

## Vice squad...

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man and his vehicle were then taken to a nearby area for processing – the man to go to jail and the car to be towed to an impound lot. The secret word is decoy.

The Vice Squad is comprised of an interesting, talented group of detectives - great guys I really enjoyed meeting. John Anderson, who has been a patrol officer, motorcycle cop and Academy instructor (among other things) in his 29 years with the JSO, will retire in September. He is counting the weeks and looks forward to spending time with his young grandson. When asked if he'll miss his exciting job, he said, "Of course, but it's time for someone else to have a turn."

Detective Ford has been in Vice for four years and plans to transfer in the near future to another unit so he can spend weekends with his young daughter. One of the annual participants in the Guns and Hoses boxing benefits (between policemen and firefighters), he is thus far undefeated.

Thomas (the "pick-up" detective) was in Narcotics for nine years before moving to Vice. His calm, deceptively boyish looks make him a natural for his role and must have also been a factor in the 200 drugs buys he orchestrated during his years in Narcotics.

Herrington, a 13-year veteran and former Homicide detective, has been in Vice three years. Edwards (formerly in Auto Theft and Organized Crime), Johnson and Green round out this exemplary group. The young decoys were Officers Willis and Espie, whom I really admired for the courageous role they played. It can't be easy for any of these dedicated professionals to adopt the persona of sex offenders and felons, but Jacksonville is a better place to live because of their willingness to do so.

*Editor's note: On February 9, The Vice Squad targeted an area known to be a hangout for sex offenders and arrested a registered sexual predator. Victor Buckans, a repeat offender charged with sex crimes in Georgia, California, Texas and Florida, exposed himself to Detective Thomas at the Westside Regional Park on Roosevelt Blvd. JSO Public Information Officer Ken Jefferson noted, "It's a good job done by Vice...to get this type of person away from a park that typically has children in it."*

## THE SECRET WORD

G A M E

Hidden in the text of the Victims' Advocate is the **SECRET WORD** for the month of **March**. The rules are simple:

1. Find the word.
2. Telephone the Justice Coalition office 783-6312.
3. The first person who telephones the correct Secret Word wins a \$10.00 Gift Certificate to Sonny's Real Pit Barbeque Restaurant.
4. You can only win once in a twelve month period.

### SO START SEARCHING!

*Exclusions: no persons employed by the Justice Coalition, Sonny's, nor their families are eligible.*

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# \$5,000 Reward in Unsolved Murder Case



On February 17, at 2:00 p.m., Terrance Dwayne Snead, 30, was found shot at 1944 Berkley Street, Jacksonville, where he lived with his grandmother. He was taken to Shands Jacksonville, where he later died. To date, homicide detectives say there have been few leads in this murder case.

The family is offering a \$5,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person, or persons, responsible for this crime. If you have any information, please call JSO Homicide at 630-2172.