



# From the Desk of

Sheriff Nat Glover

## A Multiple Agency Response to Domestic Violence

Throughout the United States, domestic violence has become an increasing problem in many communities.

Locally, the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office works closely with community-based groups to provide a multi-agency response to domestic violence.

The Family Violence Unit was recently established in the Detective Division of the Sheriff's Office with the responsibility to investigate incidents of child abuse, child neglect, domestic violence, elderly abuse, elderly neglect and financial exploitation of the elderly.

The ultimate mission of the Family Violence Unit is to interrupt the cycle of violence found in some Jacksonville homes by aggressively taking whatever law enforcement measures necessary to alleviate the immediate situation and prevent further incidents of violence.

A key component of the Family Violence Unit is the Intimate Violence Enhanced Services Team, also known as INVEST.

The INVEST team is comprised of two detectives from the Family Violence Unit, three advocates from Hubbard House, three advocates from the City of Jacksonville Community Services Division and four office staff.

INVEST also works with a variety of other organizations throughout the community to provide services to families who are affected by domestic violence.

INVEST personnel review domestic violence police reports from the Sheriff's Office and some of the beaches police departments along with threat assessments from other collaborative members who send referrals to INVEST.

During the review of these reports, INVEST staff evaluate domestic violence cases for those with the most lethal indicators and advocates contact the victim to offer services. Services provided by INVEST include intensive advocacy and safety planning to get the victim into a safer environment.

The detectives ensure batterers know the law as it pertains to domestic violence and that they comply with any existing court orders. Detectives will also assist victims in obtaining a court order and they work closely with the State Attorney's Office to build stronger cases against batterers.

This concept of detectives and advocates working together to improve the safety of families has proven very successful in many communities across the United States and it is showing positive results in Jacksonville.

# WANTED



**DALE VINCENT FOUNTAIN**

Race: White Wt.: 149  
Sex: Male Violation:  
DOB: 10/5/84 VOP - DL Sr  
Ht.: 5' 11"



**TONY D. FUDGE**

Race: Black Wt.: 140  
Sex: Male Violation:  
DOB: 7/23/77 VOP - Uttering  
Ht.: 6' 1"



**SAMUEL K. GRAHAM**

Race: Black Wt.: 158  
Sex: Male Violation:  
DOB: 6/8/58 VOP - Poss of  
Ht.: 5' 8" Fireman



**GORDON WAYNE GRAY**

Race: White Wt.: 225  
Sex: Male Violation:  
DOB: 9/6/61 Grand Theft  
Ht.: 6' 6"

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