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State Attorney's Office Responds to Our March 2026 Story



The Justice Coalition is committed to supporting victims and ensuring that their stories are presented with accuracy and care. In that spirit, we are issuing the following State Attorney's Office response regarding the front-page article published in the March 2026 edition of The Victim's Advocate.

Following publication, additional information was reviewed, including the State of Florida's disposition memorandum and case file documentation outlining the State's contacts with the victim. That review reflects that the State Attorney's Office had extensive communications with the victim and assisted the victim with completing and submitting claims for compensation. The State's victim advocate made multiple documented attempts to maintain contact and provide assistance, and the prosecuting attorney met with the victim on several occasions.

Upon further review, the case was not declined due to a lack of effort. Rather, the victim ultimately retracted his prior identification of the alleged shooter and indicated that the man he had originally identified as shooting him (his neighbor) was not responsible. Based on this serious change in his testimony and the evidence, the State determined it could not ethically or legally proceed with prosecution.

We recognize that the original article did not fully reflect these circumstances. We regret any confusion this may have caused and remain committed to ensuring that our reporting is accurate, balanced, and informed by all relevant perspectives.

A Mother's Plea for Justice in Isaiah Bing Murder

by Shantell Bing

My name is Shantell Bing, and I am the proud mother of Isaiah Bing.

On June 21, 2019, my life changed forever here in Jacksonville. My son, Isaiah, was found deceased in the 5800 block of Doeboy Street. He was only 27 years old. Since that day, I have lived with a pain no mother should ever have to carry—and with questions that still remain unanswered.

But before anything else, I want you to know who my son was.

Isaiah was the best parts of me. He was loving, responsible, and full of life. As his mother, I often called him "the other parent," because that's exactly how he carried himself. He helped me, supported our family, and naturally stepped into a role of leadership and care. He wasn't asked—he simply did it.

He was an incredible big brother, someone his siblings could depend on no matter what. He was also a proud godfather to two children who still call me "GiGi" to this day. That bond means everything to me because it reminds me that his love is still here—still living through them.



ISAIAH BING

Isaiah was also a devoted uncle. His nephew was only three years old when Isaiah was taken from us, and he still asks about him. That speaks to the kind of impact Isaiah had—real, deep, and lasting.

He had a bright, unforgettable personality. Isaiah was funny, warm, and could light up any room he entered. He made people feel comfortable, valued, and cared for. He was also a man of faith, a church member who believed in treating others with kindness and respect.

Isaiah took great pride in his work. He served as a Deputy Clerk at the Duval County Courthouse for five years, maintaining a perfect record—never late, never absent. He didn't just show up; he gave his best every day. He mentored others, helped the public with patience and compassion, and received more than 20 written commendations from people whose lives he touched.

His life mattered so much that the Clerk of the Court personally delivered his eulogy. That alone speaks volumes about the kind of man my son was.

Each year around his birthday, his coworkers honor him with "Hero Day," wearing superhero shirts in his memory. Isaiah loved Captain America, admired John Cena, and called his close friends the "Super Friends." To me—and to so many others—he truly was a real-life hero.

After Isaiah was killed, an arrest was made. But the charges were later dropped due to insufficient evidence. Today, my son's case remains unsolved.

I am asking—pleading—with my community: if you know anything, please come forward. Someone knows what happened to my son. Someone has information that could help bring justice and give our family the closure we have been waiting for.

Through the support of organizations like the Justice Coalition, I continue to hold on to hope—hope that the truth will come out, and that my son will receive the justice he deserves.

I am proud to be Isaiah's mother, and I will never stop speaking his name.

If you have any information, please contact Crime Tips: JSOCrimeTips@jaxsheriff.org or call 904.630.0500 or The Justice Coalition at 904.783.6312 .

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"The Lord works righteousness and justice for all who are oppressed"

Psalm 103:6



NASSAU COUNTY MOST WANTED

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.

<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>

If you have any information call the NCSO at 1-904-225-5174

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JUSTICE COALITION

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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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To advertise in the latest edition of the Justice Coalition's *Victims' Advocate*, please contact Robert Bracewell at:
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email: advertise@justicecoalition.org

THE SECRET WORD GAME

Hidden in this edition of the *Victims' Advocate* is the SECRET WORD for the month of May. 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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(Services listed are provided free of charge, or have income-based scheduling)

Homicide Support

JSO Victim Advocate 904-630-1764
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

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2026 Mayor's Victim Assistance Advisory Council Awards Luncheon

The annual awards luncheon honoring these individuals and institutions, pictured below, who center their efforts on the voices of victims, take meaningful action and promote justice and healing took place on Friday, April 24, 2026 at the Jacksonville Public Library downtown.

COURAGEOUS VICTIM: Pearline Watkins, recognized for her bravery and advocacy following a 2023 murder case

OUTSTANDING VICTIM ADVOCATE: Ryan Backmann, Founder of Project: Cold Case

LAW ENFORCEMENT VICTIM ADVOCATE: Detective Bacon, JSO Special Assault Unit

CRIMINAL JUSTICE ADVOCATE: Caitlyn Messinger, Assistant State Attorney, 4th Judicial Court

COMMUNITY ADVOCATE: Crystal Anlage, Project: Cold Case

MITCHELL FAMILY LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD: Hon. Gary P. Flower, Judge for the Duval County Court, 4th Judicial Circuit of Florida



Rose DeVoe

Victim's Advocate Spotlight: Rose DeVoe

We need people to say 'yes' to jury duty, because a strong jury pool results in a strong case for victims and their families who are experiencing horrendous loss", said Rose DeVoe, mother of 23-year-old Gabriel John DeVoe, whose unsolved murder in November 2022 is an active open case for the Jacksonville Sheriffs Office Cold Case Unit. "When you show up for a family, you're providing a meaningful service to them, your community and ultimately to our country."



Gabriel John DeVoe

DeVoe serves as Assistant Clerk in the Duval Clerk of the Court and heads up criminal court records in Duval County. She said being a part of a jury not only serves the family but also enriches the individual serving.

Those who serve on a jury become educated about the legal process and the rights of all Americans to a fair trial. As a result, individual jurors can feel more responsible and connected to their community's values by helping to ensure many viewpoints are considered in the decision-making process.

Rose DeVoe is a Jacksonville, FL mother advocating for justice following the unsolved murder of her 23-year-old son, Gabriel John DeVoe, in November 2022. She actively works with local law enforcement, MAD DADS, is an active Executive Board member of the Justice Coalition and leads the Gabriel John DeVoe Foundation to seek tips regarding his shooting in an Arlington apartment parking lot, offering a \$15,000 reward.

For more information about jury duty in Duval County, please visit: <https://www.duvalclerk.com/departments/jury-service>

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
\$5,000 Reward
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



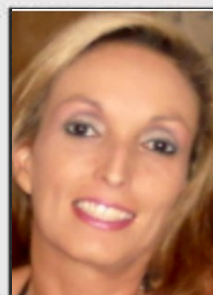
JEROME DEMPSEY JOHNSON

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



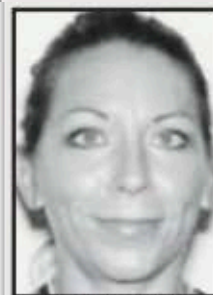
KATHERINE BODDEN GELARO, AKA MELISSA BODDEN

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



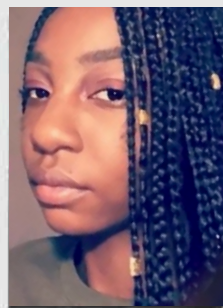
CHRISTOPHER LAWRENCE POLLEN

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.



Julia Vegas

On November 26, 1999, Julia was murdered and found in a shed in Jacksonville, Florida. She was 39 years old at the time of her murder. Even though the case remains unsolved, the family still hopes that someone will come forward with a tip or information, so the Vegas family can understand what happened to her. Julia's life was taken from her for no reason. Nothing can fix that pain; that hollow sense of never seeing their mother again. Knowing what happened to Julia will never give the family peace, it will only give them a resolution to know that whoever committed such a heinous crime would be brought to justice. If you have any information about her passing, please reach out to the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office at (904) 630-0500. To remain anonymous and possibly be eligible for a reward, please call First Coast Crime Stoppers at (866) 845-8477. Any new information can help bring justice to Julia Vegas and the Vegas family.



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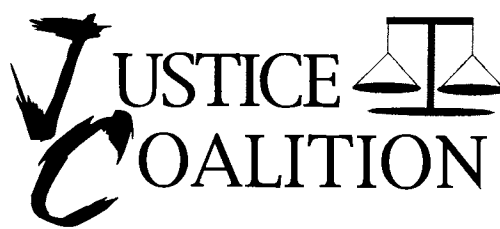


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UNSOLVED MURDERS



Eric "Paul" Akridge
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drove to Palatka for car parts, not seen since.
866-845-TIPS



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

JSOCrimeTips@jaxsheriff.org
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.



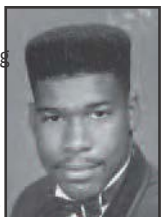
Gabriel Devoe, 23 was shot to death at the Caroline Village apartments in Arlington on Nov. 2, 2022. \$5k reward for info. Call 630-0500



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 Lacomia 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



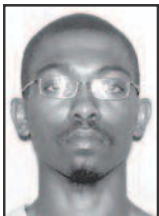
Name: Steffon Larry **Info:** This young man was 26 years old when he was discovered murdered inside of a burning car in a double unsolved murder in West St. Augustine. **Notify:** St. Augustine Police Department at (904) 825-1070



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 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 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
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



Case ID:
2025-00581461
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:
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



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



Case ID:
2025-00578724
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:
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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

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

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Cold Case SOLVED After 36 Years

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Forensic Artist Rendering

A man whose identity was unknown for nearly four decades now has his name back.

In January 1990, a couple hiking near Little Talbot Island discovered the skeletal remains of a man near the Duval and Nassau County line. No ID was found. Despite investigative efforts, the case went cold and stayed that way for 36 years. All the detectives had was a forensic sketch of what he may have looked like.

"All of the guesstimates and the estimations from the medical exam's office and the anthropologist said that he could've been up to six months in that location before he was actually found." said Travis Oliver, Sr., Cold Case Unit, Jacksonville Sheriff's Office (JSO).

In 2024, JSO and the Florida Department of Law Enforcement submitted forensic evidence to Othram Labs in Texas. Scientists were able to build a DNA profile and through genetic genealogy testing, detectives located potential relatives who helped identify the man as their cousin, Joseph Paul Connors, known as "Buddy."

"I remember the day when we first got the phone call from Detective Dennis Sullivan," said Jean Randolph, Connor's first cousin. "He was so persistent on identifying this person."



Actual Family Photo

After a DNA profile was created, the family found out that that one of their DNA matched the deceased. "The detectives found me because I had selected to be notified of any information on the case in the police report," said Vicki Nash, Connor's cousin with the DNA match. "There's hope for families with missing relatives."

Cold Case Unit detectives recently met with Mr. Connors' cousins and shared information. Mr. Connors was born in May 1937, served in the United States Navy, and worked for the United States Postal Service. No foul play is suspected in his death.

"We're excited to get a marker to identify his grave -- that's a kind of a special," said Jean Randolph. "We want people to know because it could help with missing family or an unsolved cold case. I'm so grateful to the people who found his body."

The Florida Department of Law Enforcement facilitated the case being researched by Othram Labs, through grant funds from the Federal Bureau of Justice Assistance's Missing and Unidentified Human Remains Program. If you have an unsolved cold case or want more information, JSO at 904-630-0500 or First Coast Crime Stoppers at 1.866.845.TIPS (8477)

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