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FBI-SOS Internet program alerts students to predator techniques

By Shirley Shaw

Attorney General Bill McCollum announced in his November 14 newsletter that "the fight to protect Florida's children from Internet child predators reached an important milestone yesterday. The first man prosecuted by my CyberCrime Unit and convicted by a jury under the CyberCrimes Against Children Act of 2007 was sentenced last night to 10 years in prison for traveling to meet someone he thought was a child, intending to have sex with her.

"This arrest was one of 98 the CyberCrime Unit has made since its inception, and I am extremely proud that this particular case sends a strong message to anyone who might contemplate victimizing our children. I applaud the judge and jury in this case for recognizing the seriousness of this crime and affirming that our state will absolutely not tolerate Internet child predators and child pornographers."

The FBI also wants to present a strong message about Internet safety for children in its SOS program by placing it in all middle schools in the country. Joanne Santivasci, Program Coordinator of SOS through Nova Southeastern University, explains how it works.



What is this SOS program about?

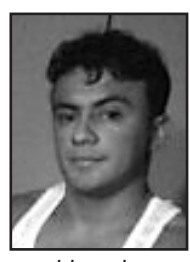
The FBI-SOS (Safe Online Surfing) Internet Challenge is a free, educational online program designed to teach 5th through 8th grade students how to recognize and react to online dangers. During the program students take a 15-question multiple-choice Pre-Quiz to test their Internet safety knowledge, then they complete an online Scavenger Hunt and visit select websites where they pick up Internet safety information. Once they finish the Scavenger Hunt, students take a 15-question Post-Quiz to demonstrate what they have learned. At the end of each month, the school with the highest student scores on the Post-Quiz wins the FBI-SOS Trophy and a visit from the FBI.

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Halloween murders prompt pond search JSO needs your help for this and other cases

By Shirley Shaw

The two brothers had just arrived home at their apartment, ready for dinner after a hard day's work as framers at a local construction site. The younger man, 22-year-old Eddie, remembered he had left something in the car and went outside to retrieve it. Suddenly, the sound of gunfire erupted, and the family rushed outside to find one man, a neighbor they slightly knew, dead on the steps and their beloved brother mortally wounded.



Eddie Tabora

Edin Tabora and the neighbor, Ceferino Valle, were ruthlessly gunned down by yet another pair of thugs preying on victims for money they are too sorry to work for themselves. The grieving Tabora family say Eddie was a "good kid, loved music and never met a stranger." He loved life in America and looked forward to a successful career in carpentry.

No arrests have been made in these cases, but according to a news report, a JSO dive team searched a retention pond at the Leigh Meadows Apartments on Sunbeam Road looking for evidence. There is no word to date if such evidence was found.

Despite all the efforts of many in

our community - from elected officials and law enforcement to civic/social groups and churches - murders continue to occur at an alarming rate. Often those killed are involved in gang- or drug-related activities, but many innocent victims just happen to be in the wrong place at the wrong time.

It's been a year since Jack Reed was murdered in his cab early one



Jack Reed

morning by shots from a high-powered automatic rifle, an apparent robbery victim. His widow, Terri, still grieves for her husband, struggling to cope with his loss and the economics of making it on her own.

Last December Donna Mills was sleeping in her apartment on Confederate Point Road when bullets fired from a passing car killed her, leaving a sister and parents to mourn her tragic death. They still work tirelessly to find the conscience-less murderer(s) and bring him/them to justice. A \$16,000 reward has been offered for information leading to the arrest and conviction of those responsible for her death.



Donna Mills

And there are many others: last September Kelli Chapple was slain, along with a friend in an apartment on University Blvd. No suspects have been apprehended, and her family still grieves for their



Kelli Chapple

talented 23-year old daughter/sister.

Special Forces veteran Chip Oney was killed in January this year by a bullet to his head as he was preparing for work early one morning. No one has been arrested to date for this crime, nor for the murder of 19-year-old Barry (BJ) Brooks who was slain at an apartment on Timuquana Road last November.



Chip Oney

All these cases keep JSO detectives working full time, and new ones are added every week. In every one of these situations - in fact, in ALL unsolved murders - SOMEONE knows who committed the crime. SOMEONE can provide the piece of evidence detectives need to bring a killer to justice. SOMEONE can help bring a measure of closure to grieving families who have lost loved ones. Are YOU that SOMEONE?

Grief does not take a holiday

By Janie Simpson

Fall brings reminders all around that the holiday season is coming. There are decorations, parties, presents, celebrating and families getting together. To someone in emotional pain the indicators that Thanksgiving and Christmas are coming are like stabs in the heart.

When individuals are grieving, they usually dread facing the holidays without the one who has died. They most often lament, "I wish we could just skip Thanksgiving and Christmas this year!" About the time Halloween comes around, the realization hits that Thanksgiving and Christmas are not far behind.

Holidays are times for families and friends to be together and can be painful reminders that a loved one will be missing. This season for parties, celebrations, presents, special dinners, etc., are difficult for most people when they are depressed. All are wonderful occasions but much energy is required to enjoy them. When a person is sad and mourning, there is not a lot of energy left to participate in the holidays. Grieving does not take a holiday.

So, how do the ones left behind get through this difficult period?

For survivors of a homicide, often trauma and grief reactions can be worse during the holidays. Their sense of emotional balance is thrown off and there is fear because life feels

so out of control. There can be shame or guilt or depression over the powerless feelings. Sometimes a person will experience flashbacks of the events around the trauma. If these symptoms are persistent, professional help might be needed.

There is no right or wrong way to experience the holidays after a loved one has died. The tendency is to avoid talking about the holidays within the family. If the family doesn't talk, they can't plan or tell each other what they need. It might help to have a family conference to let each person have a chance to express his or her personal needs and wishes before deciding what to do for the holidays.

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