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Victims of Crime and Leniency

A NOTE FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, MIRIAM SHEHANE

Another Thanksgiving season is upon us. Can you believe it? It took me longer than most people to realize it, but as tragic as it was to lose my child in 1976, I still have so much to be thankful for. I thank God for giving me the strength to survive and for my family and friends who have supported me all these years including my irrational behavior on more occasions than I wish to recall. However, WE ARE SURVIVORS, aren't we? An amendment to the Parole Notification Bill that was passed in 1984 has become a hot issue for crime victims. As you know, this bill mandates that crime victims are notified when their offender comes up for parole. There is a movement by the Parole Board and the Sentencing Coalition, to amend this statute. When we became aware this was on the agenda of the coalition, we were successful in halting all discussions of this amendment until we could meet with the Parole Board to see if there is some room for negotiations on some of the issues they say they are having in locating victims. Please call us and let us know your thoughts on where you draw the line in negotiations. I personally want to continue to receive my certified letter. I don't know as of yet when we will be meeting with the Parole Board but will keep you informed. This will affect all of us who have offenders coming up for parole now and for years to come. Call us if you would like more information on this and any other issue.

ANGEL HOUSE BOARD MEMBER WINS STATE AWARD

The Court Referral Officer Conference was held October 20 to 22. Martin Ramsay, a VOCAL Angel House board member, was selected for one of the top honors given by the Administrative Office of Courts. He was given the Honorable C. C. "Bo" Torbert, Jr. Award. This award is for a person who is directly involved with the Court Referral Officers Program. The recipient of this award has contributed greatly to their courts, defendants, and local community. Congratulations Marty... We are so proud for you!



VOCAL Angel House set up an exhibit at the Court Referral Officer's Conference. There were over 350 attendees at this three day event. The staff of Angel House made numerous contacts with many officers and educators who were not aware of the services offered by our agency. A special thank you to Callie Dietz and Marty Ramsay for allowing us to be a part of this great event.

CHAPTER NEWS

JEFFERSON COUNTY CHAPTER 2200 8th Ave. N, Sheriff's Dept. Training Room, 2nd Floor, 1st Thursday, 6 p.m.
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The Jefferson County chapter has been pretty busy attending trials and court. We had trial and sentencing in the Kala Fenai Case. The last trial was for the look out guy and he received fifty years. We went to court with Dianne Donker for the murder trial of her son Brandon. He received two felony murder charges. We will go back in December for his sentencing. He said he was only 22 years old and was not going to spend but 2 years and eat cherry cakes with his homeys and be out. Boy did he get fooled. We went to pre-trial with Nancy Kersh and Kevin. The defendant had to get a court appointed attorney. Nancy was well represented by Jim Neal and Lt. Moore and Doug Finch. Trial will be in April.

We went to parole board against the Thornton brothers and Stanley Wilson. Each was denied for five years. It is sad that Wanda and so many other victims have to put up with this every five years. We also went to parole hearing and got five years for Chief of Police in Dora who tried to blow his wife away with dynamite. An informer got him. His son was very emotional because he loved his dad but did not want to see his mom hurt if he was released. He was not released. We will be going to the parole board against Denise Fitzpatrick Poer on November 23. She murdered Lloyd Maddox. His daughter Misti has been working hard to get everyone there.

Mona Lee, Margie Caslin, and Carol Melton attended a sentencing meeting with Miriam Shehane and Darlene Biehl. We learned a lot. We are getting in gear for our annual Christmas party. The party will be at the Sheriff's Department training room.

We are very pleased with the Jefferson County election. Sheriff Mike Hale won and we have our District Attorney Brandon Falls. We are so proud of them both and appreciate their assistance. We were so happy, and not surprised, to hear that Douglas Valeska got re-elected.

Mandatory victim notification is something many individuals worked hard to get. Now they say everything needs to be taken care of by email including notifying you of parole hearings. Registered letters cost too much. The State can pay for appeal after appeal, delays of trials and everything that makes no sense in Alabama. When it comes to notifying victims, a registered letter costs too much and it is too much work to find the victim. As far as I am concerned, that is a bunch of garbage. We have a great parole board, but without victims at the hearings they will be forced to release violent offenders. This started out that only non-violent would be considered. Now the violent offenders will be thrown into the mix. Money is spent to educate prisoners, to make sure they have exercise equipment, to make sure they have the right food and free health care, but the cost of a registered letter is going to break them. We have to do all we can to make sure this does not happen. Not everyone has a computer and is on line. People are trying very hard to make ends meet. We did not ask to be a victim. It is time they made it a little easier on us instead of everything going to the other side.

SHELBY COUNTY CHAPTER Owens House, Columbiana, 2nd Saturday monthly, 2 p.m.
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The Shelby County Chapter has been assisting the family of Christopher Smith who was murdered by his father in July 2010. We attended a bond hearing on September 29 and Judge Reeves denied the motion to reduce the \$1 million bond. A number of family members attended and had expressed their fear of this offender being released on bond. Members also attended the parole hearing in support of Wanda Jones.

SHOALS CHAPTER Christian Faith Church, 640 County Road 323, Florence, 2nd Tuesday monthly, 6:30 p.m.
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Some of the Shoals members attended a parole hearing and many wrote letters to protest the parole of Phillip David Phillips who sexually abused and raped a 16-year-old girl in her home from Lauderdale County. Assistant D.A. Will Powell and VSO Deanna Tidwell of Lauderdale County, and Rape Response Director Kathy Connolly also attended the hearing. Thanks to the Parole Board for turning down his parole for five years. Shoals members also attended the parole hearing of Darrell Hutto from Lawrence County who murdered his ex-wife, Rhonda Hutto. Members from Safe Place also attended and spoke, as well as Alabama Attorney General Troy King. Hutto's parole was turned down and will not be heard again for five years.

Some Shoals members attended the parole hearing of Brandon Pratt from Limestone County, who murdered 18-year-old Jessica Pratt and 19-year-old Billy M. Perry on October 13, 1997. Limestone County D.A. Christy Ball, Limestone County Sheriff Mike Blakley, Alabama Attorney General Troy King and members of Jessica and Billy's family spoke. The parole was turned down and it will be five years before another one. Some family members stayed at VOCAL's Angel House in Montgomery.

A plea agreement for George Rhodes Jr. for the murder of Deborah Paulk from Florence of 5 years sentenced and 5 years probation was okay with the family of Deborah Paulk. Members have supported the family in this case. Shoals members attended the trial and sentencing of Brandi Willingham from Colbert County. Brandi murdered her husband, Devin Willingham, and the jury came back with a manslaughter conviction. The Judge sentenced Brandi to the maximum of 20 years. Judge said she has never seen anyone with no sign of any remorse.

Chapter President Denny Kimbrel spoke to the police cadets at Anniston on October 27. Shoals Chapter took part in a "Crime Stoppers" fund raiser, "Cooking For Justice," at Regency Square Mall in Florence. We served "Defenseless Chili."

We would like to wish all the best Thanksgiving possible. The holidays can be a very hard time for many.

SOUTHEAST CHAPTER

Wiregrass Angel House, 105 N. Bell, Dothan, 3rd Tuesday monthly, 6 p.m.
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We would like to congratulate our District Attorney Douglas Albert Valeska for his win to continue to serve Henry and Houston Counties as DA.

Our chapter attended the murder trial of Josh O'Neal Cook who was indicted for the murder of James David Stephens, Jr. in Dale County. The jury came back with not guilty of anything. They were given four choices of verdict: Felony murder, Manslaughter, Criminal Negligent Homicide or Not Guilty. I couldn't believe my ears when they came back with "Not Guilty." This is a case of justice not served. The jury was in deliberation for two hours on Wednesday. Came back on Thursday and asked to be recharged at 9:15, back in deliberation at 9:45, at 10:50, the judge brought them back in and gave them a dynamite charge saying they needed to make a decision. They went back in deliberation and came back out with a decision at 11:20. I don't think a judge should do that, but I have seen at least two do it. It puts a guilt trip on the jury if they seem to be hung and they just give in because of being almost threatened or intimidated by the judge.

Support was given to Wanda Jones Miller at the parole hearing of Stanley Wilson, Michael and Kenneth Thornton. All were denied parole for five years.

Members attended (not viewed) the execution of Phillip Hallford for the murder of Charles Edward "Eddie" Shannon who was murdered April 13, 1986. Eddie's body was found April 26, 1986. He was murdered while his family was planning funeral services for his 20-year-old sister who had died of a heart condition. Hallford made his 15-year-old daughter call Eddie and lure him to an isolated place near the river. He was shot 3 times and his body was thrown off the bridge. Hallford made a necklace out of the bullet casings and forced his daughter to wear it. He had molested her since she was 7. He resented her seeing Eddie.

Eddie's family loved him dearly. He was only 16 years old. His brother, David Ferguson and stepmother, Angie Johns, shared some of their memories of Eddie and why it was important for them to attend the execution. Pat Jones stayed at Fountain Prison with Sherri Ferguson who chose not to view the execution. Hallford had been on death row for 23 years after he was convicted. This was too long.

Our Chapter will be having our Christmas Party for victims on Saturday, December 4, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon at the VOCAL/ Wiregrass Angel House. Call Pat at (334)585-2684 if you plan to attend.

Victims of Crime and Leniency

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A 501c3 Non-Profit Organization
Miriam Shehane, Executive Director

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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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DALE COUNTY COURT CASES

Prosecutor: Bill Filmore
 Judge: Kenneth Quattlebaum
 Defense: Robert Brogden
 Defendant: Josh Cook

The victim, James David (Spanky) Stephens did not receive justice in Dale County. His children (ages 15 and 11) left the courthouse in tears, his mother and other family members were totally devastated.

On September 14th, 2009, the victim had spent the day fishing with his friend, the fire chief, in Ozark. They had returned to Spanky's house, cleaned the fish, and the boat; Spanky told him good night and went inside to go to bed. Before he had gotten into bed, Spanky received a phone call from a woman he had been dating. The fire chief's testimony stated Spanky came back out of the house and said he wasn't going to let Josh whip up on nobody. He continued his testimony stating he asked Spanky not to go. However, Spanky felt his girlfriend and her child needed him and he had to help them.

When Spanky arrived at Josh's house (the estranged husband), Josh shot him. He was shot in the back which one would assume Spanky was leaving. The woman and her child were not there when he arrived. Spanky managed to leave in his car, but hit a pole down the block. He died at the hospital from the 22 caliber bullet.

Testimony from police officers revealed no previous reports of domestic violence and the woman had not ever reported any physical abuse nor had the office seen any signs of abuse.

The defendant called 911 to report he shot someone. Several times during the tape he said I was scared for my life and I shot him. He doesn't tell them the victim didn't have a weapon. I guess the jury believed him. **They came back with not guilty.**

Prosecutor: Kirke Adams
 Judge: Ben McLaughlin
 Defense: James Jacobs
 Defendant: Cody Long

David Allen Dunkin, 31 years old, was killed on June 17, 2009 by his 17-year-old stepson, Cody Lee Long. Testimony stated that the couple had a dispute and Cody accidentally stabbed his step father. **The jury decided not guilty.**

Prosecutor: Kirk Adams and Bill Filmore
 Judge: Ben McLaughlin
 Defense: Bill Kominoes
 Defendant: Ronald Pugh

Charles Knight of Ozark was killed on July 29, 2009. He was coming home from his postal job in Montgomery when the defendant hit him head on. The defendant, Ronald Charles Pugh, was being pursued by the police when he crossed the 4-lane into oncoming traffic, trying to elude them. The car chase was the result of a drug investigation. The officers were acting on information obtained from a Dothan man facing a possession of marijuana charge. Police recorded a phone conversation between the informant and the defendant. The jury got this one right - **They found him guilty.**

BE AWARE OF DEFENSE INITIATED VICTIM OUTREACH (DIVO)

The Attorney General's Office has informed us of the DIVO. "The purpose of this letter is to keep you abreast of a growing trend by defense teams representing death row inmates during the appellate process. In death penalty cases, the defense has been contacting victims' families with greater frequency in hopes of convincing these families the jury reached the wrong verdict and that there is another punishment that better fits the crime than death. Victims are once again being traumatized by this misleading approach and determination of these defense attorneys and Defense Initiated Victim Outreach (DIVO) organizations who desperately want the defendant removed from death row. Their ultimate goal is to abolish the death penalty. If you or a family member are contacted by the defense attorneys or by other defense organizations that identify themselves as victims outreach advocates, you have the right to refuse to speak to them or to be contacted by them. If you choose to speak to them, please remember their goal is to remove the murderer of your loved one from death row. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Attorney General's Office at 1-800-626-7676 or 334-353-9203."

Pat Jones, Southeast VOCAL Chapter President

BIRMINGHAM NEWS ARTICLE. There was an article from Birmingham News Editorial Board that makes me angry. A short quote from the article: "Our View: The state of Alabama may be short of the resources it needs to educate children, but it somehow has a scarce chemical on hand to carry out an execution on Thursday. We certainly are in no position to try to tell Shannon's family what it should feel about Hallford or his execution. But from the perspective of larger society, and as public policy, the punishment doesn't make sense - not really from the standpoint of justice nor from the perspective of dollars and cents. Alabama may perennially cut corners on vital services such as educating our children. But there always seems to be enough room in the budget to keep the state's death chamber stocked and ready for use. What a sad commentary on our priorities."

This newspaper is so liberal and doesn't have a heart when it comes to crime victims. We didn't ask to be victims. Why didn't they use the space to ask "WHY DOES IT TAKE SO LONG TO SEE JUSTICE SERVED TO VICTIMS?"

Pat Jones, Southeast Chapter VOCAL President

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

The Holiday Season

The most difficult season without our loved one is upon us. The dreaded anticipation of how to get through this day or season is worse than the day itself. When we look at how the day will be, our imagination intensifies all our feelings of the loss of our loved one.

Some suggestions are:

- Write your feelings in a journal before the holidays to express your feelings. Clarifying your thoughts will be less overwhelming.
- Try planning ahead to actively participate in activities. This will enable you to decide in advance what you want to do and what you don't want to do and will prevent you from having to make decisions on the spot. If you are invited to something and you are not sure that you want to go, explain to the hostess that some days are not so good but if you're up to it, you will let her know. On the day of the party, go if you can.
- If you have small children, let extended family members make their holidays as normal as possible. Try to decorate your home or let family and friends help you decorate. This will bring warmth into your home and a reminder that life is continuing and so shall you.
- Being with others during the holidays is often the best medicine for you. The most important thing to remember is to keep things simple. If you don't want to accept an invitation or you don't want to issue an invitation, don't be afraid to express your feelings. If you want to cry, do. If you want to spend some time alone, it is okay, as long as you continue to reach out to others in the family.
- Things that might help: Bake (lots of stuff); shop by catalog or internet; make a holiday basket and drop it off for the Salvation Army in memory; or start a new tradition in memory of your loved one. If none of this works for you, take a pill and go to bed. When you wake up the day will be over. Call on us if we can help.

Comfort. Have you ever wished you could hear his voice again? Do you think it's odd that a wife keeps her husband's phone? Sometimes hearing that voice, "you have reached... please leave a message and I'll get back to you," can be so comforting and sometimes we respond with "I love you and I miss you so very very much." Comfort for a few moments can get us through the day. Some of us keep every voice message from our loved one and play them over and over when we need that comfort. Some of us won't even get a new phone because we can't bear to let those messages go. Some of us sleep in his old shirt, wear his hat, and won't wash the pillow he slept on; they all have the smell that gives us comfort even while longing for more time with them. Everyone mourns in different ways, so please just listen and don't think these things are unhealthy. Not being able to express your grief in your own way is unhealthy. There is no time line for your grief and mourning; only you know when the trauma begins to lighten somewhat.

Joyce Miller, MS, LPC

October was membership renewal month. Complete the membership form and send it with your dues to your local chapter. If you do not have a local chapter, send form and dues to the state chapter at the address below.

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Date of Crime _____ Nature of Crime _____

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Are you available and interested in volunteer work? Yes No

NAME OF LOCAL CHAPTER (Circle): Jefferson Shelby Shoals Southeast

PROPOSED LEGISLATION FOR 2011: VICTIM NOTIFICATION, ETC.

SUBMITTED TO VOCAL By Darlene Hutchinson Biehl

Chief Justice Sue Bell Cobb created the Alabama Public Safety and Sentencing Coalition to develop a legislative agenda to “ensure that public safety is enhanced, offenders are held accountable and the prison population is managed.” The coalition includes prosecutors, judges, legislators, and officials from the Board of Pardons & Parole; Miriam Shehane was also invited to serve on the coalition to represent victims of crime.

Data has been presented to the coalition indicating that Alabama’s prisons were designed to hold approximately 13,000 inmates, but currently the facilities contain nearly 26,000 prisoners. There appears to be great concern that the federal government could seize control of the Alabama prison system and compel officials to recklessly release inmates to come into compliance. To avoid such a scenario, the Chief Justice’s coalition has been suggesting alternatives. (Incidentally, the National Institute of Corrections reports that Alabama spends roughly \$15,000 on each prisoner each year, while the national average is more than \$28,000.) However, considering the state’s current budget crisis, many officials purport that building a new prison or allocating more funds to the Department of Corrections in the near future is impossible.

Once the coalition members reach consensus on policy options, legislation will be drafted and proposed during the Spring of 2011. The coalition is researching and considering a wide variety of ideas, many of which are outlined below. I urge you, as individuals, to be on the field rather than on the sidelines, to continue seeking justice.

Victim Notification

One of the biggest concerns I have had during the coalition’s meetings in recent months is how to handle victim notification. The gist of the problem is – the Board of Pardons & Paroles has faced significant budget cuts in recent years and cannot hire additional parole/probation officers to monitor the thousands of offenders on the streets. Simultaneously, officials tell us that their employees are spending valuable resources “looking for victims who don’t want to be found” (to notify them of upcoming parole hearings).

A few weeks ago, the coalition suggested that Alabama amend its current victim notification law “to REQUIRE victims to register with relevant agencies and update contact information and allow for electronic notice.” But I would oppose a system that would “require” victims to do anything in order to receive notice of upcoming hearings or developments in their case. I personally believe it is too difficult for many traumatized victims to navigate our already complex criminal justice system.

The concept changed a little at the last meeting, and now the coalition would like to amend the law “to provide victims with the opportunity to register with relevant agencies and keep contact information current, and give victims the choice of receiving notice either by email or certified mail.” As they say the devil is in the details. I will continue to advocate for victims so that the system does not exlue or overburden crime victims.

Reclassify Crimes & Create ‘Class D’ Felonies

The coalition has drafted a list of offenses that could be considered “Class D” crimes; the legislature would have to approve this next spring. Some of the offenses being discussed are low-level, non-violent property crimes and some drug offenses. These crimes would probably be excluded from the current Habitual Offender Act (which doesn’t address Class D felonies because they do not currently exist). Apparently a large percentage of Alabama prisoners are incarcerated for drug possession/distribution and theft/burglary offenses. Coalition members indicate they would prefer to have this prison space available for violent offenders and more serious property/drug offenders.

At some point, the coalition is interested in enhancing the drug-rehab programs that currently exist, but state funding would have to become available first.

Re-entry Programs

Members of the coalition are interested in creating an environment so that inmates who are released from prison can succeed in society and not reoffend. Currently, many inmates have their driver's licenses revoked upon release, but that may change next year if the legislature agrees that restoring driving privileges will improve an offender's success and likelihood to keep a job and report to a probation/parole officer. Some offenses (such as Felony DUI) will probably be excluded from the coalition's proposal.

The coalition is also considering the creation of a mandatory re-entry program that would place an inmate under intensive supervision for 6 to 9 months before reaching end of sentence. In other words, if the Parole Board has denied parole to an offender and intends for the inmate to finish his/her full sentence, the offender would actually be released a few months early to participate in this proposed re-entry program. Currently, about 4,000 prisoners reach EOS each year without any supervision upon release. At the November 2010 meeting, the coalition facilitator confirmed this proposal would probably only apply to non-violent offenses.

'Earned Time' for Probationers

This proposal could potentially shorten the length of time an offender is on probation. For instance, if a criminal receives 9 years probation and does well during the first 3 years, members of the coalition believe this inmate is likely to continue doing well and that the state's resources should be directed elsewhere, rather than supervising the inmate for the next 6 years (this would be similar to "good time" for probationers).

I have personally voiced concern to the coalition that this could be yet another "deception" that victims experience. Many crime victims don't understand that a 12-year sentence can be significantly shortened by "good time" laws and the possibility of parole. However, with probation officers supervising approximately 200 offenders at any given time, it's obvious that those who need additional supervision are probably not going to get it if the workers are overloaded.

If this proposal is introduced to the legislature, many coalition members agree that payment of restitution is critically important to the successful completion of an inmate's probation.

Remaining Vigilant

Other items that have been discussed in coalition meetings but *indefinitely tabled* at this stage are: expunging criminal records, changing the Youthful Offender age to 23, and automatic pardon applications for inmates who have successfully completed their supervision terms.

While the "Alabama Public Safety and Sentencing Coalition" is considering the proposals mentioned in this article, the "Alabama Sentencing Commission" is simultaneously at work "to establish and maintain an effective, fair, and efficient sentencing system for Alabama that enhances public safety, provides truth-in-sentencing, avoids unwarranted disparity, retains meaningful judicial discretion, recognizes the most efficient and effective use of correctional resources, and provides a meaningful array of sentencing options." The two groups are completely separate, with different agendas, although some individuals are members of both groups.

As the items discussed above illustrate, it is critically important that victim advocates stay vigilant of the changes that are always being devised to the criminal justice system. I truly appreciate that crime victims were included to play a role with the coalition's work, and that members of the coalition often heed the feedback of the victims' representatives. However, we cannot become complacent. Many of us who have been victims of violent crimes are fighting diligently for the rights of those who will unfortunately follow us on this path.

The author Darlene Hutchinson Biehl joined VOCAL in 1989 and served as president of the Montgomery Chapter in the 1990s.

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