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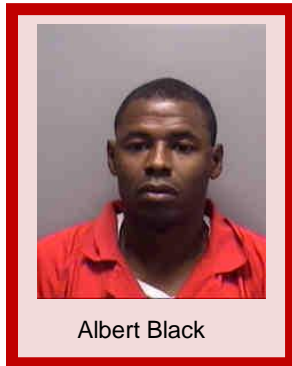
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Rape Case

Albert Black was sentenced to life in prison for raping a stranger in her home in May 2012 in Lee County.

The 39 year-old has spent time behind bars for a prior sexual battery case, burglaries and robberies. In this current case he was found guilty of First Degree Assault or Battery, False Imprisonment and Sexual Battery with Threat of Retaliation. Assistant State Attorney Abe Thornburg handled the case.



Albert Black

Harassment Case

Assistant State Attorneys Mike Colombo and Martin Holland worked for more than a year on a case involving a man extremely harassing his ex-girlfriend. One example, he called her 288 times from jail.

Michael Essix recently went to trial and was found guilty of six counts of Violation of Injunction and four counts of Violation of Pre-Trial No-Contact Order. He was sentenced to 982 days in jail followed by 4 years of probation.

Life in Prison

32-year-old Connell Carroll was sentenced to life in prison for the murder of his ex-girlfriend in Fort Myers in 2011. He shot her while she was holding their 3-month-old baby. The baby was okay.

Carroll plead no contest to the judge, just after his murder trial started. The judge adjudicated him guilty for Second Degree Murder. Assistant State Attorney Bob Lee of our Homicide Unit handled the case.



Connell Carroll

Big Drug Case

Nelson Rivera was sentenced to 10 years in prison and given a \$250,000 fine after being found guilty of multiple drug charges in Fort Myers.

He was convicted of; Trafficking Over 200 grams, 3 counts of Trafficking over 28 grams, Sale of Cocaine, Possession of Cocaine, Possession of Marijuana, and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

Assistant State Attorney Jonathan Martin handled the case.



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Holiday Closings

The State Attorney's Office will be closed Monday, November 11th for Veterans Day. We will also be closed Thursday and Friday, November 28th and 29th for Thanksgiving. Have a safe holiday.



Learning About the State Attorney's Office

Staff members of the State Attorney's Office are available to speak to local students. Throughout the year we visit local classrooms and teach kids about what our office does and how the law works in Florida. We also invite local college students to volunteer at one of our offices throughout Southwest Florida. We have many volunteers who get to work closely with our prosecutors and get a real life education about the criminal justice system. If you would like to learn more about our programs, contact our Volunteer Coordinator, Nancy Cruz at ncruz@sao.cjis20.org or call her at 533-1000.



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Machete Threat

An argument between two neighbors landed one man in jail, sentenced to 180 days. 56-year-old Daniel Doyle threatened his 74-year-old neighbor with a machete because he thought his neighbor was hitting on his girlfriend. Doyle was found guilty of Improper Exhibition of a Dangerous Weapon.

Assistant State Attorneys Abe Thornburg and Alyssa Wolf handled the two day trial in Fort Myers.



Daniel Doyle

Theft Case

Lori Powell was found guilty of Petit Theft following a one-day trial in Naples. She grabbed plastic bags and filled them with Ensure 4 packs.

The jury came back with a verdict in 20 minutes. Powell was sentenced to 60 days in jail along with a \$500 fine. Assistant State Attorneys Caitlin Sorenson and Mitchell Cooper handled the case.

Charlotte DUI Case

Duwayne Akins was found guilty of DUI and Resisting an Officer without Violence following a two day trial in Charlotte County. Akins was sentenced to 60 days in jail.

He will also; serve one year of probation, have a one year driver's license suspension, pay a fine of \$500, must attend DUI school, undergo random drug tests, have no alcohol, pay \$100 for cost of prosecution, \$400 for cost of the Public defender and have his car impounded for 10 days.

Assistant State Attorneys Mitchell Cooper and Andrew Woodliff handled the case.

Naples DUI Case

David Allen Nutting was found guilty of DUI 3rd Outside of 10 Years following a trial in Naples. The jury took only 15 minutes to deliberate. He was sentenced to 270 days in jail.

Assistant State Attorneys Cassie Quaglia and Sabsina Karimi handled the case.



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GUILTY VERDICTS

ASA's Tracy Detzel and Scott Patterson: Discharging a Firearm in a Dwelling, two counts of Aggravated Assault on a Law Enforcement Officer, Battery on a Law Enforcement Officer, Resisting an Officer with Violence

ASA Francine Donnorummo: Computer Pornography – Solicitation of a Child, Traveling to Meet a Minor

ASA John Dommerich, Jr.: Possession of Cocaine

ASA's Sara Hall and Jonathan Martin: Sale of a Controlled Substance within 1,000 feet of a School and Possession of Cocaine

ASA's Caitlin Sorenson and Mitchell Cooper: Stalking

ASA Maria DeMoya: Possession of a Firearm by a Minor

ASA's Christine Cummins and Hanna Renna: 3 counts of Aggravated Assault with a Deadly Weapon, Expired Driver's License more than 6 months

ASA Scott Patterson: Destruction of Fire Equipment

ASA Christina Berkowicz: Battery

ASA Maria DeMoya: Possession of Paraphernalia

ASA's Martina Hedvicek and Ron Smith: DUI with Serious Bodily Injury

ASA Andrew Woodliff: Domestic Violence Battery

ASA Jody White: Robbery with a Deadly Weapon

ASA Maria DeMoya: Possession of Marijuana

ASA Jody White: Robbery with a Deadly Weapon

ASA Jonathan Martin: Trafficking in Cocaine over 200 grams, three counts Trafficking in Cocaine over 28 grams, Sale of Cocaine, Possession of Cocaine, Possession of Cannabis, Possession of Paraphernalia

ASA's Jennifer Brown and Deb Cunningham: Trafficking in Cocaine 28 grams or more

ASA's Caitlin Sorenson and Mitchell Cooper: Petit Theft

ASA's Jill Cabai and Will Dorman: Grand Theft

ASA's Amanda Brown, Will Dorman, Jill Cabai: two counts False Imprisonment, Grand Theft \$100,000 or more, Robbery with a Firearm

ASA's Amanda Brown, Will Dorman, Jill Cabai: two counts False Imprisonment, Grand Theft \$100,000 or more, Robbery with a Weapon

ASA's Amanda Brown, Will Dorman, Jill Cabai: two counts False Imprisonment, Grand Theft \$100,000 or more, Robbery



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NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES:

In recognition of service to the people of Southwest Florida, and dedication to their jobs with the State Attorney's Office, a heartfelt thank you goes to the following people on their November employment anniversary dates:

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| Bonnie Moore '79 | Keith Munzert '08 |
| Susan Anderson '98 | Scott Patterson '08 |
| J.S. Purdy '99 | Dawn Finger '09 |
| Mara Marzano '00 | Lisa Buck '12 |
| Nancy Baker '03 | Piumika Weerasinghe '12 |
| Daniel Santiago '05 | |
| Sarah Cimato '06 | |
| Christopher Crowley '06 | |
| Laura Farrell '06 | |
| Daniel Setlow '06 | |

SOMETIMES THEY MAKE IT EASY

A man in Dallas, Texas got busted for collecting millions of dollars in fraudulent tax refunds. He was caught in a suburb of Cincinnati with \$300,000 in cash, money orders, and debit cards in his possession. While he was waiting to be questioned he tried to eat the evidence, by trying to chew up one of the debit cards. He wasn't successful and was convicted of 16 various charges.

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Two men walked into a Chicago restaurant with a squirt gun and demanded food. They told the owner "I will kill you, I have a gun with me." The owner told the men he was busy, but to come back in an hour so the men left. An hour later, the men came back asked for food and \$100 in cash. The owner told them to wait while he got his wife's checkbook. He instead called police and the men were still standing there when police showed up.