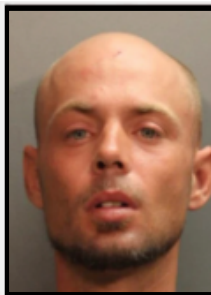
KERI WILLIAMS

Missing: November 22, 2015
Age at Incident: 33
Race: White
Caucasian
Height: 67"
Weight: 150lbs
Hair Color: Brown
Jax 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



STEPHEN JACK MCGOVERN

Missing: 10/15/2222
Race - White
Age 35
Hair- bald
Height - 5'7"
Jax Sheriff's Office
904-630-0500



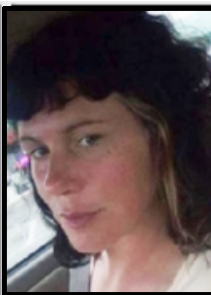
BREION J' MAALE DAVIS

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
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Notify JSO
904-630-2791



KELLY BRANNON

Gender: Female
Race: Caucasian
DOB: 05/02/1984
Age: 40
Height: 5ft4in
Weight: 130
Hair: Black
Eyes: Brown
386-208-(TIPS)



LAURENCE WHITTEMORE

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



BRITTANY PALMER

Age: 23, 5'1"
Black Hair
Brown Eyes
Weight 120
Missing since 8/25/2020
Jacksonville Sheriff's Office at 904-630-0500



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



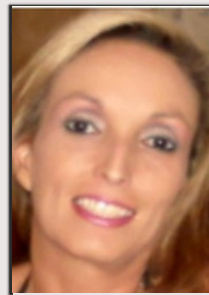
JEROME DEMPSEY JOHNSON

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



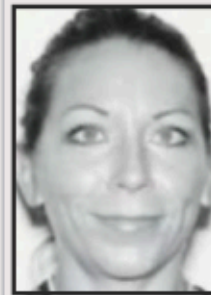
KATHERINE BODDEN GELARO, AKA MELISSA BODDEN

Was last seen on Morris Drive in Callahan, Florida on December 19, 2019. She has never been heard from again. Her two sons reported her missing on Christmas Day. Call 904225-5174



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



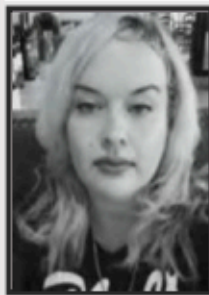
DONALD RAY TOLLIVER

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



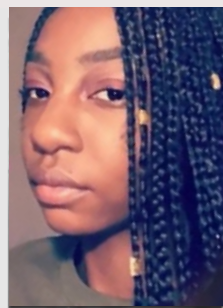
CHRISTOPHER LAWRENCE POLLEN

Pollen was last seen in the Meadowfield Bluff area in Yulee, Florida at 2:00 a.m. on September 18, 2016. He left his vehicle, cellular phone and wallet at his residence and has never been heard from again. Call: 904-824-8304



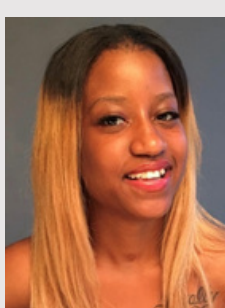
ELIZABETH ABIGAIL ATKINS

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



Iyana Sawyer

Police said Iyana Sawyer, 16, left Terry Parker High School around lunchtime that day carrying two bags. Sawyer is described as 5 feet, 8 inches tall and 120 pounds. She was wearing a white hoodie with "PINK" written across the front. She also had on light blue jeans, as well as black and white Adidas shoes. Please contact the nearest police agency if you have any information on the whereabouts of Iyana Sawyer or you can call First Coast Crime Stoppers if you wish to remain anonymous at 1-866-845-8477.



Brittany Palmer

On Tuesday, August 25, 2020, the victim was reported missing. It was reported that the victim was last seen on Saturday, August 22, 2020, in the area of Baldwin Street and Barber Street. The complainant advised that the victim suffers from a brain injury and walks with the assistance of a walker or cane. Efforts to locate the victim have been unsuccessful and we are attempting to locate her to ascertain her safety. Last Known Location: August 22, 2020, in the area of Baldwin Street and Barber Street. Anyone having seen or with any information regarding Brittany Palmer's whereabouts is asked to call the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office at 904-630-0500 or to remain anonymous and be eligible for a cash reward call us at 1-866-845-8477.



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MARK GREGG

DATE OF DEATH
APRIL 18, 2009

April 18, 2009, 54-year-old Mark Gregg was found shot to death in his North Road home in Green Cove Springs, Florida. If you have any information on this case, please contact Detective Holmes at (904) 264-6512 or email sholmes@claysheriff.com.

Crime Tips

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904.630.0500

To remain anonymous and receive a possible reward up to \$3,000 contact First Coast Crime Stoppers at 1.866.845.TIPS (8477).

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. *home invasion*

UNSOLVED MURDERS

We regret that because of insufficient space we cannot include all unsolved murder cases on this page.
We will rotate cases 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.



April 13, 2011, Bryan Wrigley was riding his bicycle eastbound on CR-214 near Poa Boy Farms Rd. A westbound 2001 to 2003 Blue Ford Ranger crossed the center line of the road and struck Bryan Wrigley head-on killing him instantly. **Call:** 904-824-8304



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: Byron Walker. On Thursday, May 23rd, at 9:45 pm, JSO Officers were dispatched to 10500 Maidstone Cove Rd. In reference to a man that was shot several times. Crime Stoppers offers \$3,000 reward - call 1-866-845-TIPS



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



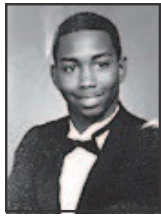
904-630-2172.
Name: Sulaiman Allah Muhammad **Info:** This 28-year-old male was found shot while sitting inside his vehicle on January 9, 2011. He was parked at 6650 103rd Street. **Notify:** JSO Homicide at 904-630-2172.



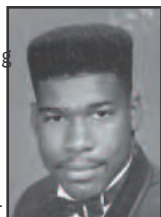
Gabriel Devoe, 23 was shot to death at the Caroline Village apartments in Arlington on Nov. 2, 2022. \$5k reward for info. Call 630-0500



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 ~~tried~~ 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. Numerous 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:**



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 deceased 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 occurred 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 Moncrief 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 Jacksonville 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.



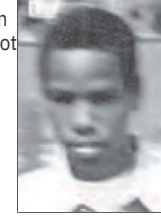
Name: Crandall "Jack" Reed **Info:** Police found 51-year-old Crandall Jack Reed fatally wounded in his cab on South Edgewood Avenue. He died later at the hospital. Reed was believed to have been shot in a parking **Notify:** JSO Homicide at 904-630-2172



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 parking 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.



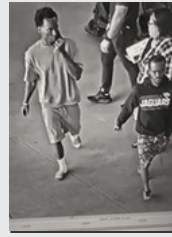
Name: Ryan Bernard Williams **Info:** This 23-year-old was shot and killed April 1, 2010, by unknown assailants after being pinned in his car by other vehicles at Kings Road and Division Street. **Notify:** JSO Homicide at 904-630-2172.

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
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4900 Gate Pkwy



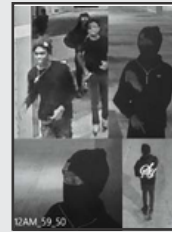
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Case ID:
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UNKNOWN SUSPECT
Fraudulent Use of Credit
Cards
6500 Mariam St



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:
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Armed Robbery
5100 Timuquana Rd



Case ID:
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UNKNOWN SUSPECT
Grand Theft
5100 Lenox Ave



Case ID:
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UNKNOWN SUSPECT
Burglary to a Conveyance
10100 Gate Pkwy



Case ID:
2025-00581248
UNKNOWN SUSPECT
Fraudulent Use of Credit
Cards
900 Canal St



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



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UNKNOWN SUSPECTS
Grand Theft
10900 Block of San Jose



Case ID:
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UNKNOWN SUSPECT
Unauthorized Use of Credit
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6200 Philips Hwy



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



Case ID:
2025-00578724
UNKNOWN SUSPECT
Burglary
4700 Hodges Blvd



Case ID:
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13800 of Old St Augustine Rd



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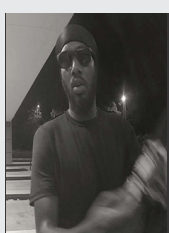
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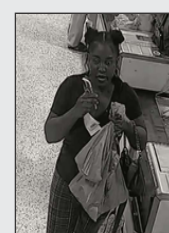
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UNKNOWN SUSPECT
Petit Theft
10 University Blvd N



Case ID:
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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

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 edition, about one week before the Victim's Advocate went to press. To learn more and obtain an updated status, visit unsolvedcrimes.jaxsheriff.org

Think hard. Think again.
Do the right thing. Call police if you have information about a crime.



JACKSONVILLE SHERIFF'S OFFICE RECOGNIZES ANNUAL EMPLOYEES OF THE YEAR

Sheriff T.K. Waters hosted the 2025 Annual Meritorious Awards Ceremony on Thursday, February 19, 2026, at the Police Memorial Building. This ceremony honors employees from each of the seven categories who were recognized throughout the previous year along with the Sheriff's selection for "Citizen of the Year."

Please see the list of award winners below. Photos are attached for each winner.

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- **Police Officer of the Year**- Police Officer Anthony Yannuzzi & Police Service Dog Patriot
 - Officer Anthony Yannuzzi and Police Service Dog Patriot are a dynamic duo responsible for finding more than 20 missing and endangered people in our community.
- **Corrections Officer of the Year**- Corrections Officer Obbie Johnson (pronounced ah-bee)
 - On May 1, 2025, an inmate alerted Corrections Officer Obbie Johnson that a woman had jumped off a bridge into a pond. Corrections Officer Johnson did not hesitate to jump into the pond and pull the woman out, saving her life.
 - In addition to being named JSO's 2025 Corrections Officer of the Year, Corrections Officer Johnson was recognized as the Florida Sheriffs Association Corrections Officer of the Year last month.
- **Police Supervisor of the Year- Police Sergeant Guy Daniels**
 - Leading our Vice Unit, Sergeant Guy Daniels played a key leadership role in Operation Fish & Chips, an operation that took down an illegal gambling ring in December 2024. Sergeant Daniels and his Vice Unit are dedicated to helping those who may be vulnerable and arresting those who take advantage of them.
- **Corrections Supervisor of the Year- Corrections Lieutenant Krisopher Kristofer Pike**
 - Lieutenant Kristofer Pike was tasked with the creation and leadership of our Strategic Response Team and our Detention Canine Unit within our Department of Corrections. Our Strategic Response Team are designated corrections officers who are trained and equipped to safely resolve critical incidents. Our Detention Canine Unit is made up of Corrections Service Dogs trained to detect contraband. Lieutenant Pike continues to lead these teams, both of which have had many successes in 2025.
- **Civilian Employee of the Year- Talent Acquisition Administrator Hunter Ridenour** (pronounced ride-an-HOUR)
 - Known in our agency as the 'secret weapon of law enforcement hiring', Hunter Ridenour is a friendly face for applicants through our multi-step hiring process. He continues to increase the number of applicants who attend our hiring events which in turn allows our agency to continue to hire the best of the best.
- **Auxiliary Employee of the Year- Auxiliary Officer Allison Moeller**
 - Auxiliary Officer Allison Moeller dedicates her time to supporting our patrol officers, our Patrol Support Division, and our Professional Standards Division as an Auxiliary Officer. She is not a paid employee, but she volunteers her time to our agency. Throughout her five and a half years as an Auxiliary Officer, she has continued to make a positive impact within our community.
- **Citizen of the Year- Mark Adamec**
 - The Adamec Family has been a supporter of the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office since the 1960s (before Jacksonville and Duval County consolidated). The Adamec Family is a proud part of the North Florida community, and this organization frequently supports local charity motorcycle rides to benefit first responders, military personnel, and veterans.



Top Left: Sheriff Waters (left) and Corrections Officer Obbie Johnson (right);

Top Right: Sheriff Waters (left), Police Officer Anthony Yannuzzi (right), and Police Service Dog "Patriot" (front);

Middle Row Left: Sheriff Waters (left) and Corrections Lieutenant Kristofer Pike (right);

Bottom Row - Picture 1: Sheriff Waters (left) and Police Sergeant Guy Daniels (right);

Bottom Row - Picture 2: Sheriff Waters (left) and Hunter Ridenour (right);

Bottom Row - Picture 3: Sheriff Waters (left) and Police Auxiliary Officer Allison Moeller