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Child Sex Case

Defendant Miguel Ixcotoyac will receive mandatory life in prison on two counts when he is sentenced on March 20th. The 25-year-old was found guilty following a two day trial in Naples of two counts of Capital Sexual Battery of a Victim Less than 12 Years of Age and two counts of Promoting the Sexual Performance of a Child.

The defendant videotaped himself having sexual intercourse with a 5-year-old and an 8-year-old girl. He shot the video on his cellphone and then lost his phone while in California.

The phone was found and was turned into law enforcement after the person who found it saw what was on the phone. Investigators then worked diligently and were able to link the phone to Ixcotoyac.

He was picked up in California, interviewed, and admitted to committing the crimes. He was then extradited back to Southwest Florida.

Assistant State Attorneys Deborah Cunningham and Mara Marzano handled this case. We want to thank them for their hard work. Both of the child victims testified at trial which made this an even more sensitive case to work on.



Miguel Ixcotoyac

Attempted Murder Case

Jarrett German was found guilty as charged on both counts of Attempted Second Degree Murder with actual possession and discharge of a firearm.

Just after the verdict was read the defendant tried to run from the courtroom but was apprehended by bailiffs. Sentencing is scheduled for March 31st. Assistant State Attorney Orion Wright handled the case.



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Mock Trial Teams Win

We want to congratulate the Charlotte High School Mock Trial team again as they won first place in several categories at the regional competition. They won “Best Plaintiff Attorney,” “Best Plaintiff Witness,” “Best Opening Statement,” and “Best Closing Argument.” They were coached by Assistant State Attorneys Kyle Stublen, Kate Horst and Stephanie Powers. The team goes to the state competition next week.

We also want to congratulate the Fort Myers High School Mock Trial team. They came in second in the regional competition after winning the county competition! They were coached by Assistant State Attorney Cameron Sigs. Assistant State Attorneys Matt Roepstorff and Natalie Sorvino helped in the process as well.



Fort Myers High School Mock Trial Team

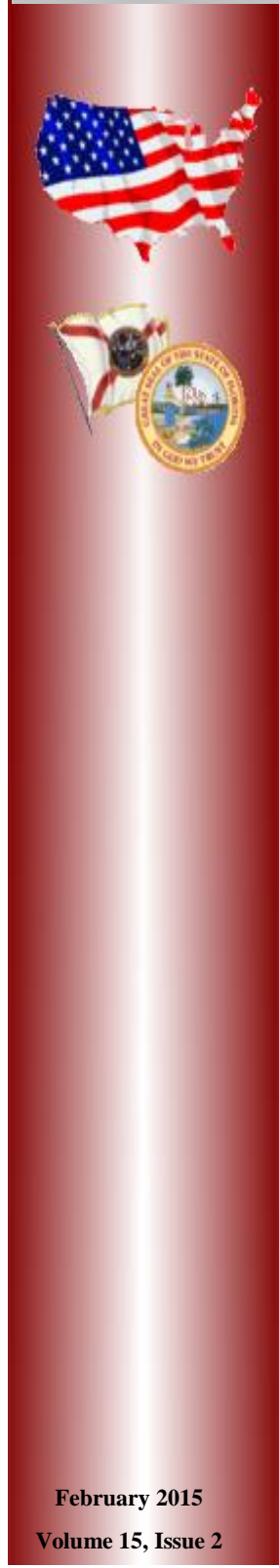
Learning About the State Attorney’s Office

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 Pornography Case

Dion Desjardins was sentenced to 7 years in prison for one count of Possession of Child Pornography with Enhancement and 9 counts of Possession of Child Pornography. Prison will be followed by 8 years of sex offender probation.

He is also now a registered sex offender and had to provide a DNA sample. Desjardins also had to pay about \$800 in related court costs.

Assistant State Attorney Tracy Detzel in our Charlotte County office handled the case.

Armed Robbery

Jean Elie Jacques was found guilty as charged following a one day trial in Fort Myers. Jacques was found guilty of Robbery with a Firearm (PBL- punishable by life) and Dealing in Stolen Property. This involved an armed robbery of a convenience store in Fort Myers.

Sentencing is scheduled for April 14th. Assistant State Attorney Orion Wright handled the case.

Jacques has other cases with our office involving other armed robberies.

Law Enforcement Appreciation Day

We are seeking sponsors for the 13th Annual State Attorney's Office Law Enforcement Appreciation Day Softball Tournament Event.

The event is May 9, 2015 at the Lee County Sports Complex. It's a free day of fun for law enforcement and their families. It's also open to the public.

Agencies from across Southwest Florida will be competing in 4 softball games on 4 fields throughout the day. There will also be carnival games, sponsor tables, great food and amazing raffle prizes.

If you want to learn about sponsorship opportunities, contact Communications Director Samantha Syoen at 239-533-1000.

All of the proceeds benefit Southwest Florida Crime Stoppers.





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GUILTY VERDICTS

ASA's Bob Lee and Abe Thornburg: Second Degree Murder with Actual Possession and Discharge Causing Death, Robbery

ASA Orion Wright: Attempted Second Degree Murder with Actual Possession and Discharge of a Firearm

ASA's Deborah Cunningham and Mara Marzano: Capital Sexual Battery of a Victim Less than 12 Years of Age – 2 counts, Promoting a Sexual Performance by a Child – 2 counts

ASA Orion Wright: Robbery with a Firearm, Dealing in Stolen Property

ASA John Grochowski: Retail Petit Theft

ASA's Agnieszka Osowicka and Ronald Dente: Resisting without Violence

ASA Lindsay Scott: Criminal Mischief More than \$200

ASA's Connie Serrano and Andrea Ciervo Canizares: Resisting an Officer without Violence

ASA Amy D'Alessandro: Battery, Throwing a Deadly Missile in a Building

ASA Mitchell Cooper: Resisting an Officer without Violence, Battery

ASA Sara Hall: Fleeing and Eluding

ASA Caitlin Sorenson: Battery, Criminal Mischief

ASA's Nabeel Basit and Jose Nunez: Battery

ASA Lindsay Scott: Possession of Marijuana, Possession of Paraphernalia

ASA Caitlin Sorenson: Battery

ASA Brad Willard: Battery

ASA Caitlin Sorenson: Resisting without Violence

ASA's Mitchell Cooper and John Grochowski: DUI 3rd more than 10 years, Refusal to Submit to Testing

ASA's Laura Mason and Nabeel Basit: Open Container





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FEBRUARY 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 February employment anniversary dates:

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| Sheri Raybuck '88 | Brant Gederian '08 |
| Bernadette Miller '91 | Christina Gray '08 |
| Deborah Cunningham '00 | LeWanda Smith '07 |
| Raymond Huska '01 | Shirley Benitez '11 |
| Betty McGuire '01 | Penny Young '11 |
| Tammera Wilson '02 | Brian Mortenson '11 |
| Gary Phillips '05 | Pamela Hanley '12 |
| Lori Lucas '07 | Aileen Garcia '14 |
| Orion Wright '07 | Anthony Vasquez '15 |

SOMETIMES THEY MAKE IT EASY

A quarter heist turned into so much more in Seattle. A man was trying to steal quarters from a soda machine in the laundry room of an apartment complex. A resident caught him in the act so the man blocked the door to the laundry and then tried to get away. There were no windows so he started by cutting a hole in the drywall. He then had to stop cutting because he hit the basement masonry wall. He then decided to try to crawl out of a tiny vent but got trapped and called for help. Firefighters were called to the scene and were able to cut him free. When they asked the quarter thief if he needed medical attention, all he said was "heroin." His request was denied and he was promptly taken to jail.