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Murder Case

William Albury was found guilty Second Degree Murder with a Firearm following a Lee County trial. He shot and killed his roommate, Judy Kibblin.

Assistant State Attorney Andreas Gardiner of our Homicide Unit and Stephanie Russell handled the case.



William Albury

Hendry Murder Case

Damon Pewo was found guilty of Second Degree Murder following a three day trial in Hendry County for a 2009 case.

Assistant State Attorney Bob Lee from our Homicide Unit and Stephanie Bendeck handled the case.

Economic Crime Cases

Bonnie Denning was sentenced to 6 years in prison followed by 24 years of probation for First Degree Grand Theft. She was also ordered to pay \$672,917 in restitution. She worked at a local golf store and embezzled money from the business. She would use a company debit card and order personal items ranging from clothing to diet pills.

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

In an unrelated case, Eliot Lopez was sentenced to one year in jail followed by 5 years of probation for stealing items from Lee Memorial Health Park and selling them on Ebay. He must also make \$13,568 in restitution. Lopez was an LPN at the hospital. ASA Miller also handled this case.



Bonnie Denning



Eliot Lopez

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Habitat for Humanity

A group of our State Attorney’s Office staff spent a recent Saturday volunteering with Habitat for Humanity. Six prosecutors spent a portion of the day putting up and tying down trusses to help complete a roof. They worked on two homes in North Fort Myers to help get them ready for local families in need. Assistant State Attorney Anthony Kunasek says it was a fun day for all of the volunteers. We appreciate their hard work and dedication to helping the citizens of Southwest Florida, not only in the courtroom but also in their down time. Thank you prosecutors Kunasek, Stephanie Russell, Abe Thornburg, Jerry Olivo, Kevin Dalton, and Lanna Belohlavek.



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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Big Event Saturday

May 11th at the Lee County Sports Complex is the 11th Annual State Attorney's Office Law Enforcement Appreciation Day Softball Tournament. It's from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. and is open to the public. It's a free day of fun for everyone involved.

The event is a day to honor law enforcement and to give them time to just relax and play ball. Business sponsors make the event possible.

All of the proceeds go to Southwest Florida Crime Stoppers. The organization helps all law enforcement by allowing people to call in anonymous tips to help get the area's most wanted off the streets.

There are 14 different teams playing in the tournament representing close to 20 agencies. They are competing for an Upper and Lower Division Championship title.

There will be a carnival and bounce house for the kids. There is also a vacation being given away at 4 p.m. Everyone attending gets a free entry and you must be there to win.

We want to thank everyone who helped make this event possible and hope everyone has a great time.

Thank you to our event sponsors

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Key West Express

Suncoast Beverage Sales

Terry Wynter Auto Service

Golf Galaxy

Pro Files Salon

Naples Zoo

Norman Love Confections

Sam's Club

LCEC

McGinnis Bail Bonds

Coconut Point Hyatt



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GUILTY VERDICTS

ASAs Bob Lee and Daniel Setlow: Second Degree Murder with a Firearm

ASAs Deborah Cunningham and Ashli Stewart: Second Degree Murder

ASA Dan Feinberg: Manslaughter with a Firearm

ASA Michael Colombo: Possession of a Sandbar Shark, Interfering with an FWC Officer's Investigation, Violation of FWC Rules – Spearing a Shark, Violation of FWC Rules – Use of a Powerhead to Harvest

ASAs Andreas Gardiner and Connie Serrano: Second Degree Murder with a Firearm

ASA Danielle Butler: Robbery

ASA Martin Holland: Battery

ASAs Kate Rumley and Lisa Mead: Burglary with Battery, Resisting an Officer without Violence

ASAs Sabsina Karimi and Nabeel Basit: Leaving the Scene of a Crash (Unattended Property)

ASAs Deborah Cunningham and Jennifer Brown: Aggravated Stalking of a Minor

ASA Richard T. Simpson: Aggravated Battery

ASAs Justin Chapman and Will Dorman: Sale of Delivery of Cocaine within 1,000 ft. of a Park

ASAs Leena Marcos and Noelle Cella: DUI 2nd or More/.15 or higher

ASA Maria DeMoya: Affray, Resisting an Officer with Violence

ASA Christina Berkowicz: Possession of Marijuana under 20 grams

ASAs Michael Colombo and Bianca Bentley: DUI Alcohol Damage Person/Property

ASA Jennifer Royal: False Verification of Ownership or Identification to a Pawnbroker, Dealing in Stolen Property

ASAs Andreas Gardiner and Stephanie Russell: Second Degree Murder with a Firearm

ASAs Stephanie Powers and Jennifer Garczewski: Sexual Battery, Child Less than 12 – 2 counts, Lewd and Lascivious Molestation, Lewd and Lascivious Exhibition

ASAs Garrick Soja and Scott Patterson: Battery on a Law Enforcement Officer, Resisting an Officer without Violence



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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 | R. Ian MacLaren '09 |
| Lara Fearn's '94 | Abraham Thornburg '09 |
| Claudia Stewart '95 | Lainya Gaydash '10 |
| Kathryn Wilson '01 | Erin Lee '10 |
| Faith Hall '02 | Tammy Boring '11 |
| Christopher Klink '03 | Joseph Howard '11 |
| Shannon Doolity '04 | Michael Colombo, Jr. '12 |
| Carol Kebrdle '05 | Wendy Harrison '12 |
| Ronald Smith '05 | Robert Tamras '12 |
| Pamela Cooke '06 | |
| Ketty Martinez '06 | |
| Amanda Bennett '09 | |

SOMETIMES THEY MAKE IT EASY

A South Carolina man was arrested after police found out he was using a Pac-Man arcade game to get high. The 40-year-old was pulled over during an undercover investigation and the large old-style video game was found to be stuffed with bags of marijuana. He cooled his Pac-Man fever sitting in a jail cell with a \$75,000 bail set. It is likely not the high score he was looking for.

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A gang of thieves in the United Kingdom used Facebook to constantly post photos of everything they had stolen. One gang member even posed on top of a stolen Range Rover and posted messages boasting about his newly found wealth. Another put a pile of cash between two slices of bread and pretended to be eating it. They are accused of stealing more than a quarter million dollars worth of items. In this case, a picture was worth far more than one thousand words. It was enough to get each of them decades in prison. The ringleader and most avid photographer was sentenced to 30 years.

