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Life in Prison

Michael Perez was sentenced to life in prison after being found guilty of Second Degree Murder with a Firearm. The 26-year-old killed 29-year-old Angel Espinosa at the Tarpon Street Pier in Fort Myers in 2012.

Deputy Chief Assistant State Attorney Amira Fox and Assistant State Attorney Andreas Gardiner of our Homicide Unit handled the case.



Michael Perez

Life in Prison – Child Sex Crimes

Nicholas Perez-Ruiz was sentenced to 4 life sentences following a jury trial in Lee County. After just 35 minutes of deliberating, the jury found him guilty of Sexual Battery on a Child Less than 12 Years of Age and two counts of Lewd or Lascivious Molestation.

Assistant State Attorneys Tyler Lovejoy and Natalie Savino handled the case.



Nicholas Perez-Ruiz

Stalking Case

Mark Kfoury was found guilty of Aggravated Stalking – Violation of a Protection Order for sending more than 20,000 emails to a Sanibel woman. He faces up to 5 years in prison when he is sentenced in December.

Assistant State Attorneys Tyler Lovejoy and Michael Colombo handled the case.



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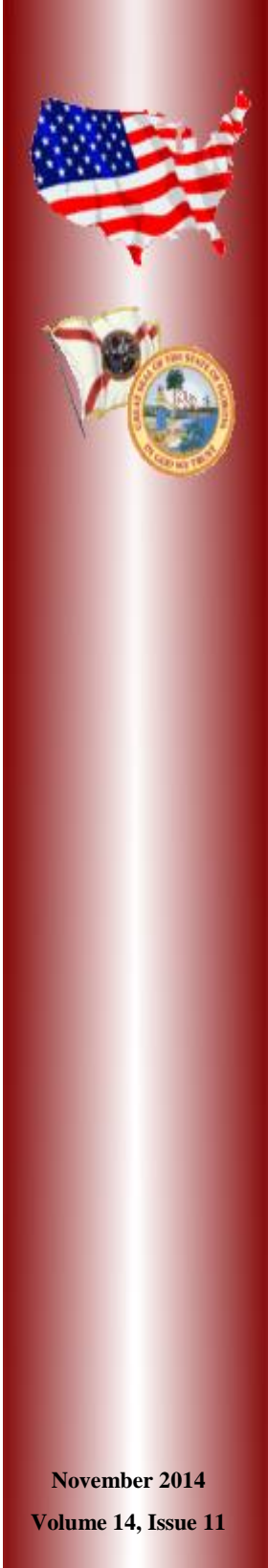
Holiday Closure

The State Attorney's Office will be closed November 27th and 28th for the Thanksgiving holiday.



Learning About the State Attorney's Office

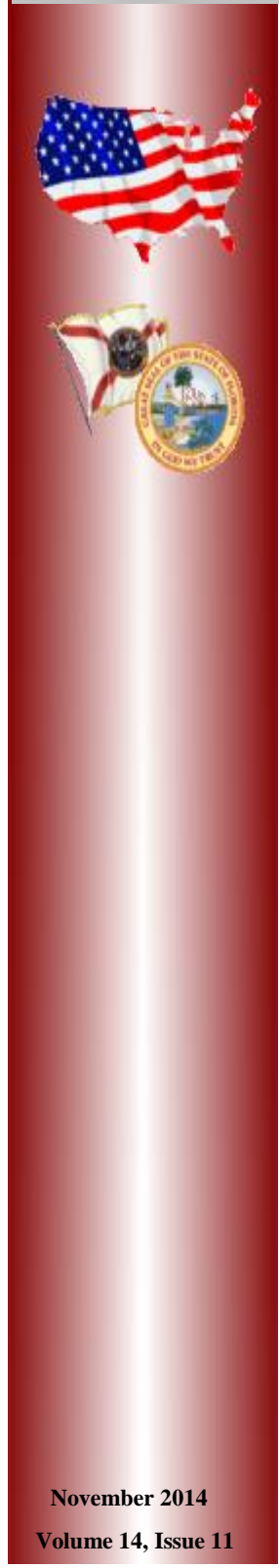
Staff members of the State Attorney's Office are available to speak to local students. Throughout the year we visit local classrooms and teach kids about what our office does and how the law works in Florida. We also invite local college students to volunteer at one of our offices throughout Southwest 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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Collier Murder Case

Juan Barrientos was sentenced to 40 years in prison for the 2009 murder of Roberto Avalos. He was found guilty of First Degree Murder and Robbery with a Deadly Weapon. Barrientos was 17 years old at the time of the crime.

His co-defendant 18-year-old Jesus Garza was sentenced to 50 years in prison. Assistant State Attorney Mara Marzano in our Collier County office handled the case.



Juan Barrientos



Jesus Garza

Deadly Crash

Frank Alexander Pizzurro faces up to 30 years in prison when he is sentenced on December 15th. He was found guilty as charged of Leaving the Scene of a Crash Involving Death.

Pizzurro hit a man with his vehicle who had been walking along U.S. 41 and Page Field in Lee County and fled the scene. He later claimed he thought he hit an animal.

Assistant State Attorneys Amy D'Alessandro and Matthew Roepstorff handled the case.



Frank Pizzurro



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GUILTY VERDICTS

ASA Amira Fox and Andreas Gardiner: Second Degree Murder with a Firearm

ASA's Tyler Lovejoy and Natalie Savino: Sexual Battery, Child Less than 12 years of Age, Lewd or Lascivious Molestation – 3 counts

ASA's Amy D' Alessandro and Matt Roepstorff: Leaving the Scene of a Crash Involving Death

ASA Mitchell Cooper: Resisting an Officer without Violence, Possession of Marijuana, Possession of Paraphernalia

ASA Jonathan Martin: Petit Theft Second Degree, Robbery

ASA Hanna Renna: Grand Theft of a Motor Vehicle, Battery – 2 counts, Driving While License Suspended or Revoked

ASA Jonathan Martin: Willfull and Wanton Reckless Driving, Driving While License Suspended, No Registration

ASA's Mitchell Cooper and Lindsay Scott: Improper Exhibition of a Firearm, DUI

ASA Matt Roepstorff: Attempted Second Degree Arson – Structure

ASA's Scott Patterson and Stephanie Powers: Trafficking

ASA Leena Marcos: Sale of a Controlled Substance within 1,000 feet of a Public Park, Possession of a Controlled Substance

ASA Andrew Woodliff: Trespass of an Occupied Structure

ASA's Heather Searcy and Martin Holland: Resisting an Officer with Violence

ASA's Michelle Cooper and John Grochowski: DUI Second (.08)

ASA Amy D'Alessandro: Fleeing or Attempting to Elude an Officer, Possession of Paraphernalia, Trafficking in Illegal Drugs, Possession of a Controlled Substance

ASA's Andrew Woodliff and Lindsay Scott: Willfull and Wanton Reckless Driving Charge

ASA Alyssa Wolf: Sale or Delivery of a Controlled Substance, Possession of a Controlled Substance





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NOVEMBER 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 November employment anniversary dates:

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| Bonnie Moore '79 | Lisa Buck '12 |
| Susan Anderson '98 | Joshua Fredrickson '13 |
| J S. Purdy '99 | Melissa Medley '13 |
| Mara Marzano '00 | Jessica Rimes '13 |
| Nancy Baker '03 | Ashley Williams '13 |
| Daniel Santiago '05 | |
| Sarah Cimato '06 | |
| Laura Farrell '06 | |
| Daniel Setlow '06 | |
| Keith Munzert '08 | |
| Scott Patterson '08 | |
| Dawn Finger '09 | |

SOMETIMES THEY MAKE IT EASY

A Los Angeles woman was upset her boyfriend had recently broken up with her so she climbed down his chimney. The 30-year-old got stuck making her way down, neighbors heard someone crying and called police. Several hours and a lot of dish soap later, the woman was freed from her hiding spot at her ex's house. She was then given a new spot to hang out, the county jail.

A woman in Texas was so upset that her corn dog was microwaved at her neighborhood hot dog stand that she pulled out a knife. She threatened to stab the clerk who quickly called police. When they arrived they found the crazed corn dog customer had stabbed the counter a few times. There is no word on what her reaction was to her meals in jail.

