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#### **Crimes Against Children**

Jose Almodovar-Chaparro of Charlotte County was found guilty of Capital Sexual Battery, Lewd and Lascivious Molestation and Lewd and Lascivious Exhibition.

One of the victims, now 9 years old, testified at trial. Sentencing is set for May. Assistant State Attorneys Stephanie Powers and Jennifer Garczewski handled the case.



#### **Lewd Case**

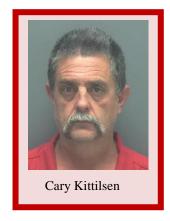
Matthew Morrison was sentenced to 8 years in prison followed by 7 years of sex offender probation for one count of Lewd and Lascivious Battery.

Assistant State Attorney Stephanie Powers in our Charlotte County office handled the case.

#### Felony Battery Case

53-year-old Cary Kittilsen of Fort Myers was sentenced to 364 days in jail followed by 4 years of probation for Felony Battery and Aggravated Assault with a Deadly Weapon. He attacked a woman and held her captive at the Tice Mobile Home Park.

Assistant State Attorney John Dommerich Jr. handled the case.





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#### **Holiday Closing**

The State Attorney's Office will be closed Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> for Good Friday.



### **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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# **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's Heather Searcy and Bianca Bentley: Sale or Delivery of a Controlled Substance within 1,000 ft. of a School and Possession of Cocaine

ASA's Stephanie Powers and Jennifer Garczewski: Capital Sexual Battery, Lewd and Lascivious Molestation, Lewd and Lascivious Exhibition

ASA's Natalie Savino and Susan Fundermark: Felony Battery

ASA Tyler Lovejoy: Lewd or Lascivious Exhibition

ASA Francine Donnorummo: Solicitation of a Child Over Computer or Electronic Devices

ASA Cameron Siggs: Aggravated Assault with a Firearm, Aggravated Battery with a Firearm

ASA's Leena Marcos and Cassandya Quaglia: Driving While License Suspended, Revoked or Canceled,

Possession of Cocaine, Possession of Paraphernalia

ASA Natalie Savino: Burglary of a Conveyance, Theft

ASA Mayra Talarico: Domestic Violence Battery

ASA Martin Holland: Willful Wanton Reckless Driving, Driving on Permanently Revoked License

ASA Tammy Wilson: Battery

ASA Sara Hall: Sale or Delivery of Cocaine, Possession with Intent to Sell

ASA's Amanda Brown and Abe Thornburg: Improper Exhibition

ASA's Sara Hall and Lisa Mead: Robbery with a Firearm, Possession of a Firearm by a Convicted Felon,

Aggravated Assault with a Firearm – 2 counts

ASA's Mayra Talarico and Jose Nunez: Refusal to Submit to a Breath Test

ASA Joseph Howard: No Valid Driver's License



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#### MARCH 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 March employment anniversary dates:

Dan Feinberg '93 Darrell Spivey '06 James Nygaard '14
Tina Thigpen '93 Andrea Lenhardt '07 Ruth Ortolaza '14

Anthony Kunasek '95

Katherine O'Neill '96

Hamid Hunter '99

Betty Warchol '01

Valerie Tocco '09

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Pamela Luckfelt '03 Lucy Casamassima '10

Cynthia Ross '03 Jessica Perez '10 Kristyn Whitlow '04 Garrick Soja '12 Heike Larke '05 Lisa Garofalo '14

#### **SOMETIMES THEY MAKE IT EASY**

Denver police officers started chasing a man who jumped out of his car following a traffic stop. He ran down a street, jumped a fence, and landed in a parking lot. In seconds he was surrounded by police officers because the fence he jumped happened to be the one around the Denver Police Department. It was a quick and easy walk right to the front door.