



# Office of the State Attorney

*Twentieth Judicial Circuit, State of Florida*  
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## The Russell Report

### 12<sup>th</sup> Annual State Attorney's Office Law Enforcement Appreciation Day Event


We want to thank everyone who participated and came out to watch this year's big event. Our 12<sup>th</sup> Annual State Attorney's Office Law Enforcement Appreciation Day Softball Tournament Event raised an estimated \$10,000 with all of the profit going to Southwest Florida Crime Stoppers.

Agencies from throughout the five county area played softball for a chance to win an Upper or Lower Division title. The men and women of law enforcement brought their families for a fun, free day on the fields. The public also came out to watch, to meet out vendors, and let the kids play at the free carnival area.

We expected rain and got it, so we will have a second day of play later this year to determine the winners.

We again want to thank the many business sponsors for this event which include:

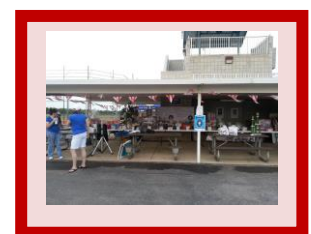
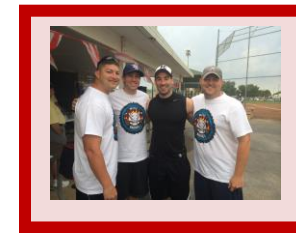
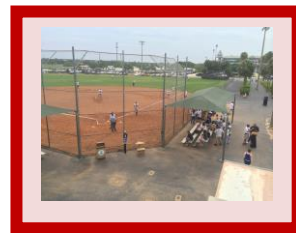
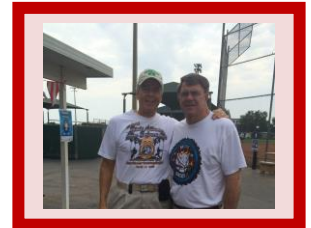
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### Economic Crimes Case

Robert Bruist was sentenced to 39 years in prison after being found guilty as charged for Aggravated White Collar Crime, First Degree Grand Theft and Fraud.

Bruist committed a number crimes involving fraud against various banks and independent living facilities in Fort Myers, Florida from 2007 to 2011.

Assistant State Attorney James D. Miller of our Economic Crimes Unit handled the case.



Robert Bruist

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### Learning About the State Attorney's Office

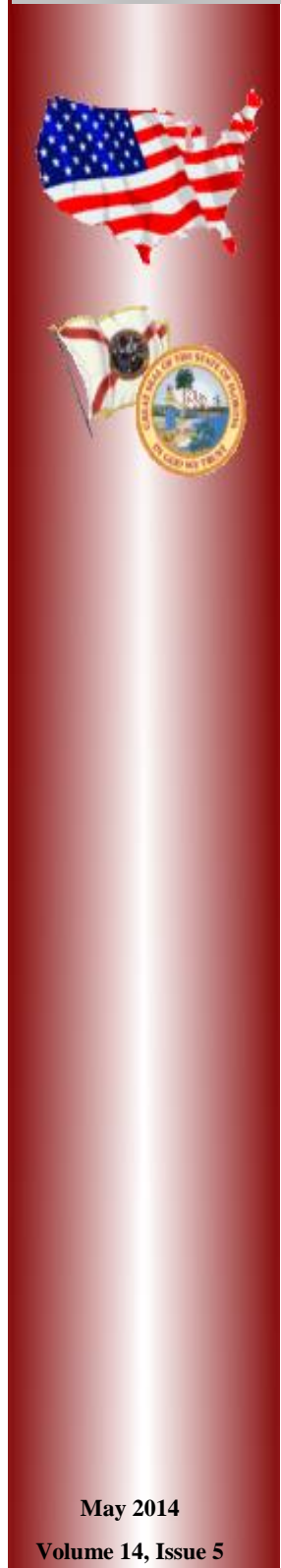
Staff members of the State Attorney's Office are available to speak to local students. Throughout the year we visit local classrooms and teach kids about what our office does and how the law works in Florida. We also invite local college students to volunteer at one of our offices throughout Southwest 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](mailto:ncruz@sao.cjis20.org) or call her at 533-1000.





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## Murder and Child Abuse Trial

Todd Akers was found guilty of First Degree Murder and Aggravated Child Abuse following a 6 day trial in Naples. He was convicted of killing 2-year-old Abigail Boran. She was the daughter of his former fiancé.

The child died of trauma to the head, including skull fractures and brain injuries.

The original trial for this case was scheduled to start in 2011 but after a judge dismissed one of the counts of an indictment, there was an appeal that took 2 years.

The State Attorney's Office called 12 witnesses during the trial. The defense called 2.

Akers is scheduled to be sentenced June 20<sup>th</sup> and faces a mandatory life sentence.

Assistant State Attorneys Steve Maresca and Dave Scuderi handled the case.



Todd Akers

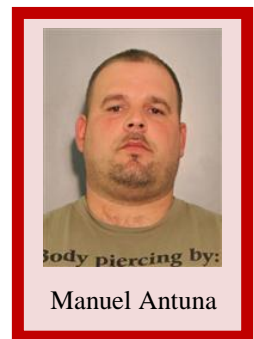
## Child Abuse Trial

Manuel Antuna was sentenced to 3 years in prison followed by 5 years of probation in a Charlotte County case. Antuna was found guilty of two counts of Aggravated Child Abuse – Malicious Punishment, both third degree felonies.

The children had many bruises and had to endure cruel punishments. Antuna was the boyfriend of the children's mother. She too was charged in this case but has not yet gone to trial.

The children are both okay now and living with a relative.

Assistant State Attorney Jennifer Garczewski handled the case.



body piercing by:  
Manuel Antuna



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### **GUILTY VERDICTS**

ASAs Steve Maresca and Dave Scuderi: First Degree Murder, Aggravated Child Abuse

ASA Cameron Siggs: Resisting or Obstructing an Officer without Violence, Fleeing to Elude A Law Enforcement Officer (Sirens and Lights Activated with High Speed or Reckless Driving)

ASAs Kyle Stublen and Martin Stark: of Trespass in a structure while armed and human in the structure, Battery, Resisting without Violence, Escape, Tampering with a Witness

ASAs Christine Cummins and John Dommerich: Burglary of a Structure and Grand Theft

ASAs Scott Patterson and Martin Stark: Accessory After the Fact (Second Degree Murder)

ASAs Erik Leontiev and Thomas Gorman: Scheme to Defraud over \$20,000

ASA JD Miller: Aggravated White Collar Crime, First Degree Grand Theft

ASA Amy S. D'Alessandro: Sale or Delivery of a Controlled Substance Within 1,000 Feet of a School and Possession of a Controlled Substance

ASA Cassie Quaglia: DUI

ASAs Sabsina Karimi and Will Grauel: DUI

ASA Paul Thomas: DUI

ASA Orion Wright: Aggravated Assault with a Firearm – Actual Possession

ASAs Matt Roepstorff and Leena Marcos: Unlawful Possession of a License, Possession of Marijuana Not More than 20 grams

ASAs Abe Thornburg and Alyssa Wolf: Possession of Paraphernalia, Possession of a Controlled Substance, Trafficking in Illegal Drugs, Resisting an Officer without Violence

ASAs Christine Cummins and Abe Thornburg: First Degree Burglary while Armed, Robbery with a Deadly Weapon, Resisting or Obstructing an Officer without Violence

ASAs Tracy Detzel and Stephanie Powers: Possession of a Controlled Substance, Possession of Paraphernalia, Escape

ASAs Kate Horst and Stephanie Powers: Fleeing to Elude

ASA Chris Klink: Grand Theft

ASAs Matthew Roepstorff and Leena Marcos: Unlawful Possession of a License, Possession of Marijuana (Under 20 grams)



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### MAY 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 May employment anniversary dates:

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|------------------------|-------------------------|
| Rosemarie Mitchell '90 | Michael Colombo Jr. '12 |
| Claudia Stewart '95    | Maria Berrette '13      |
| Faith Hall '02         | Erica Carr '13          |
| Christopher Klink '03  | Amber Datko '13         |
| Shannon Doolity '04    | Adelia Gladden '13      |
| Ronald Smith '05       | Pamela Cooke '06        |
| Ketty Martinez '06     |                         |
| Amanda Bennett '09     |                         |
| Abraham Thornburg '09  |                         |
| Erin Lee '10           |                         |
| Tammy Boring '11       |                         |
| Joseph Howard '11      |                         |

### SOMETIMES THEY MAKE IT EASY

One Texas woman had some quality complaints about her recent marijuana purchase. The woman called the police to complain about the quality of marijuana she purchased, after the dealer refused to refund her money. When the police arrived and asked her if she still had the marijuana, the woman pulled a small bag of marijuana out of her bra. Needless to say, she was arrested and ended up losing both her money and the low quality marijuana.

A Florida man who desperately did not want to go to work one morning, staged a break in at his home. The man called the police and reported that his windows were wide open and his television was on the floor. He even described in detail a vehicle leaving the scene that could have been the possible burglar. Police watched surveillance video showing the man setting up the entire break-in himself. The man was arrested for providing false information to law enforcement. It looks like he'll be spending his day off in a jail cell.