

CLAY COUNTY'S MOST WANTED

The Clay County Sheriff's Office proudly endorses the efforts of the Justice Coalition to capture wanted criminals. Clay County Sheriff Scott Lancaster believes, like many local law enforcement leaders, that law-abiding citizens are very interested in helping solve crimes and in removing violent offenders from our streets. Clay County currently has more than 5,300 active criminal warrants and civil writs and appreciates any information that will help the agency clear these cases.



MELISSA JOYCE MCKEE
Race: White **Sex:** Female **Age:** 30
DOB: 01/30/1974
Violation: Violation of Probation/Grand Theft Charges
 Suspect has fled the area and made no court-ordered

CAPTURED



JAMES FREDERICK SMITH
Race: Black **Sex:** Male **Age:** 41
DOB: 09/02/1962
Violation: Failure to Appear/Uttering
 Forged/Counterfeit Note or Bank Bill
Last known address: Orange Park, Florida



MILES KEITH HARLOW
Race: White **Sex:** Male **Age:** 39
DOB: 06/29/1962 **Height:** 5'8"
Weight: 200 **Hair:** Black **Eyes:** Brown
Violation: VOP (Grand Theft)
Bond: NO

PERSONS WITH INFORMATION ABOUT THESE INDIVIDUALS, PLEASE CONTACT CLAY COUNTY

Call the CCSO at (904) 264-6512 today!

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Due to circumstances beyond our control, the Justice Coalition's radio show, *Voice for Victims*, will air its final broadcast Friday, March 12. Sheriff John Rutherford will be our guest that day. Thanks for listening and for continuing to support the Justice Coalition.



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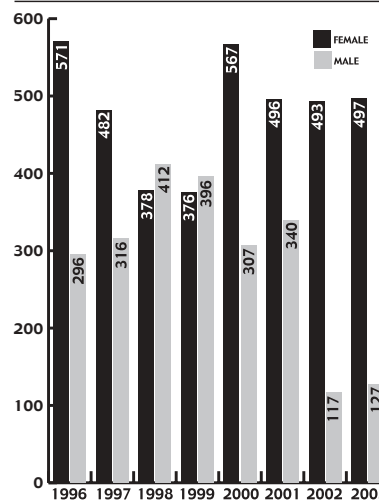
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the spectrum of socio-economic life in Jacksonville. And he takes his job very seriously. At first he seems aloof, guarded and a little gruff, while at the same time presenting the unfailingly polite and professional attitude so prominent in Sheriff Rutherford's JSO. But as the conversation proceeds, you realize that this tough, seasoned police officer really wants to make a difference in the lives of people on the street. Unfortunately for Anderson and his team, the downtrodden hookers they attempt to rescue all too often return to the same streets, the same abuse and even the same street corner from where they started.

"It's all about crack cocaine; 99.9 percent of these women are addicted to it or to heroin or alcohol. They can't break the cycle and most don't want to. When you look in their eyes, you see nothing. They are blank. But I know three women who got off the streets last year and have cleaned up. They will always be recovering crack addicts, but they are clean today."

He claims that he has never busted a hooker with much money and very little drugs in her possession. "Whatever they make, they smoke it up. That's what they do. Some of them, before they get really eaten up from the drugs, from the life, may make a lot of

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money, but have nothing to show for it," says Anderson. He seems as incredulous about the waste as he is resigned to the callous realities of the streets.

Anderson speaks candidly about the costs of running the department, and of the small victories - "377 prostitutes were arrested in 2003 and 286 males on morals violations." He echoes the opinions of other members of the JSO, including Director George Lueders of the Organized Crime Division, who agrees that the only way to break the cycle is to get the prostitutes off drugs. It takes 120 days, minimum. With the majority of the arrested pleading guilty at their first court appearance, according to the State Attorney's Office, few get the option forced upon them to clean up their addiction.

Also of concern to the sergeant are the outwardly legal operations that exist in our city - adult entertainment bars, escort services and massage parlors. Most of the street prostitutes started out dancing in clubs, according to Anderson. "They take the drugs to give them the edge to perform. After a while the drugs take over, they become used up, their looks fade and the clubs don't want them any more. They have nowhere to go but the streets and they prostitute themselves to feed their habits."

Escort services are another problem. He explains that while the escort services we see advertised in the newspaper and the phonebook must be licensed, his office has not issued a single license for an escort service in seven years, yet more pop up every year. "We go after these operations, too."

These stories and more depict the harsh realities of prostitution in Jacksonville and provide a glimpse into the life of a public servant who spends his waking hours striving to make a difference in his community. Though most of us never give Anderson and his Vice Squad a second thought, they try every day to effect change in our community. On a good day, their efforts benefit not only the war on drugs, crime and prostitution, they may also help get someone off the streets and on to a life of recovery. These JSO officers know it's a prostitute's only chance.