



## Stephen B. Russell, State Attorney

### The Russell Report



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### DUI Manslaughter

Jacqueline Ribes was sentenced to 12 years in prison for DUI Manslaughter and DUI Damage to Person or Property after being found guilty at trial in Collier County. She also had her driver’s license permanently revoked.

Ribes, 60, hit and killed a 67-year-old man who was riding his bike along Gulf Shore Boulevard in December 2014. The victim was hospitalized and died weeks later.

Assistant State Attorney Mara Marzano of our Homicide Unit and Assistant State Attorney James Stewart prosecuted the case.



Jacqueline Ribes

### Attempted Murder Case

Defendant Calvin Powell was sentenced to 36.5 years in prison after pleading straight to the court for multiple charges. He was charged with two counts of Attempted Second Degree Murder, Shooting into an Occupied Vehicle, Discharging a Weapon within 1,000 ft. of a Person, Possession of Cocaine, Possession of Marijuana and Possession of a Firearm by a Convicted Felon.

Assistant State Attorneys Leena Marcos and Brenda Wade were in court preparing to start trial when the defendant decided to enter a plea to the judge. The law allows a defendant to go to a judge and ask for sentencing and not have a trial.

The case involved the shooting of a cab driver and his passenger in Fort Myers. The cab was struck multiple times with the occupants fortunately escaping injury.

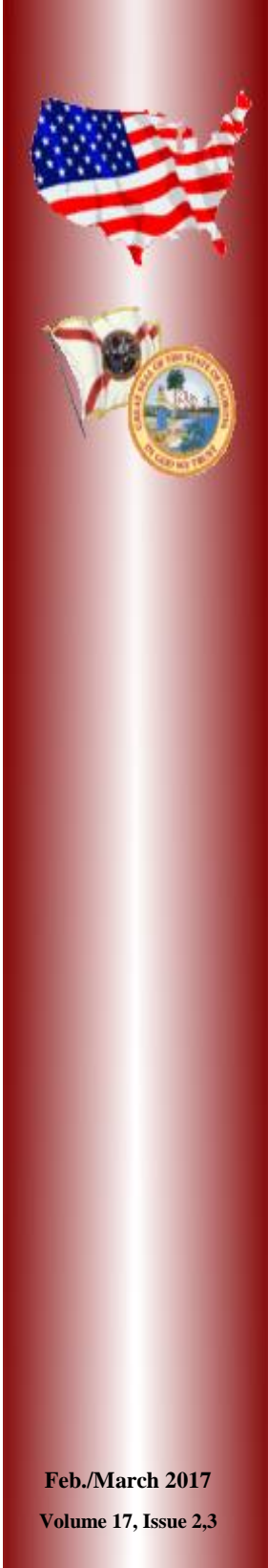


Calvin Powell



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**Battery Case**

Jocelyn Chavez Iniguez was found guilty as charged of Aggravated Battery with a Deadly Weapon and Criminal Mischief \$1,000 or More. Assistant State Attorney Francine Donnorummo of our Special Victims Unit prosecuted the case during a trial in Lee County. Sentencing is scheduled for April 4<sup>th</sup>.

**DUI Case**

Assistant State Attorneys Carrington Lewis and Geoffrey Leskie got a guilty verdict against defendant Fernando Tovar-Reyes for DUI following a trial in Charlotte County. The defendant was sentenced to; 12 months of reporting probation with the first 10 days in the Charlotte County jail, DUI school, a \$500 fine, 50 community service hours, 12 month driver's license suspension, cost of court, cost of prosecution, and a no alcohol provision with random testing.

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**Charlotte Mock Trial Team Win**

Congratulations to the Charlotte High Mock Trial Team this year! The team won the circuit level competition and went to the State level competition. Assistant State Attorneys Kate Horst, Kyle Stublen, Geoff Leskie and Kate Snyder coached the team to their big win! They had fun participating on the State level and came in 6<sup>th</sup> out of 18 teams statewide. We appreciate their dedication.

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

Staff members of the State Attorney's Office are available to speak to local students or groups. Throughout the year we visit classrooms and organizations to teach people about what our office does and how the law works in Florida.

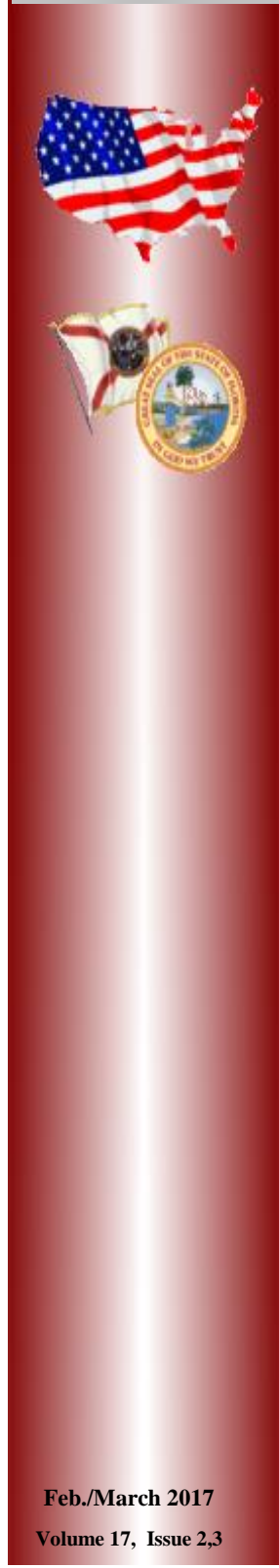
We also invite local college students to volunteer at one of our offices throughout Southwest Florida. We have many volunteers who get to work closely with our prosecutors and get an education about the criminal justice system.

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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## Drug Case

Deon Lamar Fletcher was found guilty as charged following a trial in Lee County. Fletcher was found guilty of; Flee to Elude a Law Enforcement Officer with Lights and Sirens, Trafficking in Illegal Drugs, Possession of Cocaine, Possession of Marijuana, Possession of Paraphernalia, and Driving While License Suspended or Revoked (2<sup>nd</sup> or More).

Assistant State Attorneys Christine Cummins and Daniel Setlow handled the case. Sentencing has not been scheduled yet.

## Card Forgery Case

Assistant State Attorney Martin Holland of our Economic Crimes Unit prosecuted Raimundo Bernardo Ugando Perez in a Lee County trial.

Perez was found guilty as charged of two counts of Credit Card Forgery. The case involved re-encoded gift cards. During trial ASA Holland has officers demonstrate in open court how the card reader works. They showed the difference in swipes between a normal card and one that had been tampered with. Sentencing is scheduled for April 17<sup>th</sup>.

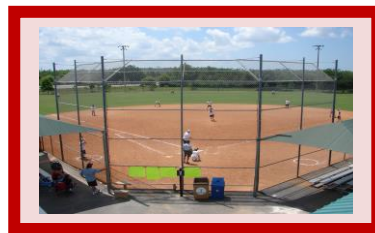
## Law Enforcement Appreciation Day

The date is set for the 2017 State Attorney's Office Law Enforcement Appreciation Day Softball Tournament. April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017 it will be held at the Century Link Sports Complex next to Hammond Stadium in Fort Myers.

The event benefits Southwest Florida Crime Stoppers. Crime Stoppers helps all law enforcement agencies by getting some of the area's most wanted off the street.

It is free and open to the public. Gates open at 8 a.m. It's a day of fun as many different law enforcement agencies compete against each other on 4 fields in an upper and lower division softball tournament.

There will also be great raffle prizes and free children's carnival games.





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### **GUILTY VERDICTS**

ASA Marilla Shoemaker: Attempted Second Degree Murder with a Firearm, Child Abuse While Armed

ASA's Leena Marcos and Brenda Wade: Attempted Second Degree Murder – 2 counts, Shooting into an Occupied Vehicle, Discharging a Weapon within 1,000 feet of a Person, Cocaine Possession, Marijuana Possession, Possession of a Firearm by a Convicted Felon

ASA's Martin Stark and Erin Hughes: Vehicular Homicide

ASA Martin Stark: DUI Manslaughter, DUI Serious Bodily Injury, DUI Damage to Person/Property

ASA's Brian Ashby and Natalie Heiderscheit: DUI

ASA Marilla Shoemaker: Aggravated Battery with a Firearm

ASA Martin Holland: Credit Card Forgery

ASA Francine Donnorummo: Aggravated Battery with a Deadly Weapon, Criminal Mischief \$1,000 or more

ASA's Erin Hughes and Brad Willard: Burglary of a Dwelling

ASA's Amanda Astor and Jennifer Forsythe: Resisting an Officer without Violence

ASA's Robert Rodriguez and Heather Searcy: DUI

ASA's Ron Dente: Battery, Lewd or Lascivious Molestation

ASA's Caitlin Sorenson and John Grochowski: Possession of Controlled Substance, Possession of Paraphernalia





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### **FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES:**

In recognition of service to the citizens 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 February employment anniversary dates:

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| Diana Bartlett '16     | LeWanda Smith '07   |
| Shirley Benitez '11    | Anthony Vazquez '15 |
| Deborah Cunningham '00 | Tammera Wilson '02  |
| Brant Gederian '08     | Orion Wright '07    |
| Christina Gray '08     | Penny Young '11     |
| Lori Lucas '07         |                     |
| Betty McGuire '01      |                     |
| Bernadette Miller '91  |                     |
| Sheri Raybuck '88      |                     |

### **MARCH ANNIVERSARIES:**

In recognition of service to the citizens 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:

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| Lucy Casamassima '10 | Kimberlee Mitton '16  | Cynthia Ross '03    |
| Dan Feinberg '93     | Lisa Moore '16        | Lynn Sapere '15     |
| Hamid Hunter '99     | Kellie Newton '16     | Garrick Soja '12    |
| Laura Johnson '15    | Katherine O'Neill '96 | Darrel Spivey '06   |
| Anthony Kunasek '95  | Ruth Ortolaza '14     | Valerie Tocco '09   |
| Andrea Lenhardt '07  | Jessica Perez '10     | Betty Warchol '01   |
| Pamela Luckfelt '03  | Brittany Pernice '09  | Kristyn Whitlow '04 |
| James Miller '07     | Elda Pineda '16       |                     |