



A Prayer For Chad

by Caryn Suarez

You took our son, Lord,
the other day,
And I didn't even get
to say goodbye.
You took our son, Lord,
leaving me lost
Without even a reason why.
I wasn't ready to let go
I hadn't said yet
what I wanted to say,
And yet I'm expected
to go on,
Please, Lord, take
this pain away.
Yet, you took your
son back to you,
Again it was by surprise,
And now we wait
for His return
To one day look
into His eyes.
So let them come
together, Lord
Both your son and mine
To meet me when
I come to greet you
When it is my time.
Keep Chad safe, let him be
happy in your home above,
And please, Lord,
don't forget to tell him
That he was always loved.

In memory of Justin Chad Faulkner, who was killed on April 27, 2001, in Jacksonville, Florida. Chad was a student at UNF. He was one week from his 21st birthday.

If you have any information concerning the events of April 27, 2001, please contact JSO Homicide at 630-7600.



State Attorney Notes

State Attorney Harry Shorstein

Victim Services Unit

Ready to give victims assistance

I continue to have a strong commitment to providing the citizens of our community, who have been victimized, with assistance in their recovery through our Victim Services Unit. We currently have ten victim advocates who provide direct services to victims in the Criminal Justice System in Duval, Clay, and Nassau Counties.

Over the past five years, our prosecutors attended mandatory training on victim

rights, sensitivity, and special issues with sex crimes, domestic violence, child victims and witnesses. A strength of my office is the emphasis I place on the importance of a community-oriented approach to helping victims recover from their trauma. Prosecutors and Advocates from my office participate in several coordinating councils such as the Sexual Assault Advisory Council, the Mayor's Victim Assistance Advisory Council,

and the Domestic Intervention Project that strive to improve our community's response to crime victims. I realize the importance of working with the Justice Coalition, MADD, Compassionate Families, and other victims groups to improve communication and services to victims and their families. Prosecutors and advocates spend many hours providing training and awareness to schools, law enforcement, the faith community, and civic

groups to further advance victims' rights in our community.

I devote much of my office's resources to assisting crime victims and my staff continues to seek grant funding and other creative ways to expand our victim services even in the challenge of state budget reductions. By working together as a community, we continue to recognize victim issues and improve rights and services to our citizens.

GET THE FEELING.

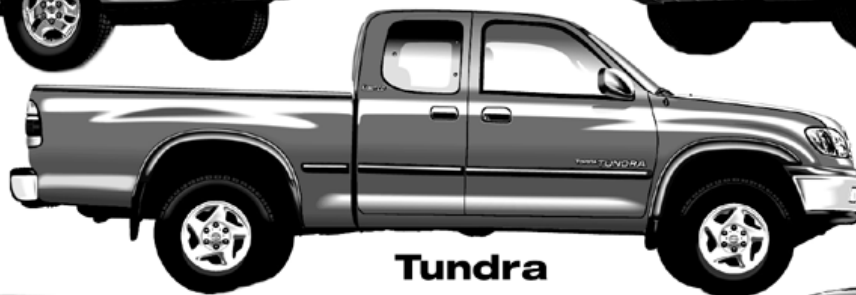
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