



LETTERS *to the Editor*

Rotate Unsolved Cold Cases

Dear Editor:

Thanks so much for your ministry and newspaper; both are needful and unique. In terms of your soliciting ideas, comments, etc., please let me humbly make a couple.

Please consider looking at the root causes for murders and the respective increases in Jacksonville. As you know, the TU front-page article from two weeks ago indicated that there 104 murders in Jacksonville in 2004; however, JSO indicated uncertainty as to why the increase over prior years. When we started tracking cold case numbers several years ago, we noticed that a high number of unsolved cold cases (we currently have over 800 unsolved cold cases in our city) could facilitate higher annual numbers of murders as supported by Eccl. 8:11 — "When sentence against an evil work is not executed speedily, therefore, the heart of the sons of men is fully set in them to do evil." In other words, some people become more brazenly bold when they perceive that crimes, like the cold cases, are going unpunished. Your help in identifying and publishing root cause information would be appreciated.

Also, please consider looking at correlation between fetalicide (murder of the unborn) and homicide. If one isn't concerned about the life of the innocent child, certainly he/she will care less about other human life. For example, 69 percent of all Jax homicides from last year were African American. Further, the abortion rate for my race is very high: for every 100 Black births, there were 53 abortions; we as a people have had 15 million abortions since Roe v. Wade. This means that 35 percent of all abortions are Black even though we are only 12 percent of the USA population. Although we have many positives, these statistics show that there are some serious problems that we must address, even more adamantly, to help reduce the homicide rate.

In terms of resolving cold cases, we were pleased that the Holland teenager's case from 1974 was resolved a few weeks ago when Mr. Williams turned himself in to JSO. Please consider printing stories about such belated victories to encourage others to come forward for conscience sake and for the victims' families' sake — and to facilitate further reductions in crime since some "at large" cold case murderers may actually be out there harming others.

Since your section on unsolved murders only contains about 40 pictures of the 800 plus outstanding cold cases, please consider rotating and showing more of the other 750 plus unsolved murders since some people have had life events, changes, etc. that may facilitate their coming forward now if a picture or other reminder is depicted in your newspaper.

Thanks for your consideration.

Pastor George Harvey, Jr.

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Great Impact

Dear Editor:

When passing by and casually picking up a copy of the *Victims' Advocate*, most people never realize what a great impact this paper has made. Victims' families now have an ally and friend to help them in their need. It opens doors of information that people never knew existed.

For myself, it has made me realize to be more aware and cautious of my surroundings. It is easy to take for granted everyday life situations that could turn dangerous in only seconds. As for the victims' families, [the *Victims' Advocate*] is a voice for others to understand and share compassion for their circumstances.

The Wanted feature helps us recognize the faces of the troublemakers and avoid confrontations with them on the streets. I also admire the section of acknowledgement of officers and [other JSO civilian] workers for their acts of courage and performance of duties above and beyond.

I applaud the advertisers who take part in the publication of your great newspaper. I pray God will continue to bless you all in keeping the public awareness ongoing. In closing, I offer a simple, "thank you."

Sincerely,

Alice J. Nasworthy

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Age 12
Dk. Blonde Hair/
Hazel Eyes
5' - 135 lbs.



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Violation: W/C

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VA#: 2402

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Captured: February 2005

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