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Ted Hires Legacy Award Dinner
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Since Ted Hires died last December he has been honored by the Florida Senate, House of Representatives and the Jacksonville City Council for his advocacy of victims' rights in Northeast Florida. Several years ago he received the FBI Director's award for outstanding community leadership.



Ted Hires

The Justice Coalition and other community leaders are establishing The Ted Hires Legacy Award to recognize other individuals who work for victims' rights. This Legacy Award will be a lasting tribute to Ted, and the dinner will help our organization raise funds that are needed to continue assisting victims and their families in our community.

Make plans now to attend this inaugural event which will feature an outstanding speaker you don't want to miss. More information will be available on the Justice Coalition website - www.justicecoalition.org - and in future issues of the *Victims' Advocate*.

See page 8 for more information about the Ted Hires Legacy Awards.

U. S. Marshals Seek Local Felon

William Lively wanted for aggravated assault

by Shirley Shaw

According to Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) crime statistics, nearly 78,000 incidents of aggravated assault were reported in 2008. Of that number almost 25,000 were assaults on a spouse and 33,000 on a cohabitant. Jacksonville's total spouse/cohabitant aggravated assault numbers mirror the state trend. And all law enforcement authorities agree untold numbers of assaults are never reported.

One reported assault, however, has prompted an all-out search for William Lively, Jr. The Jacksonville Sheriff's Office responded last November 1 to a 911 call from the Normandy Apartments on Helen Terrace in reference to a complaint of aggravated domestic battery with a deadly weapon. Arriving at the scene, officers

found two sisters amid the chaos of a damaged apartment. Janie* had been battered with a gun.

Mary reported that Lively had come to the residence, angry because her sister refused to spend time with him, and demanded to see her. When she refused to let him in, he kicked in the front door, pulled out a black and silver hand gun, pointed it at them and threatened to kill them. He made them go to the bedroom, where he pistol-whipped Janie, then said they should remain in that room or he would kill them. Lively then proceeded to trash the rest of the apartment before fleeing the scene. After investigating the crime, officers went to the criminal's known residence but he refused to answer the door.

Lively and Janie have a child in common but no longer live together. Although she reported he has been violent to her more than 11 other times, their relationship was on and off, and she had continued to see him. U. S. Marshals say he is known to have at least six other children with as many women.

WANTED

William Lively



A warrant has been issued for his arrest, and all local law enforcement ask for help from the public in locating this suspect. He has a large family on the Westside where authorities believe he is hiding out. If you know where William Lively, Jr., may be located, please call the U. S. Marshal's Florida Regional Fugitive Task Force at 904-301-6685. You could be eligible for a reward from that agency, and of course if you call CrimeStoppers (1-866-845-TIPS) you could receive a reward.

*Victims' names have been changed

The Age of Consent



Know Your Rights

by Atty. Jay C. Howell

Almost every organized society, if it remains in existence long enough, makes a formal decision regarding what is known as the age of consent. Simply stated, it is the age at which an individual can consent to sexual activity. If you look around the world, you will see some disparity in the decisions which different countries have reached in regard to the age of consent.

In Spain it is 13, in Peru and Italy it is 14, in Laos and Greece it is 15. It is 16 in Jordan, 17 in Ireland, and in Cameroon if you are underage, you must be married in order to legally consent to sexual activity. The various states here in America have each decided this issue in their criminal statutes.

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Grief for homicide lasts longer



by Janie Simpson

America's culture does not like to acknowledge that grieving is a normal and natural part of life. Our society likes the idea that if we work hard, do the right thing, be nice to others, we will not have to suffer. We live with the illusion we can control our lives and our safety, so it is usually a shock when death happens in a family.

The truth is we cannot control death. At some point every person will have to deal with the death of someone they love. The feeling associated with death is grief; the work of dealing with grief is mourning.

Even though everyone will experience grief, not everyone will deal with it the same way. These

differences are dependant on a number of factors such as age, temperament, circumstances of life, health, the number of other deaths a person has gone through, emotional health, cause of the death, how sudden, violent, and traumatic is the nature of the death.

Death by natural causes hurts, but it is death we can usually understand. Death that comes suddenly and violently is shocking. Death caused by a homicide is unnatural. Murder does not make sense to most of us. Mourning a murdered loved one is complicated by the sudden and violent nature the crime, the involvement of the legal system, the final disposition of the case and the attitude of society toward murder.

Homicides are always sudden and unexpected. Parents say, "goodbye, have fun, and be careful" to a young adult who is going out for the evening with a nice group of friends. A few

hours later they get a phone call to come to the hospital because their son has been shot. No parent is ever anticipating that call that changes his/her entire life in a blink of the eye.

Murder always has some degree of violence. This complicates the grief and mourning process because survivors are left wondering what their loved ones were feeling at the time of their death and did they suffer. Mourners are haunted at times with the picture of the homicide. Sometimes these thoughts can be so traumatic they cause post traumatic stress reaction. They often have many questions that rarely have answers.

The second big complication for homicide grief is the involvement of the criminal justice system. This is a necessary complication. Law enforcement officials are tasked to investigate the crime and hopefully

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