

A call to action



From the Director
by Ann Dugger

I received a call today from the media asking for a statement on the high murder rate in Jacksonville. What is the answer to getting murderers off the streets? On any given day, we at the Justice Coalition hear yet another heart-wrenching story – a loved one was violently taken and a mom or other family members are reaching out for help.

Our Senior Victim Advocate currently has almost 200 open cases, half of which relate in some way to drugs. Dealing in drugs is a crime. When a crime is committed, there should be swift and sure punishment – punishment that fits the crime.

Accountability is one of the keys to a safer community.

Criminals must be held accountable. Violent crime is no respecter of persons; residents living in expensive gated communities as well as lower income housing are all affected.

Citizen and business involvement is certainly another key to reducing crime. The Jacksonville Sheriff's Office and other law enforcement agencies cannot do it alone. We get many calls about drugs and other violent crimes in neighborhoods. We encourage you – the citizens – to be proactive.

Join the Justice Coalition's Community Watch Program – a program that lends additional eyes and ears to law enforcement. This program provides the opportunity for employers to allow their employees to be volunteers on the job, reporting suspicious activity before it becomes a crime.

The Justice Coalition *Victims' Advocate* is a free monthly

publication with a local distribution of 35,000. Each month we feature the area's most wanted criminals, unsolved murders and missing persons. Make it a point to pick up a copy – review the photos and, if you see one of the fugitives, call the appropriate non-emergency number at JSO to report his/her location.

Why "re-invent the wheel"? This "wheel" is working. Almost 1300 fugitives have been captured, 129 missing persons found in the past 11 years. Get involved with the Justice Coalition.

Our Fourth Annual "Together We Can" campaign breakfast is scheduled for March 30 at the San Jose Country Club. Call me at 783-6312 for further information and how you can be a part of this event. Help make our First Coast a safer place to live.

Together we can, together we will make our community safer.



For we have not a high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities, but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

- Hebrews 4:15, 16



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Fourth annual Justice Coalition

"Together We Can" Campaign Breakfast

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Angela Corey
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Working to make a safer First Coast

March 30, 2006
7:20 a.m.

San Jose Country Club

Table sponsorships and individual tickets available

Call 783-6312 for more information

THE SECRET WORD

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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 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.

Faith Corner

The Faith Community holds the key to true Restorative Justice for all mankind. Many churches and businesses support this concept.

The Justice Coalition wishes to thank the following for their support in our quest for this goal of compassion and understanding:

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