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*The Justice Coalition began in 1995 because one man's priorities were changed. Ted Hires was the average businessman working 60 to 80 hours a week and looking out for himself until that day when he and his staff were held at gunpoint and robbed. Being a victim of crime, Ted found the criminal justice system worked harder for the criminal than the victim. As a result of Ted's experience, he formed a (501C3) non-profit organization, the Justice Coalition, and is making an effort to change the Fourth Judicial court system for the better.*

*Since 1995, the Justice Coalition has been fighting crime every step of the way. Fugitives captured are through a partnership with local media and law enforcement agencies.*

The Justice Coalition's

## Victims' Advocate

A free newspaper supporting victims' rights published monthly by The Justice Coalition. The opinions of contributing writers are not necessarily those of the Justice Coalition's Victims' Advocate or the Justice Coalition. The Justice Coalition's Victims' Advocate welcomes both editorial and photographic submission, but they cannot be returned. Please allow six weeks for a response to submitted works. Calendar information is welcome but must be submitted one month in advance of the event.

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### THE JUSTICE COALITION'S OBJECTIVES

- To be available for innocent victims of violent crime
- To educate the general public on criminal justice issues
- To be pro-active in the fight against crime

## Advertising Deadline

The deadline for advertising copy for the June 2010 Edition of the JUSTICE COALITION'S VICTIMS' ADVOCATE is May 10, 2010.

## THE SECRET WORD GAME

CONGRATULATIONS TO APRIL'S WINNER, TIMOTHY HIGHSMITH. THANKS FOR PLAYING.

Hidden in the text of the Victims' Advocate is the SECRET WORD for the month of May. 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.*

# Officer-Involved Shootings: How the investigative processes work



From the  
**Sheriff's  
Desk**

Sheriff  
John  
Rutherford

As facts begin to be released regarding the conduct of police officers in the March 26 Baymeadows Road robbery and armed kidnapping, it is important that we make clear the standard investigative processes involved so that citizens can have confidence in both the competence and the integrity of their police officers. When a citizen is injured by police officer, two investigations occur.

\* The State Attorney opens an investigation into the actions of the officer to determine whether that officer has committed a crime. This criminal investigation of the officer's actions is standard practice and is designed to protect the public from wrongdoing by police. All Jacksonville police officers are trained in the law regarding their profession and are held to a high standard of accountability by Florida law and by the State Attorney. During this criminal investigation the officer's actions are examined from the standpoint of a citizen accountable to the law.

\* The Jacksonville Sheriff's Office investigates the same actions of the officer to

determine whether the officer's actions conformed to the policy and standards of the agency. All agency employees are trained before and throughout their careers on the policies of the department and are clear regarding the expectations we have of them as law enforcement professionals. During this administrative investigation the officer's actions are examined from the standpoint of a professional employee accountable to departmental and professional standards.

The State Attorney's investigation comes first in the sequence. During the State Attorney's criminal investigation, the officer is, of course, afforded the same legal rights as any other citizen, including (especially) the right against self-incrimination. Since the administrative investigation by the JSO involves compelling the officer to explain his or her actions, this investigation comes after the criminal investigation to ensure that no criminal prosecution of alleged officer wrongdoing is tainted by the defense of a "compelled confession." The courts refer to this as the "Garrity Rule."

Once the State Attorney's investigation is complete and the officer has been cleared or prosecuted, the balance of the administrative investigation is conducted. This investigation requires the officer to ap-

pear before a Response-to-Resistance Board - open to the public - explaining his or her actions, and may result in a recommendation to the Sheriff that the officer be exonerated, receive greater training, or receive disciplinary measures up to and including dismissal.

Following that and based on the outcome of the administrative investigation, the Sheriff makes a decision as to the final disposition regarding the officer as an employee. I am solely accountable constitutionally for making the final decision concerning any administrative actions to be taken against police officers.

The criminal investigation by the State Attorney into the actions of these officers is not yet complete. We are unable to comment on specifics of the investigation beyond the account of the incident by the Undersheriff on the day of the incident (March 26) and by the Sheriff on March 27 and April 8. These accounts are available, unedited, on <http://www.jaxsheriff.org>. The website's news section also contains all the charts, graphs, videos and information the Sheriff's Office shares with the public during our press conferences and via the web.

Daniel Crichton and all of his family remain in the thoughts and prayers of the members of the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office.

## Pray Jacksonville!

We urge all praying Christians who believe God can change lives and the crime situation in our city to join us on the second Tuesday of each month, 11:30 a.m., at 524 Stockton Street (W. W. Gay Mechanical Contractors, Inc.). The next meeting will be May 11, 2010.

*Ezekiel, 7:23: Make the chain, for the land is full of bloody crimes and the city is full of violence.  
II Chronicles, 7:14: If my people who are called by My name will humble themselves and pray and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, will forgive their sin and will heal their land.*

## UNSOLVED MURDERS



**Name:** Kelli Chapple  
**Info:** Kelli Chapple, 23, left home to dine with friends on Sept. 7, 2007, and was found murdered, along with a male friend, the next day in a Southside apartment Sept. 8, 2007.  
**Notify:** JSO Homicide at 630-2172



**Name:** Mary Elizabeth Petersen  
**Info:** This 34-year-old mother of two was strangled during the night and found by her little children on May 28, 2002.  
**Notify:** JSO Homicide at 630-1157.



**Name:** John Patrick Rowan  
**Info:** Rowan, 34, left his Ft. Caroline home before sunrise Feb. 23, 2001, and has not been seen since. His SUV was found a month later near the Orlando airport. His case has been ruled an unsolved homicide.  
**Notify:** JSO Cold Case at 630-1157



**Name:** Paul W. Seidenstricker  
**Info:** This 44-year-old beloved husband and father was murdered on E. 17th and Hubbard St. on Feb. 21, 1994, by multiple stab wounds.  
**Notify:** JSO at 630-0500

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