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Grand Jury Indictment

The Lee County Grand Jury met and indicted Jacob Cherry and Robert Loveland for one count each of First Degree Murder. This is for the death of Lesley Ralson earlier this year that followed a home invasion robbery in Fort Myers.

Assistant State Attorney Bob Lee with our Homicide Unit and Assistant State Attorney Orion Wright are handling the case.

23-year-old Loveland and 22-year-old Cherry will be in court August 27th for a case management conference hearing.



Robert Loveland



Jacob Cherry

Murder Sentencing

Daniel Proctor was sentenced to 25 years in prison for the murder of Amy Patterson in 2011. Patterson was a school teacher in Cape Coral.

In 2012, Proctor was sentenced to life in prison in Huntsville, Alabama on theft charges. The sentence he received here will run concurrent with the life sentence he is currently serving.



Daniel Proctor

Guilty – All Counts

Junior Domiguez-Martinez was found guilty of Domestic Battery by Strangulation and Aggravated Assault with a Deadly Weapon following a trial in Lee County.

The suspect and victim had been married for three months. They were involved in a verbal argument in their garage which escalated and the suspect attacked the victim by wrapping his hands around her neck. He then hit her and threatened her with a knife.

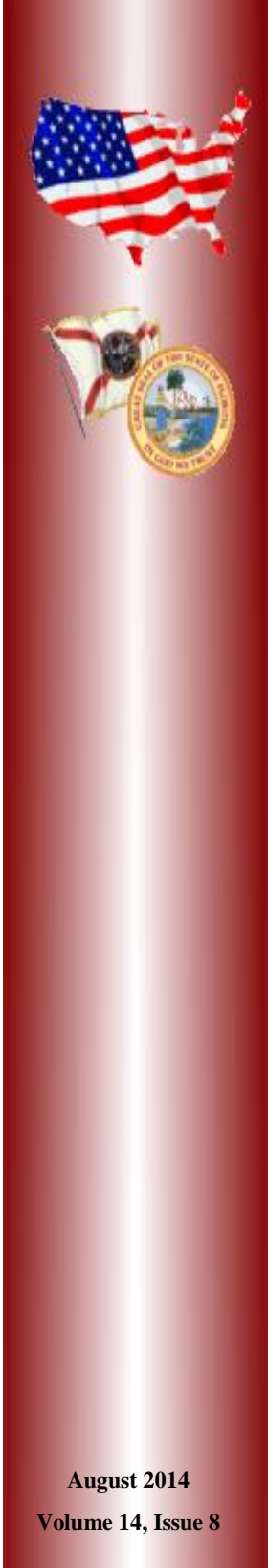
Assistant State Attorney Tyler Lovejoy handled the case. Sentencing is scheduled for October 7th.



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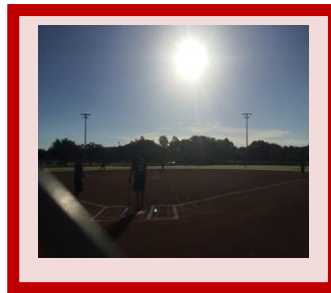
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SAO Law Enforcement Appreciation Day

We want to thank all of the law enforcement agencies who joined us July 26th for part two of the State Attorney's Office Law Enforcement Appreciation Day Softball Tournament. Our earlier event got rained out just before we were able to finish the games. The **Fort Myers Police Department** finished on top in the Upper Division. The **Charlotte County Sheriff's Office** won the Lower Division. Congratulations!



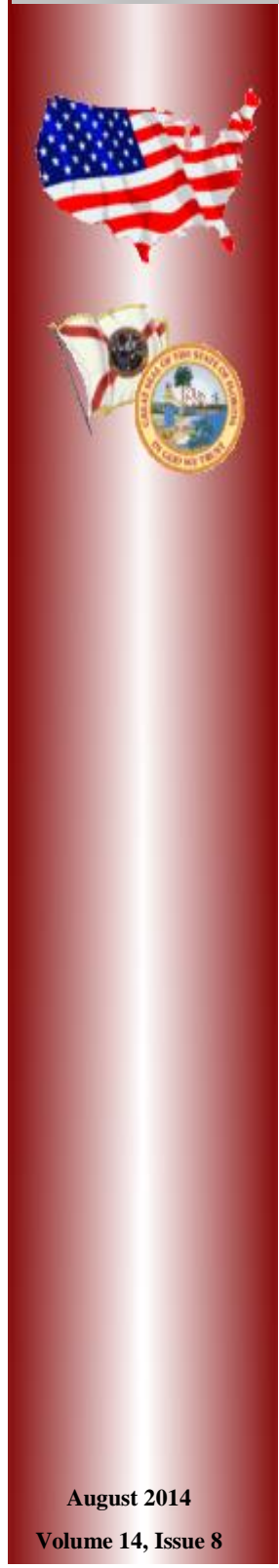
Learning About the State Attorney's Office

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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Federal Jury Scam

There is a warning out this week from the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts about a new email scam. The email requests personal information under the guise of a federal jury summons.

The email claims the person has been selected for jury duty and provides a form for personal information. It requests your birth date, mother's maiden name, cell phone number, driver's license number, and social security number.

The email threatens possible fines or jail time for anyone who fails to complete and return the form.

Prospective jurors may occasionally be contacted by telephone but personal information will never be requested that way.

This scam has already happened in at least 14 federal court districts arounds the country.

Court Phone Scam

There is a new scam being reported in our area involving a voicemail message from someone claiming to be with the Clerk of Courts.

The person claims that you owe money on a case and even provides a fake case number. They leave a phone message for you to call so you can pay the fee. The caller even claims they will show up at your door if you don't pay.

The Clerk of Courts Office will never call and demand money or use this method to collect delinquent fines or fees.

If you receive a call like this, do not return their call. Instead, call the Lee County Sheriff's Office Fraud/Scam line at 239-258-3292.





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GUILTY VERDICTS

ASA Abe Thornburg: Possession of a Firearm during the Commission of an Enumerated Felony (Attempted Second Degree Murder)

ASA's Leena Marcos and Amy D'Alessandro: Sale or Delivery of a Controlled Substance within 1,000 ft. of a School – 3 counts, Possession of Cocaine – 3 counts

ASA Richard T. Simpson: Domestic Violence Battery

ASA's Agnieszka Osowicka and Brittany Harris: Petit Theft 2nd or more

ASA Mitchell Cooper: Refusal to Test

ASA's Agnieszka Osowicka and Brittany Harris: Domestic Violence Battery, Resisting without Violence

ASA Maria Berrette: Battery – Domestic Violence

ASA's Tino Cimato and William Grauel: DUI (4th or more), Leaving the Scene of a Crash with Damage to Attended Property, Resisting or Obstructing without Violence, Refusal to Submit to Testing

ASA Matthew Roepstorff: Burglary of a Dwelling, Grand Theft

ASA Matthew Roepstorff: Robbery

ASA Devin George: Burglary of a Dwelling

ASA Tyler Lovejoy: Domestic Battery by Strangulation, Aggravated Assault with a Deadly Weapon

ASA Cameron Siggs: Throwing a Deadly Missile

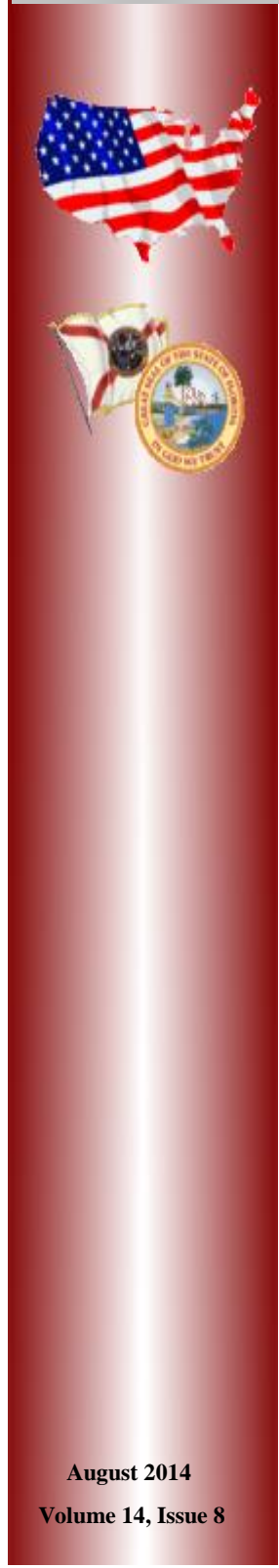




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AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES:

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 August employment anniversary dates:

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| Leah Doninger '87 | Jillian Kuykendall '07 | Katherine Rumley '09 |
| Patricia Baas '89 | Erik Leontiv '07 | Antoinette Nylander '10 |
| Jane Gingras '99 | Jonathan Martin '07 | Angelina Wright '10 |
| Kevin Smith '99 | Josephine Mazzone '07 | Tanya Starkey '11 |
| Timothy Cully '00 | Sara Miller '07 | William Grauel '12 |
| Tino Cimato '01 | James Stewart '07 | Martin Holland '12 |
| Richard Simpson '01 | Tyler Lovejoy '08 | Natalie Ramunni '12 |
| Leah Harwood '02 | Stephanie Russell '08 | Dawn Scroggins '12 |
| Suzanne Lake '04 | Lanna Belohlavek '09 | |
| Deborah Giggleman '06 | Stephanie Bendeck '09 | |
| Marilla Pauly '06 | Michael Brown '09 | |
| Jennifer Brown '07 | Kevin Dalton '09 | |

SOMETIMES THEY MAKE IT EASY

A 27-year-old from West Frankfort, Illinois got arrested after taking a selfie. She took the photo of herself in her new leopard print dress and posted it on FaceBook. The problem is the distinctive dress had been reported stolen by a boutique just a short time earlier. Her posting helped police make the connection because the store owner had also posted photos, of the stolen items online. People seeing both reported the pic.

