

AREA RESOURCE GUIDE

(Services listed are provided free of charge, or have income-based scheduling)

Homicide Support/ Advocacy

Compassionate Families
354-0007, 721-3326
Parents of Murdered Children
262-0866, 713-9683
Victim Services Center
630-6300
Jax. Sheriff's Office Victim Advocate
630-1764

Abuse (Domestic)

24 Hour Hotline
1-800-500-1119
Hubbard House Emergency
Shelter & Counselling
354-3114
Quigley House (Clay County)
1-800-339-5017

Compensation (victim)

Victim Services
630-6300
MADD Victim Services
388-0664

Consumer Fraud

State Attorney's Office
351-0900

City of Jacksonville

Consumer Affairs Division
630-3467

Detoxification

Gateway Community Services
387-4661

Family

Family Nurturing Center of Florida
389-4244

Family Support Services of North Florida

4057 Carmichael Avenue
Jacksonville, FL 32207
(904) 421-5800
www.fss.jax.org
(Provide foster care, adoption and prevention)

Guardian Ad Litem Program

220 East Bay Street, 6th Floor
Jacksonville, FL 32202
(904) 630-1200

Legal Assistance

Legal Aid
356-8371
Three Rivers Legal Services
126 W. Adams St., 7th floor
Jacksonville, FL 32204
904/394-7450

Mental Health Center of Jacksonville

333 West 20th Street
Jacksonville, FL 32254
(904) 695-9145

Mothers Against Drunk Driving

(MADD)
388-2455

Rape

Sexual Assault
Response Center
244-RAPE (244-7273)
Office: 244-4600

RAPE Recovery Team

722-3000

State Attorney's Office

630-2400

Trauma Counseling

Women's Center of Jacksonville
722-3000
City Victim Services
630-6300

Youth Crisis

Youth Crisis Center – The Safe Place
3015 Parental Home Road
Jacksonville, FL 32216
904- 725-6662



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...to Becky Hogan, a crime victim who took control of her situation and refused to let a thief get away with stealing her belongings. She gathered evidence, publicized the crime, worked closely with JSO and saw the man arrested within 11 days.

It all started with a shopping trip to Wal-Mart at 9A and Monument Road on Feb 10. Becky, owner of the Mayport Princess deep sea fishing boat, transferred her purchases from the shopping cart to her vehicle and drove away, unwittingly leaving her purse in the cart. Almost immediately she realized what she had done, quickly returned to the store's parking lot and looked for her purse, but it was gone.

Going into the store, Becky was directed to Loss Prevention where she explained what happened, and the LP employee viewed surveillance film to see who took her bag. The theft was clearly captured on video and Becky was advised to file a police report since all her identification, as well as money and various possessions, had been stolen.

Officer Miller, who responded to the call, told her, "We cannot recover your purse; this type of crime happens hundreds of times a day in Jacksonville." But the woman in LP said she recognized the man, was positive he had been in the store on previous occasions, and since his picture was so clear, Becky decided she would look for him on her own. She obtained a copy of the surveillance video from JSO and went to work.

She took the video to a producer friend who isolated several still



photos, and they realized the man had one prosthetic leg. Wow, they thought, this really narrows the field of suspects. Because of her successful 10-year fishing boat business, Becky knows a lot of people in Northeast Florida, so she began distributing flyers and contacted several TV stations that carried her story. She also emailed the photos to local prosthetics companies.

When she remembered to call CrimeStoppers two or three days after her story aired, she was told she needn't go any further in her search – they had received hundreds of tips and positively identified the thief as Robert Trulove.

Armed with this information, Officer Miller went to the man's house, but the woman who answered the door said he was out of town. She called Trulove on his cell phone and handed the phone to Miller, who advised the man he had 24 hours to turn himself in to authorities in Jacksonville. Trulove returned the next day and was arrested.

Responding to questions about his actions that day, Trulove

admitted it was a stupid thing to do. He had dropped his female companion at the Wal-Mart entrance and gone to park the car when he saw the purse in the cart. He rifled through it, found and removed several hundred dollars in cash and stuffed the bag into the trunk. The pair shopped, left the store and returned to their vehicle. Surveillance video shows Trulove seating his girl friend in the car before opening the trunk, so Becky believes the woman was unaware of the theft.

Trulove told police he threw the bag with all its contents (except the money) into a dumpster at the Publix shopping center (Atlantic and Hodges) that same day, but it was never found. Because of all her ID and business-related items in the purse, identity theft is still a grave concern for Becky, and she's taken necessary precautions to prevent it.

The message Becky wants to project is that her loss – and all the multitudes of other similar crimes that occur every day – are so unnecessary. "If every day, every

person in Jacksonville would do just one nice thing for people with whom they come in contact, life would be so much easier. Open the door for a handicapped person, help an older citizen unload his/her groceries, turn in something lost you may find, buy a \$1 chocolate bar from a kid trying to raise money for his church/school – just be NICE!"

She says the main reason she pursued the thief's capture is 1) to show what kind of person the guy is and 2) to hopefully keep the same thing from happening to someone like her grandmother. "If my grandmother's purse had been stolen, she would never have told anyone about it, even my mother and me. She would be too embarrassed to admit that she got distracted and left her purse unattended, and she would have gone a month without money, and maybe even food and her medications."

Our hats are off to Becky Hogan for having the courage and persistence to see justice served for the crime perpetrated against her.

(Editor's Note: As I was writing the last paragraph of this article, a woman in Mandarin, Tenny Wright, called to say her friend had found a woman's purse on the sidewalk and they were trying to locate the owner. The woman's ID was in the purse, but no number to call. My business card was one of several in the purse, so she called me, and our office staff determined to whom the purse belonged. So, Becky, you'll be glad to know there ARE a lot of people in our town who do the right thing.)

Family Support Services of North Florida

NEEDS YOUR HELP

to locate these children



KASSIDY JONES
Missing Since 10/4/08



LEROY COLEMAN
Missing Since 2/10/09



KAYLA STANFORD
Missing Since 1/11/09



TRISTAN HYLER
Missing Since 1/30/09



MARIE MAINOR
Missing Since 2/8/09



MATTHEW OLSON
Missing Since 2/27/09



JEREMIAH ALLEN
Missing Since 3/4/09



GERON JONES
Missing Since 3/11/09

Have You Seen Them? If so, please call (904) 421-5800