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**Life in Prison**

Lee County resident Madison Mobley was found guilty of Second Degree Murder with a Firearm and sentenced to life in prison. Mobley is 85 years old.

Mobley killed his 26-year-old provider because he believed she may have stolen some money from him. The woman ran from him as he went after her with a gun. He ultimately shot her and she died in his front doorway.

The jury returned a verdict in an hour and 35 minutes. Assistant State Attorneys Andreas Gardiner and Gerry Olivo handled the case.



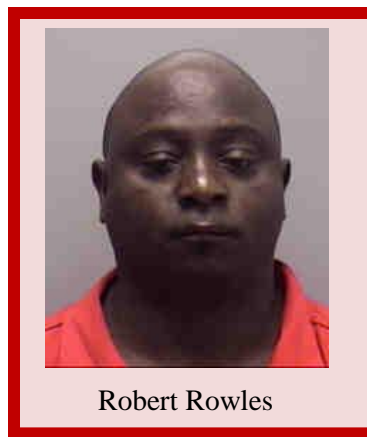
Madison Mobley

**Life in Prison**

Robert Rowles was sentenced to life in prison after being found guilty of Sexual Battery on a Child Under 12. In this case he lured a child to his car and sexually assaulted her.

Rowles has prior convictions for Lewd Sexual Battery and Lewd Fondling in Lee county back in 1993 as well as Sexual Battery in Duval County in 1999. He served almost 16 years in prison for both of those crimes in the past.

Assistant State Attorneys Abe Thornbug and Stephanie Russell handled this recent case.



Robert Rowles

**Economic Crime**

Charlotte County resident Volney Cothorn was sentenced to 9 months in jail followed by 10 years of probation for writing 5 bad checks. He cashed the checks at a cash checking store that he had been a customer at. He has to make full restitution as part of his sentence for the checks which total \$68,250. Assistant State Attorney J.D. Miller of the Economic Crimes Unit handled the case.



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**School Bus Hero**

For this month's Good Neighbor Award we are honoring 11-year-old Collier County resident Jackson Bonar. Jackson saved the life of all of those on his Oakridge Middle school bus after jumping into action when the school bus driver passed out behind the wheel. Jackson was able to stop the bus after steering it to a stop and putting his foot on the break. His quick thinking turned what could have been a tragedy into a very different outcome. We are proud to have young citizens like brave Jackson in our community and want to honor him for a job well done. We are also told the school bus driver has recovered.

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**Law Enforcement Softball Tournament**

The 11<sup>th</sup> Annual State Attorney's Office Law Enforcement Appreciation Day Softball Tournament is May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2013. All of the proceeds from the event go to support Southwest Florida Crime Stoppers. If you are interested in being a business sponsor please contact Samantha Syoen, Communications Director for the State Attorney's Office at 239-533-1125.

**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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## Domestic Violence Cases

Naples Assistant State Attorneys Tom Gorman and Mara Marzano received a guilty verdict in their case against Carmen Gomez, Jr. for Felony Battery. This was a domestic violence case which was tried without the cooperation of the victim. Sentencing in this case is scheduled for November 26.

There was another guilty verdict in a different domestic violence case in Naples on the same day against Larry Tyrone Moore. He was found guilty of Aggravated Battery on a Pregnant Victim, Battery and False Imprisonment.

In this case, the victim would also not participate but there was another evidence to go forward. This case was handled by prosecutors James Stewart and Mara Marzano. Sentencing for this case is also scheduled for November 26.



Carmen Gomez Jr.



Larry Tyrone Moore

## Drive Thru DUI

John Alex Kurtz was found guilty of Driving Under the Unfluence – 2<sup>nd</sup> offense after being found drunk in a McDonald’s drive thru in LaBelle.

He was passed out in his car so employees had to push his car out of the drive thru. When police got to the scene they did field sobriety tests on the defendant and due to his poor performance, arrested him.

The defendant claimed he had been using synthetic marijuana, but according to the officer on scene, Kurtz smelled like beer. He also had 5 empty beer cans in his car and admitted just coming from a bar in Clewiston.

The jury only took 10 minutes to come back with a guilty verdict. Assistant State Attorney Christina Berkowicz handled the case.

## Leaving the Scene of a Crash

Michelle Cobham was found guilty of Leaving the Scene of a Crash following a one day trial in Punta Gorda. Assistant State Attorneys Garrick Soja and Caitlin Sorenson handled the case.

The defendant had crashed into someone’s home and then fled the scene. She was found two intersections away from where the crash occurred after her car broke down. The jury came back with a guilty verdict in 22 minutes.

Cobham was sentenced to 6 months of probation, court costs, cost of prosecution, 60 community service hours, a \$100 fine and also must attend driving school.



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### **GUILTY VERDICTS**

ASA Cameron Siggs: Burglary of a Dwelling, Grand Theft with a Firearm and Petit Theft

ASAs James Stewart and Mara Marzano: Aggravated Battery on a Pregnant Victim, Battery and False Imprisonment

ASA Cameron Siggs: Burglary of a Dwelling, Grand Theft

ASAs Tom Gorman and Mara Marzano: Felony Battery

ASA Cameron Siggs: Battery on a Law Enforcement Officer, Resisting an Officer with Violence and Willfull and Wanton Reckless Driving

ASA Christina Berkowicz: DUI – 2<sup>nd</sup>

ASAs Jennifer Toussaint and Leanna Seidlich: DUI

ASAs Garrick Soja and Caitlin Sorenson: Leaving the Scene of a Crash

ASAs Caitlin Sorenson and Richard Simpson: Aggravated Assault with a Deadly Weapon on a Person 65 or Older, Battery on a Person 65 or Older

ASAs Erik Leontiv and Kate Rumley: Burglary with Battery

ASA Orion Wright: Felony Battery

ASA Martin Bowman: Possession of Marijuana under 20 grams, Possession of Paraphernalia

ASA Tino Cimato: Trafficking in Cocaine – 200 grams or more, Trafficking in Cocaine – 28 grams or more (5 counts)

ASAs Garrick Soja and Caitlin Sorenson: Leaving the Scene of a Crash

ASAs Andrew Woodliff and Molly Tandy: Possession of Oversized Fish

ASAs Garrick Soja and Kyle Stublen: DUI

ASAs Molly Tandy and Caitlin Sorenson: Trespass other Structure or Conveyance – Notice by Actual Communication

ASAs Kyle Stublen and Garrick Soja: DUI – 3<sup>rd</sup> Outside of 10 Years



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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:

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|------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|
| Bonita Alderman '76    | Erin Martin '09           | Hanna Renna '10        |
| Lise Plattner '79      | Oneyda Rodriguez '09      | Jeannine Goodison '11  |
| Jacqueline Maurer '95  | JoAnn Boreland '09        | Erica Luster '11       |
| Richard Montecalvo '95 | Rebecca McConnell '09     | Matthew Roepstorff '11 |
| Carrie Pollock '99     | Cynthia Rubin-Rebholz '09 | Melissa Rosario '11    |
| Sharon McKart '01      | Jennifer Royal '09        | Amy Marchand '11       |
| Patti Pekar '04        | Suzanne DeCopain '09      | Anna Alvarez '11       |
| Susan Dendy '06        | Hope Foster '10           | Danais Diaz '11        |
| Jennifer Gutmore '07   | Danielle Butler '10       | Liseth Florimon '11    |
| Susan Summey '09       | William Dorman III '10    | David Keating '11      |
| Kerianne Sutton '09    | Ashley Jarboe '10         | David Johnson '12      |

**SOMETIMES THEY MAKE IT EASY**

A St. Lucie County woman was arrested for attacking her husband with a bag of ice cream after seeing him at a drug store with another woman. The 45-year-old nurse was so mad after spotting her husband she grabbed the first thing that was handy, which was the ice cream they just bought. After she finished hitting him with the bag she used her fists and car keys. She was charged with battery.

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A Massachusetts man got arrested after trying to take out his anger on a pair of designer jeans. The 22-year-old was mad when his girlfriend received a text from another man. So he grabbed a \$200 pair of her jeans and threatened to destroy them. When the concerned girlfriend confronted him, he was standing in his front yard holding up the expensive jeans which were now covered in wasabi sauce. He threw them in her face and then tried to take her cell phone. He was charged with domestic assault, battery and assault.