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Life in Prison

Antawone James was sentenced to life in prison for the murder of 20-year-old Armando Pagan in Fort Myers in 2012. Pagan was killed in the doorway of his apartment that he shared with his pregnant wife.

The case was handled by Assistant State Attorney Andreas Gardiner of our Homicide Unit and Assistant State Attorney Jennifer Royal.

Antawone James

Vehicular Homicide

Shannon Mitchell was found guilty as charged of Fleeing to Allude a Law Enforcement Officer, Driving While License Suspended and Vehicular Homicide for a 2013 incident. He was fleeing a state trooper after what started as a routine traffic stop on U.S. 41 in Lee County. Mitchell eneded up crashing, killing his fiancée.

Assistant State Attorneys Martin Stark of our Homicide Unit and Susan Fundermark handled the case. Sentencing is scheduled for December 1st.

Shannon Mitchell

Child Sex Case

Richard Moffitt of North Fort Myers plead no contest to Sexual Activity with a Child. He was sentenced to 5 years in prison.

Assistant State Attorney Stephanie Russell handled the case.

Murder Case

Porfirio Rivera plead guilty and was sentenced to 20.5 years in prison for Second Degree Murder. He stabbed his wife to death in her Cape Coral home in 2013.

Assistant State Attorneys John Dommerich Jr. and Anthony Kunasek handled the case.

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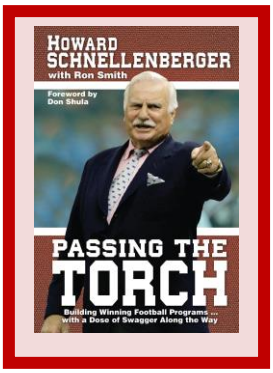
Attorney Becomes Author

We want to congratulate Assistant State Attorney and Charlotte County court chief Ron Smith on the new book he co-authored with famed college football coach Howard Schnellenberger. The book is called "Passing the Torch: Building Winning Football Programs…with a Dose of Swagger Along the Way." It looks back at the amazing career Schnellenberger has had. It's hoped that this book will help get the coach a place in the College Football Hall of Fame.



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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 an 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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Child Abuse Case

Victoria Page-Martin was sentenced to 12 years in prison followed by 10 years of state probation for Aggravated Child Abuse and Child Neglect Causing Great Bodily Harm, Permanent Disfigurement or Permanent Injury.

Page-Martin injured her 25 day old son and waited hours to take him to the hospital. He had internatal injuries, from leg fractures to brain injuries. The child survived but will need medical care for the rest of his life.

Assistant State Attorneys Jill Cabai and Amanda Brown in our Hendry County office handled the case.

Victoria Page-Martin

DUI Manslaughter

Andrea Kidder, of Collier County, was sentenced to 6 years in prison followed by 15 years probation after pleading no contest to DUI Manslaughter.

Kidder crashed on I-75 in 2009 killed a 22-year-old woman and injuring a 19-year-old.

Assistant State Attorneys Mara Marzano and Cassandra Quaglia handled the case.

Andrea Kidder

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GUILTY VERDICTS

ASA's John Dommerich Jr. and Matt Roepstorff: Robbery with a Weapon

ASA Jonathan Martin: Fleeing or Attempting to Elude

ASA's John Dommerich Jr. and Anthony Kunasek: Second Degree Murder

ASA's Andrew Woodliff and Lindsay Scott: Domestic Violence Battery

ASA's Chris Cummins and Erin Hughes: DUI .15 or more

ASA Sara Hall: Driving While License Suspended or Revoked, third or more

ASA Cassandra Quaglia: Petit Theft (Retail)

ASA's Cassandra Quaglia: Resisting or Obstructing without Violence

ASA Joshua Fredrickson: Indecent Exposure

ASA's Joshua Fredrickson and Jose Nunez: DUI 1st

ASA Caitlin Sorenson: Battery

ASA's John Grochowski and Andrew Woodliff: Battery (Domestic Violence)

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OCTOBER 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 October employment anniversary dates:

Bonnie Alderman '76	Cynthia Rebholz-Rubin '09	David Keating '11
Jacqueline Maurer '95	Oneyda Rodriguez '09	Erica Luster '11
Rich Montecalvo '95	Jennifer Royal '09	Matthew Roepstorff '11
Carrie Pollock '99	Susan Summey '09	Melissa Rosario '11
Sharon McKart '01	Danielle Butler '10	Jessica Hamernik '12
Patti Anne Pekar '04	Hope Darda '10	Rosemary Harlem-Wood '12
Susan Fundermark '06	William Dorman III '10	Sabsina Karimi '12
Jennifer Gutmore '07	Ashley Hossack '10	Cassandra Quaglia '12
JoAnn Boreland '09	Hanna Renna '10	
Erin Martin '09	Liseth Florimon '11	
Rebecca McConnell '09	Jeannine Goodison '11	

SOMETIMES THEY MAKE IT EASY

A patient getting out of a Phoenix hospital didn't have a ride home, so he stole an ambulance! A firefighter had been sitting in the back and was able to jump out to safety. A GPS tracker on the ambulance helped police locate it. The man got a new means or transportation to the jail, in the back of a patrol car.

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A man in Massachussets had a little too much to drink and got hungry. Instead of ordering a pizza or maybe heading to a local restaurant, he broke into someone's home. He rifled through the kitchen and found some corn and proceeded to start cooking it on the stove. The homeowner found the man in his kitchen and wrestled him to the ground and then called police. Perhaps he managed to get some food after being booked at the jail.

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