




## Stephen B. Russell, State Attorney

### The Russell Report



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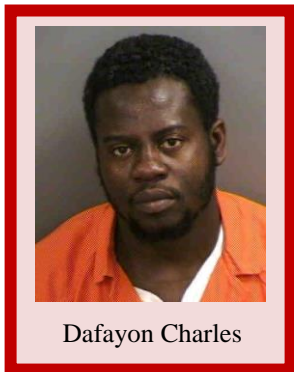
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#### Lewd Case

Dafayon Charles was found guilty as charged of two counts of Lewd or Lascivious Battery, one count of Lewd Molestation and one count of Failure to Appear.

Assistant State Attorneys Deb Cunningham and Kate Rumley in our Naples office handled the case. Sentencing is scheduled for May 15<sup>th</sup>.



Dafayon Charles

#### DUI Case

Mary Jones was found guilty as charged following a trial in Fort Myers. She will be sentenced in June for 2 counts of DUI – Serious Bodily Injury, 2 counts of Possession of a Controlled Substance, 2 counts of Possession of Marijuana, and 2 counts of Possession of Paraphernalia.

Assistant State Attorney Jennifer Gutmore handled the case.

#### Career Criminal Sentenced

David Bustos was sentenced as a Career Criminal to Life in Prison for Robbery with a Firearm as a Prison Release Reoffender. He also received 15 years for Possession of a Firearm by a Convicted Felon, and 10 years for two counts of Aggravated Assault with a Firearm. All of those charges were with the Prison Release Reoffender enhancement as well.

Bustos was released from prison on March 1, 2014 after serving a 21 month prison sentence for Burglary of a Structure and Possession of Burglary Tools. Just about three months later he robbed a man of \$5,000 in Immokalee. He was quickly apprehended by several witnesses and held until deputies arrived.

The 29-year-old was found guilty at a jury trial on all of his newest charges. Assistant State Attorneys Sara Hall and Lisa Mead in our Naples office handled the case.

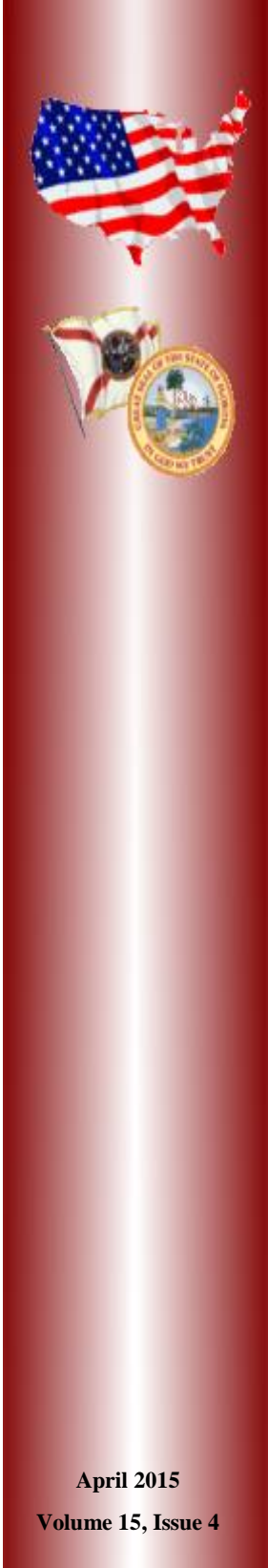


David Bustos



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### **Holiday Closing**

The State Attorney's Office will be closed Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup> for Memorial Day.



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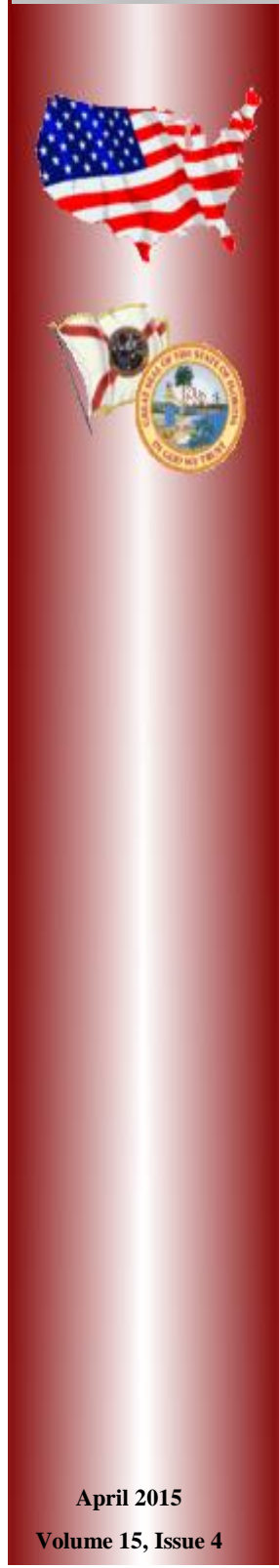
### **Learning About the State Attorney's Office**

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](mailto:ncruz@sao.cjis20.org) or call her at 533-1000.



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## Law Enforcement Appreciation Day

We are seeking sponsors for the 13<sup>th</sup> 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.

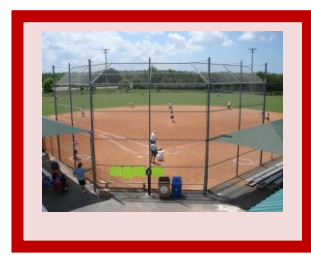
If you want to learn about sponsorship opportunities, contact Communications Director Samantha Syoen at 239-533-1000.

All of the proceeds benefit Southwest Florida Crime Stoppers.



We want to thank the following agencies for signing up with teams for this year's big day.

- Florida Highway Patrol
- Fort Myers Police Department
- Punta Gorda Police Department
- Glades County Sheriff's Office
- Lee County Port Authority Police
- Naples Police Department
- FWC
- FDLE
- Lee County Sheriff's Office
- Collier County Sheriff's Office
- Cape Coral Police Department





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### **GUILTY VERDICTS**

ASA Brian Mortenson and Jennifer Toussaint: Aggravated Battery

ASA's Jennifer Brown and Steve Maresca: Lewd or Lascivious Molestation

ASA's Deb Cunningham and Kate Rumley: Lewd or Lascivious Battery, Lewd Molestation, Failure to Appear

ASA John Dommerich Jr.: Battery on a Person 65 Years or Older

ASA's Jennifer Toussaint and Will Grauel: Indecent Exposure

ASA Caitlin Sorenson: Possession of Alcohol by a Person Under 21 Years of Age

ASA's Mitchell Cooper and John Grochowski: Refusal to Submit to Testing

ASA's Andrew Woodliff and Lindsay Scott: Leaving Scene of Crash

ASA Francine Donnorummo: Sexual Battery

ASA's Natalie Savino and Brad Willard: Cultivation of Cannabis, Possession of Paraphernalia, Possession of a Place with the Knowledge of Manufacture of a Controlled Substance

ASA's Natalie Savino and Susan Fundermark: Burglary of a Structure, Petit Theft (three or more)

ASA's Jennifer Toussaint and Will Grauel: DUI

ASA's Natalie Savino and Anthony Kunasek: Sale of a Controlled Substance within 1,000 ft. of a Place of Worship, Possession of a Controlled Substance

ASA's John Grochowski and Andrew Barnett: Resisting an Officer without Violence

ASA Amy D'Alessandro: Trafficking in Illegal Drugs 28 grams or more, Resisting/Obstructing an Officer without Violence

ASA Paul Thomas: Resisting without Violence

ASA Ron Dente: Battery

ASA Michael Colombo: Resisting an Officer with Violence, Carrying a Concealed Weapon





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### APRIL 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 April employment anniversary dates:

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| Michelle Benetatos '85 | Noelle Cella '11      |
| Diane Gamble '88       | Molly Metza '11       |
| Donna White '89        | Alyssa Wolf '11       |
| Sandra O'Key '96       | Sabrina Fernandez '12 |
| Brenda Wade '96        | Caitlin Sorenson '12  |
| Andreas Gardiner '01   | Natoria Hubbard '14   |
| Charles Battaglia '03  | Bradford Willard '14  |
| Suzanne McManaman '03  | Lauren Williams '14   |
| Melissa Furst '04      |                       |
| Summer Bunnens '06     |                       |
| Cathy Lester '06       |                       |
| Gwen Holcomb '10       |                       |
| Tiffany Perreault '10  |                       |

### SOMETIMES THEY MAKE IT EASY

A New York woman decided to play dentist while her boss, the real dentist, was on vacation. She is the office manager but took it upon herself to see patients in his absence. She performed root canals, pulled teeth and gave injections. She was arrested for performing dental activity without a license, four counts of assault, three counts of reckless endangerment and one count of attempted grand larceny. The woman claimed she had gone to dental school in her home country of Albania and just never pursued a license when she came to America. That explanation did not go over well with the unsuspecting patients, some of whom suffered serious injuries due to the woman's lack of knowledge. Oddly, the wanna-be dentist had a big smile in her mugshot.

