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### A NOTE FROM STATE DIRECTOR, JANETTE GRANTHAM

What a grand ole day! On January 25<sup>th</sup>, a Sign Dedication ceremony and celebration of Miriam's 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday was held at VOCAL Headquarters. It was a perfect day. Many dignitaries dropped by for the ceremony and celebration. It was a bittersweet ceremony as we remembered the tragedy that brought us all together and ensured the memory of Quenette Shehane will never be forgotten. The new sign renaming VOCAL Headquarters "The Quenette Shehane Center" was unveiled. This is not just sign; it is a large and beautiful sign. After a very touching ceremony, lunch was served to the guests. VOCAL House was overflowing and filled with warm greetings and much laughter. Over 200 people dropped by to celebrate this very special day. Miriam was overjoyed by the number of people who dropped by to visit. She said she was, "Queen for a Day". A very happy Queen she was. Everyone kept telling her she did not look like she was 80 years old, and she sure did like hearing their comments. She had celebrated so much that the next day, she could not walk. Edward told her, "I wished those people who said you did not look 80 could see you now." I guess she really was only Queen for one day. It was a wonderful day for a lady who has sacrificed so much for all victims. Many, many thanks to DA Doug Valeska for giving Miriam a special day she will never forget. We appreciate all that Doug has done for us.

In the last newsletter, I failed to mention the many awards presented at the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on December 6. Senator Billy Beasley presented Miriam and Edward with a Resolution for their advocacy for victims making a difference in countless lives through the years. Senator Beasley also presented Miriam with a Resolution commending VOCAL on its 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Representative Berry Forte presented the Shehanes with a Resolution commending them for their significant contribution to crime victims in Alabama. Representative Forte also presented a Resolution to Miriam recognizing VOCAL's work for the past 30 years. Representative Paul DeMarco presented Miriam with a Resolution commending VOCAL for its 30 years of unparalleled service to crime victims. Governor Bentley awarded a Certificate of Recognition to Miriam for her remarkable character and contributions.

Once again I am asking all chapters turn in their monthly reports as required by our policy and procedures. Most chapters have, but not all. Things may have been different in the past; however that has changed. As the State Director, I am ensuring all procedures and requirements are fulfilled according to our policy. If you cannot abide by our procedures, please contact me and we will try to assist. State VOCAL is here to help and support all chapters, but chapters must be willing to abide by the policies and procedures. Regarding the audit, we have a response from all the chapters but one. Thanks to all who have responded to the Board's letter and we need the last chapter to respond regarding your intentions.

We are getting ready for the state vigil to be held on Friday, April 26. Please plan to join us. As I mentioned before, the jump drive with all the photos was lost; therefore, we have to start all over. Please send us a photo of your loved ones along with your testimony to ensure their photo will be in the slide show. We have already begun work on our Charity Golf Tournament to be held in September. We have a great golf course in the works so stay tuned for exciting golf tournament news.

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**State Director Note continued** - I am so excited with all the new folks on our Board. At the last meeting we had some different input, and it was refreshing. The Board members are busy folks from all across the state, but they take time to come to Montgomery to help victims. Their dedication to victims and passion for justice is amazing.

### ***COUNSELOR'S CORNER***

It has been suggested that I write about some of the work I do as a counselor for VOCAL Angel House, focusing on some of the activities and cases over the past couple months. In order to protect client privacy, I will do so without alluding to specific family members by name. Much of my time has been spent attending court with families for preliminary hearings, status hearings, jury selection, trials, and sentencing hearings. Of course, I also do home visits, office appointments, and phone contacts with family members. The Montgomery County District Attorney's Office has made this work much more fluid and beneficial for families and myself than it otherwise might have been. District Attorney Ellen Brooks has certainly put together a top notch team that is a pleasure to work with. Everyone I've met and come into contact with there, whether through direct involvement on a case or more indirectly, exudes a sincere and positive approach to both seeking justice for victims and doing so in a manner that lets victims know they really care.

After a typical hearing, for example, it is common for the prosecutor, victim's service officer, DA investigator, law enforcement investigator, and me to meet with family members to discuss the case and ensure that they are kept informed and that they are heard. It works and it makes a difference – a big difference. Having heard many stories from victims around the State covering decades of time, it seems to me this scenario is what so many have worked so tirelessly toward for such a long, long time.

Just in case you, the reader, are unaware, I only work homicide cases. That is due to terms of the grant that makes my job possible. Having said that, I want to briefly describe what I have witnessed at trials I have attended. The victim service officer is with the family throughout the trial. As a counselor, I am welcomed to be a part of this experience. Prosecutors communicate with victims (family members) throughout the course of the trial on breaks. They see that victims' rights are protected and ensured. I am treated as part of the team. Whenever evidence is going to be presented of a potentially disturbing nature (such as photographic evidence, for example), victims are advised beforehand that they may leave the courtroom if they wish until that portion of the trial is completed.

Another example of professionalism and empathy is manifested when the jury is out for deliberations. Family, victim service officer, counselor, prosecutors, and sometimes investigators wait it out together. It is not unusual for bottled water, soft drinks, or coffee to be fetched for family members by the victim service officer. That is an extra special touch that can mean so much in a time so fraught with a myriad of mixed emotions for families.

I hope this descriptive essay has been enjoyable and uplifting for you, the reader. Perhaps you'd like to suggest some ideas for other articles. Just give me a call or send an email (esammons@vocalonline.org). God bless you all and please Think Spring!

Eddie Sammons, MPA, MS, LPC

### **IN RECOGNITION OF OUR DISTRICT ATTORNEYS – WARRIORS FOR VICTIMS**

We are so proud of our district attorneys. District Attorney Pamela Casey got a death penalty conviction. It was the first death penalty verdict in Blount County since 1984. We thank you DA Casey for your passion for justice and compassion for victims. District Attorney Ellen Brooks was concerned with three of her unsolved murder cases. She sought rewards of \$10,000 each for information on the three cases. DA Brooks does not give up just because the case may run cold. She continues to seek justice for victims. On another case, DA Brooks filed capital murder charges on a defendant who was involved in a robbery gone bad. The co-defendant was killed by the homeowner, and now the other defendant is facing capital murder charges. Thank you DA Brooks for all you do for victims. Many thanks to District Attorney Doug Valeska for making the Sign Dedication and 80<sup>th</sup> Celebration a glorious event. Without him it would not have been possible. Doug is a true warrior for victims and we are glad he chose to be a part of VOCAL.

### **DONATIONS**

VOCAL appreciates the faithful contributors who support our efforts in assisting crime victims. Your donations make it possible for us to provide more services and support to victims and is tax deductible.

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## WALL OF HONOR

At the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration, District Attorney Doug Valeska of the 20<sup>th</sup> judicial circuit was honored for all of his achievements in working with victims' for over the past 25 years. His portrait is now proudly hanging on the "Wall of Honor" at the VOCAL headquarters in Montgomery, alongside those of former Attorney General Jimmy Evans and Montgomery County District Attorney Ellen Brooks. DA Valeska has contributed generous amounts of time and resources to VOCAL. Without his dedication and generosity, VOCAL would not be able to continue its fight for victims. Thank you DA Valeska.

## LEGISLATIVE WATCH

VOCAL is keeping an eye on the following bills. If you are interested in any of these bills, please let us know.

- HB 85** Further residence restrictions for sex offenders
- HB 114** Private probation services contract requirements
- HB 240** Habitual Offender Act, retroactive application of law after 2000 amendment, provision repealed, Sec. 13A-5-9.1 repealed
- HB 305** Youthful Offender Act, persons charged with a Class A felony excluded, Sec. 15-19-1 am'd.
- HB 318** To allow a court to enter a protection from abuse order against an adult child of the victim
- HB 351** To provide that a person convicted of a capital offense committed when under 18 may, in the alternative, be sentenced to life without the possibility of parole for 40 years
- HB 363** To provide an automatic appeal from any death sentence directly to the Alabama Supreme Court
- HB 368** To provide further restrictions for the crime of sexual misconduct
- HB 369** To clarify the meaning of sexual contact for the purpose of a school employee having sexual contact with a student under the age of nineteen
- HB 378** To provide Assault III if committed by a person 21 or older against a person less than 18 on school property, additional penalties
- SB 1** Failure to report a missing child
- SB 100** General Fund, transfer of funds from numerous funds of various agencies, departments, etc. for fiscal year ending Sep 30, 2014
- SB 168** Habitual Offender Act: repeal retroactive provision
- SB 202** Criminal records expunged if defendant found not guilty
- SB 218** Capital conviction, less than eighteen years, sentenced 40 years, no parole
- SB 248** To increase the membership of the Board of Pardons and Paroles
- SB 252** To authorize a person to petition a court to have the record of certain misdemeanor offense expunged in certain instances
- SB 363** To provide an automatic appeal any death sentence directly to the Alabama Supreme Court

## CHAPTER NEWS

### GULF COAST CHAPTER

VOCAL Gulf Coast Chapter is now up and running and we are on fire and ready to be there for the victims of crime here in Baldwin County. We have held several meetings since we formed in October and have elected the 2012-2013 officers: Tracey Goens, President; Diane Foster, Vice President; Monica Patience, Secretary; and Kathryn Hernandez, Treasurer. We are very fortunate that we have partnered with the Care House and the Lighthouse and also have the strong support of our Baldwin County District Attorney Hallie Dixon. We have also had several VSO's and the District Attorney herself attend our meetings. The Care House and Lighthouse advocates attend our meetings and continue to provide much needed support. Being in the beginning stages of creating our chapter, we are young but strong and we are already there for our victims and their families. We have had a VOCAL volunteer on hand for the family of a victim in the sentencing of a DUI/Murder case here in Baldwin County. We were not only thanked by the family but also the District Attorney. The offender was sentenced to 20 years.

We also have a board member that has just attended her first parole hearing for her ex-husband serving a life plus twenty-year sentence. VOCAL's home office in Montgomery was there for her in every way. Janette Grantham went out of her way to make sure our victim was not only calm, but well informed. Baldwin County Chief ADA Rushing Payne was in attendance and parole was denied.

Tracey Goens and Monica Patience spoke to Jennifer Johnsons' Criminal Justice class at USA campus in Fairhope and Tracey Goens and Diane Foster also spoke to the members of the Central Baldwin Rotary Club in Robertsdale. We are also in contact with a Baldwin County school and fire station to partner with them for fundraisers.

We are now preparing for our April 23, 2013 sunset Candlelight Vigil to remember and honor victims of crime at the Five Rivers Delta Resource Center in Spanish Fort. Please come join us in honoring these fallen victims and their families.

Our regular meetings are held on the 2nd Thursday of each month, however, due to a conflict, our next meeting will be March 21 at 6 p.m. at the Baldwin County Annex at 22251 Palmer Street in Robertsdale AL 36567. We would love to invite you to join us any time. Please keep the victims and their families in your prayers. (Kathryne Hernandez, VOCAL Gulf Coast Treasurer)

### JEFFERSON COUNTY CHAPTER

Chapter members attended parole hearings for Phillip Chance and Leroy Smith who murdered Allan Drinkards' grandfather over 40 years ago. Paroles were denied for five years. We also attended the hearing for Denise Fitzpatrick Poer whose parole was denied five years. Poer murdered Lloyd Wayne Maddox. Carol Melton has been working with a family whose grandson was murdered in December 2012 at a Food Giant in Centerpoint; the offender entered a plea.

Margie Caslin, Billy Jack Logan, and Carol Melton attended Miriam's birthday celebration and sign dedication. Everything was so nice, the sign is beautiful, and it was good to see so many there. February 1 was Margie Caslin's birthday. Jefferson County Sheriff's Department Sgt. Mike House, Gloria Turner, Billy Jack Logan, Mona Lee, Wanda Miller, and Carol Melton had lunch with Margie to celebrate her 82<sup>nd</sup> birthday and 24 years with VOCAL. We appreciate so much that Sgt. House allows Billy Jack Logan, Wanda Miller, and Gloria Turner work so closely with our chapter.

Our Candlelight Vigil will be held on Thursday, April 25, at 7 p.m. in the jury assembly room at the Jefferson County Courthouse Annex. Please send pictures of victims to Wanda Miller as soon as possible. Wanda's work phone is 731-2814.

**Victims of Crime and Leniency (VOCAL)** is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization which was established in 1982. VOCAL is an advocacy group for victims' rights consisting of concerned citizens, victims of crime and their families, law enforcement officers, attorneys, and others interested in reducing crime and improving the plight of its victims.

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**NORTH CENTRAL ALABAMA CHAPTER**

On February 5, 2013, Blount County Judge Steven King upheld the jury's recommendation of the death penalty for Thomas Doyle Crowe. On Thanksgiving Day 2009, Crowe and his accomplice Toni Michelle Collins brutally murdered 71-year-old Marvin Allen Dailey. Collins entered a guilty plea and was sentenced to life without the possibility of parole. Mr. Dailey was bludgeoned with a hatchet and burned alive in his home. Mr. Dailey did not have any children, but he did have a wonderful extended family that represented him during the trial. His mother was not able to attend the trial, but did attend the sentencing hearing. District Attorney Pamela Casey again succeeded in her goal to claim justice for the victim. VOCAL supported this family during the trial and at the sentencing.

On Thursday, April 25, 2013 at 5:00 p.m. in the large courtroom of the Blount County Courthouse, our chapter will sponsor the third annual Candlelight Vigil in honor of National Crime Victims' Rights Week. We are planning something a little different this year. We are working with an organization called Rachel's Challenge that will give a presentation that honors the life of Rachel Joy Scott. Rachel was the first child killed in the Columbine High School shooting in 1999. Rachel kept a diary of how to treat people. The main goal of Rachel's Challenge is to promote kindness, not violence, with an emphasis against bullying. Our hope is to get the communities and school systems in our area to weigh in on Rachael's Challenge in an effort to abort violence in our schools and community.

The North Central Alabama Chapter is in need of volunteers. Anyone interested please contact Teresa at 205-466-5777 or at dlindsay@hopper.net, or Victim Service Officer Natalee Ridgeway at D A Pamela Casey's office at 205-625-4171, line 2.

**RIVER REGION CHAPTER**

The city of Montgomery has reported its 13th homicide already this year. At this time last year we had 5. Of course, these numbers lead to more victims, and our hearts break for the anguish these families are experiencing. We hope to be a source of comfort for these hurting souls, and those affected by every type of crime. Our chapter also covers Elmore and Autauga counties.

Our monthly meetings continue to be a great opportunity for fellowship. We all come from such diverse backgrounds, and have suffered such different crimes – some 1 or 2 years ago, others more than 20 years ago. But we clearly share a common bond, and can laugh together and also cry together on those tough days.

At our February meeting, a few of our members brought homemade soups/stews in crockpots and we all enjoyed "Souper Sunday" together. Great idea, Donna! Many of our chapter members also attended the January 25th celebration of Miriam's birthday and the dedication of the VOCAL headquarters in memory of Quenette. It was wonderful to see old friends and pay homage to the Shehanes.

A capital murder trial in Lawrence County is expected to begin in early April. In December 2009, Mr. & Mrs. Nichols were killed in their home. Their daughter, Rachel, lives in Elmore County and is a member of our chapter. We have certainly appreciated our friends in the Shoals VOCAL Chapter who have been a great support to this family. Two defendants have pled guilty in the murder of 21-year-old Travis Williams, and one co-defendant is still awaiting trial and a decision on his youthful-offender status. Please keep Rochelle and her family in your prayers, as well as the folks in the DA's office as they maneuver the complexities of this case.

Many of our members still have pending cases and we know they appreciate your prayers.

Our next meeting will be Sunday, April 7 at 2 p.m. and we hope to have a speaker from the community. Please join us.

**SHELBY COUNTY CHAPTER**

We had a great chapter meeting on February 9 and enjoyed having George Wallace, Jr. speak with us about his father's victimization and how they both became survivors and champions for victims' rights. Plans were made for our annual Candlelight Vigil to be held on Monday, April 22, at Shelby Christian Fellowship, 7 p.m., in Columbiana. Members updated their memorials for victims and were asked to provide photos for the State Vigil. New crosses were requested for victims.

## **SHELBY COUNTY CHAPTER continued**

Three chapter members attended the sign dedication and Miriam's 80<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration. It was a wonderful event. Two members also attended the State Board meeting on February 8. Chapter members attended a parole hearing on March 6 to protest parole for Denise Fitzpatrick Poer who was convicted of the murder of Lloyd Wayne Maddox. Parole was denied for five years, which is her end of sentence.

## **SHOALS CHAPTER**

Tommy Bevis, a Shoals Chapter member, passed away February 26. He was Janice Bevis's husband and best friend, step dad of Lucia House, brother-in-law of Charles and Rebecca Condrey and Eloise and Don Nichols. Please keep this family in your thoughts and prayers.

Kenneth Barnett and family had been waiting for 13 long years for a murder conviction for Shawn Johnson (44) for the beating death of Kenneth's son, Keith Barnett (22). Shawn's brother, Shannon Johnson (42), had accepted a plea and agreed to serve 20 years for manslaughter. He agreed to tell how both beat Keith with a baseball bat across the Tennessee state line in a club's parking lot and then dropped Keith's body on the road in Alabama, hoping someone would run over Keith to make it look like an accident. During the trial Shannon Johnson withdrew his plea and now he is awaiting trial. The sentencing of Shawn Johnson will be in Judge Gil Self's court room March 28 at 9 a.m. We hope Judge Self will sentence Shawn to the maximum sentence of life. Thanks so much to District Attorney Chris Connolly and to Asst. DA Angie Hamilton for doing a great job in getting this conviction in this cold case, and thanks to the jury for this verdict. Thanks to DA Connolly for letting Angie Hamilton work this and another cold case (over 14 years) in the murder of Chris Stanback by Eddie Frank Chandler; both indictments came down at same time.

Good news that Judge Mike Jones refused youthful offender for 17-year-old Autumn Woods in the stabbing death of 14-year-old Brooklyn Hollins at a house party in Florence, where many teens were present with no adults supervising.

Thanks to the Parole Board for denying parole for Christopher D. Berry for 5 years on January 22. Berry had accepted a plea to manslaughter and was to serve 20 years in the death of Sidney Carson Cox, Sarah Thompson's sister from Colbert County. Sarah is raising Sidney's 3 children as well as her own. Sarah is doing such good work helping other children at schools in the Shoals area by helping pack snacks and food in back packs for the weekends through "The Sidney Foundation" in honor of her sister. Thanks to Shoals Chapter members for attending this hearing: Rebecca Condrey, Debra Grey, Johnnie and Denny Kimbrel.

Thank you to Victim Service Officer Ashley Harbin from the office of Attorney General Luther Strange, VOCAL Director Janette Grantham, and Miriam Shehane for always supporting victims from our chapter and across the state.

We are sad to report that we still have a few other capital murder and murder trials coming up soon. The next one will be in April, a capital murder case against John Mittens in the death of David Pennington. Trials for Mittens' two co-defendants, the Nunley twins (Tiffany and Jessica), are not yet set.

Chapter President Denny Kimbrel attended one of the longest bond hearings in a capital murder case in Athens to support Brandon Hydrick's (26) family & friends. Joel Moyers (52) shot into the back of Brandon and his brother's Ryan (25) truck with a high powered rifle hitting Brandon in the back, killing Brandon as they were only passing by Moyers' house. Thanks to the Judge Woodruff of Limestone County for turning down Moyers's bond in this capital murder case. DA Brian Jones is not seeking the death penalty in this case.

The Shoals Chapter of VOCAL will have our Candlelight Vigil on Friday, April 19, 2013 at the First United Methodist Church of Florence Gym (located at 415 N. Seminary Street, across from Wilson Park) from 5 to 7 p.m. We will have songs and music, games for the kids, face painting, drawing on the balloons, and tables with information from many other local service providers. At 7 p.m. the Vigil will start in the church; at about 8 p.m. we will walk to Wilson Park to light our candles release balloons. Lauderdale County District Attorney Chris Connolly will be the keynote speaker and the program will include speakers from VOCAL, Rape Response, Safe Place and Kay Parker from The Healing Place.

## **SOUTHEAST ALABAMA CHAPTER**

The Southeast Chapter of VOCAL met on February 19 at 6 p.m. at Dothan Angel House. We were served a delicious meal prepared by Shelly Linderman. We discussed the following topics: the upcoming Victims' Rights week which we will start off by having our service on Sunday, April 21, at 3 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church in Dothan; awards to be given during victim rights week and their importance; and honoring Mr. Chuck Poland, the Dale County bus driver who lost his life to save the children on the bus. We also discussed the importance of getting in touch with any new or old members to offer assistance. We meet every 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday at 6 p.m. at Angel House in Dothan. Please join us.

# ***CANDLELIGHT VIGIL VICTIM'S TESTIMONIAL***

*VOCAL will produce a testimonial booklet for the Candlelight Vigil to be held on Friday, April 26, in Montgomery during National Crime Victims' Rights Week. If you wish to include a brief memorial or tribute statement in this booklet, complete the following form and mail or fax to the VOCAL office by **April 6.***

PLEASE PRINT THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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(CIRCLE ONE) (NAME OF VICTIM)

\_\_\_\_\_ ON \_\_\_\_\_  
(NATURE OF VICTIMIZATION) (MONTH/DAY/YEAR)

BRIEF MEMORIAL OR TRIBUTE STATEMENT YOU WOULD LIKE TO HAVE INCLUDED IN THE TESTIMONIAL BOOKLET:

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WILL YOU ATTEND THE CANDLELIGHT VIGIL IN MONTGOMERY ON 4/27/2013? \_\_\_\_\_

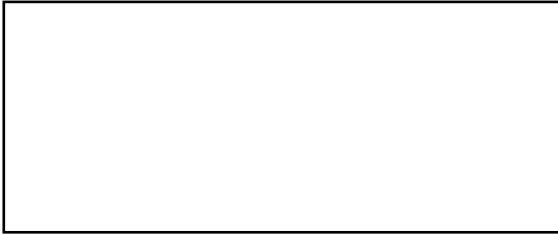
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**CANDLELIGHT VIGIL SCHEDULE**

Friday, April 19, 5 to 8 p.m., First United Methodist Church Gym, Florence  
 Sunday, April 21, 3 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, Dothan  
 Monday, April 22, 7 p.m., Shelby Christian Fellowship, Columbiana  
 Tuesday, April 23, at dusk, Five Rivers Delta Resource Center, Spanish Fort  
 Thursday, April 25, 7 p.m., Jury Assembly Room, Jefferson Co. Courthouse Annex  
 Thursday, April 25, 5 p.m., Blount County Courthouse  
 Friday, April 26, 7 p.m., Montgomery

<p><b>CHAPTERS REMEMBER YOUR MONTHLY REPORTS ARE DUE BY THE 15<sup>TH</sup> OF THE MONTH. WE ARE WORKING HARD TO GET CAUGHT UP AND NEED YOUR HELP. WE CANNOT FULFILL THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE GRANT WITHOUT THESE REPORTS.</b></p>		<p><b>PLEASE MARK YOUR TAX RETURNS TO GIVE A DONATION TO VOCAL</b></p>		<p><b>Wiregrass Angel House Presents 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Governor's Conference Training for Law Enforcement</b>  <b>Tuesday, April 23</b>  <b>The Renaissance Montgomery Hotel</b>  <b>Scholarships are available</b>  <b>State awards will be presented</b></p>	
<p><b>VICTIM CONTACTS</b></p> <p>Governor Robert Bentley          State Capitol          Montgomery, AL 36130</p> <p>Taylor Vice, Director          Constituent Services</p> <p>334-242-7100          1-800-591-4217</p>	<p>Attorney General's Office          of Victim Assistance</p> <p>501 Washington Avenue          Montgomery, AL 36130</p> <p>Patricia S. DeBortoli          Victim Services Director</p> <p>334-242-7300          1-800-626-7676          www.ago.state.al.us</p>	<p>Department of Corrections          Kim T. Thomas, Commissioner          P.O. Box 301501          301 South Ripley Street          Montgomery, AL 36130</p> <p>Stephanie Hust          Victim/Constituent Services</p> <p>334-353-3871          www.doc.state.al.us          State inmate parole info.          1-888-726-9799, Option 4</p>	<p>Alabama Crime          Victims Compensation          Commission</p> <p>Dr. Cassie Jones          Director</p> <p>P.O. Box 231267          Montgomery, AL          36123          1-800-541-9388          www.acvcc.state.al.us</p>	<p>State of Alabama          Board of Pardons &amp; Paroles          Cynthia Dillard, Director          P.O. Box 302405          Montgomery, AL          36130-2405</p> <p>Debra Bonds          Victim Services Rep.</p> <p>334-242-8050          Fax 334-353-7701          www.pardoles.state.al.us</p>	