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Join Us To Make A Difference

A non-profit, public benefits organization serving families and friends of homicide victims.

Johnny “Johnny Ca\$h” Rico Castaneda, Jr.



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By: His Mother, Troy

Johnny, my firstborn son, was born on August 11, 1981 at Oaknoll Hospital. His dad, Johnny, Sr., would sing to him “Johnny Angel”. At a very young age, we could see how very independent and smart he was.

His father in the Army and, after Johnny was born, he was stationed in Hanau, Germany for a two-year assignment. At six (6) weeks old, Johnny and I hopped on a plane to Germany and took up residence in an apartment by the lake. My son and I would fly back and forth to the States; he spent a great amount of time with his grandparents. After Johnny, Sr.’s term was up, we moved to Richmond, Ca., and resided with my parents until we found a condo close by. We now had another son, three years younger than his big brother, Johnny.

Life began to take a turn after my husband was murdered during a robbery in 1989. My father stepped in as my boy’s mentor. He played such a vital role in the lives of my sons and encouraged their participation in every sport you could ever imagine. My sons excelled in every challenge presented to them.

Johnny started rapping at a young age and, because I thought he had an exceptional talent, I invested in a manager. He traveled all over performing and meeting with record labels. Then around 2005, he joined the label “Thizz Entertainment” in Vallejo, Ca. “JOHNNY CASH” became well-known, as well as his group, “Money Gang”. They made about six (6) Cd’s, and everyone thought he was such a great performer. However, there were those who were very jealous and chose to take his rapping messages personal. At one of their shows, two of his chains were snatched and, two months later in Reno, Nv., Johnny found himself surrounded by a group of men who threatened him. A short time later, someone shot at Johnny’s car.

After I expressed concern and worry for Johnny’s safety, a cousin agreed that he should move in with her in Vallejo. Everything seemed to have settled down until Johnny decided to move in an apartment complex, where his girlfriend resided. He started receiving threatening phone calls. Everyone seemed to know who this individual was (a resident of this same apartment complex), but no one would disclose his name. Three days prior to Johnny’s murder, Johnny was approached by a guy inquiring if his name was “CASH”. There was every indication Johnny suspected this unknown guy (from Richmond, CA) was after him.

On a sunny day on March 29, 2007, three criminals decided to drive from Richmond to Vallejo, CA. At 10:00 a.m., while walking with his girlfriend and in the presence of three witnesses, Johnny was approached by these criminals and, soon

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CITIZENS AGAINST HOMICIDE

Who We Are

The majority of the board members of Citizens Against Homicide have had a family member murdered. They are surviving the devastating loss of a loved one and still suffer the continued emotional trauma of coping with our criminal justice system. We have joined together to create a voice for the survivors and friends of murder victims.

CAH Objectives

- ◇ Assist families through the complicated criminal justice system.
- ◇ Provide trial and courtroom support to victims.
- ◇ Accompany victims to parole hearings in their endeavor to keep the convicted murderer in prison.
- ◇ Provide information on pending crime legislation.

Protecting Your Own Interests

You can't prepare for the event that makes you a victim. You can only react. You need to know how to deal with the subsequent trial, sentencing and unavoidable parole hearings. CAH helps you take action to protect your own interests.

If you have friends or family who may be in need of our assistance, please pass along the information regarding our organization.

Location for Meetings

We hold monthly meetings on the second Sunday of each month at 302 4th Street, San Rafael, CA. The monthly meeting starts at 10:00 a.m. We encourage anyone interested to attend meetings.

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WORDS FROM JAN

Where to begin? May and going into June we have been busier than ever. CAH had our Annual Meeting on May 16th. That meeting was a time to reflect on our progress and to look to our plans for the future. It has been just a year and a half since Jane Alexander, our co-founder died and these last 18 months have had their challenges. I believe that I can speak for all of us on the Board when I say that we are coming out of our time of mourning and moving into our time of rebirth. Change is very difficult and most of us resist it with a passion. However sometimes you need to look around you and realize that people have been brought into your life in order to help you make the change that is necessary to move into the next chapter of your life. That certainly has been true here at CAH. Gene and Shellie Cervantes have taken on a role that was never believed could happen. Their ability to talk with so many victims and to reach out and connect with TV, radio, as well as other victims groups etc is exceptional. In truth I could go on and on. Let me just say that as much as I keep saying take "baby steps" they are a mile ahead and going strong. Then we have Jude Cote who has become our website "master". When Jude starts talking about some of what she is able to tell us about the hundreds of "hits" to our website and the number of countries they are coming from and the different "engines" they are coming from . . . well let me just say my eyes glaze over because I am still not that great with the computer "thing". Jude does not even know what "baby steps" means. The point I am trying to make is that all of our original board is still here and we are all doing what we have been doing with and for CAH. We simply turned loose our newest board members and I think you will be seeing CAH moving in greater directions and accomplishing more for victims. At the same time we will be trying to educate our readers on how each of you can help CAH, and help victims. We will always be asking for letters for paroles and other important issues. We will also be educating as best we can about the criminal justice process and how we can assist in changing it to be more about "public safety" not about someone's job. As we can see from the "update" on the "Bud" Fogelsong case, it was the press that has exposed a "bad" DA. There are good DA's and bad DA's in every state. Some states have different names for the job but it is the same part of the Criminal Justice system. The State of California has a number of "bad" DA's and when they come up for election they need to be removed so that we can put DA's into office that will follow ALL of the laws - not just the ones they like. Their first job should be "public" safety and we are the public that is to be protected.

Some words were shared with me recently and I want to share them with you.

The Bible talks about how we should experience joy in all circumstances, not that we are feeling joy because of the circumstance, but that we look for the joy in the circumstance. I used these words last week when I was giving out the award we have in my daughter's name. It is the Veronica "Roni" Perotti Scholarship at Marin Catholic High School where she and her siblings all attended. I realized that all these years (this year was 26) we have been celebrating her life by giving out this award and that we have been finding the joy in our 19 years with Veronica by our side. We have 19 years of funny stories, sad and crazy stories, wonderful events and on and on. By sharing these joys and by keeping her name and her memory alive through the scholarship we have been a living example of what the Bible is talking about. I had never exactly thought of it that way, but in truth that is exactly what it is all about.

Those of you who know me personally are aware that we have 15 grandchildren. This May/June we have the joy of experiencing 3 of their graduations. 1 from college and 2 from high school. It is during these ever so special events that I will try my very best to remember those words from the Bible because it is always at these wonderful events that the loss of the "one" that is missing hurts even more. I share all of these personal thoughts with you because I know there are thousands reading this newsletter that are experiencing the very same emotions that I am experiencing. I want you to know that you are not alone and I thought just maybe knowing you are not alone would be of help to you.

Remember to enjoy the good things of today and remember all of the good memories of yesterday.

Hugs,

Jan

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after, gunned down. His girlfriend's version of this incident has remained inconsistent; she stated she was sitting in the car and when Johnny went to get something out of the trunk, he was approached and then shot. However, the apartment manager stated she watched the entire ordeal from beginning to end. She reiterates the girlfriend not being in the car, but walking beside Johnny, then disappearing and reappearing after the gunshots. The apartment manager further stated she watched as three guys drove up in a white scrapper car, all three approaching Johnny and his girlfriend, then two returning to the car, while the third followed Johnny to his trunk . . . then heard pow, pow, pow. The suspected shooter stood over him, then proceeded back to

the waiting car and then drove off. The apartment manager attempted to follow this vehicle while on the phone with the Vallejo Police Department, but the murderers disappeared before anyone could respond.

My son was left there on the ground surrounded by his girlfriend and onlookers; one kind man holding Johnny telling him not to move. He was airlifted to John Muir, where many family members and friends gathered to pray and offer support. My son died later that evening.

For one year, I was told my son's death was the result of a robbery. But during another discussion with the apartment manager, she informed me all of Johnny's jewelry was still on him. When I questioned the third detective involved in my

son's murder investigation, he informed me the Vallejo Police Department does, in fact, have possession of my son's jewelry, but could not offer any further information.

I am in constant contact with the detectives and to date, there are still no answers. I am asking for your help! If anyone has any information regarding the murder of my son, Johnny "JOHNNY CASH" Castaneda, on March 29, 2007, please contact Detective Matt Meredith, Vallejo Police Department (707) 648-4509.

My son just wanted to live and let live and become a successful rapper/artist. His hopes and dreams perished, when a murderer had the audacity to take my son's life.

Thank You~ Johnny's Mother, Troy

Case Update Steven Watkins

Steven Watkins was our November 2009 Victim Profile and was one of our cases that was provided to Hallmark. Because of Hallmark's involvement, the media took an interest. Not long after all of the much needed attention, the grandmother of Steven's estranged wife was arrested for Steven's murder.

The jury took about 2 hours to decide that Shirley Skinner was guilty of all 5 counts against her. 3 counts of 1st degree murder and 2 of solicitation of murder for hire.

Again it was due to the press getting involved and bringing light to a case that otherwise would have just been pushed aside. We thank Hallmark also for caring about our cases and giving them some publicity.

CRIME WIRE

Citizens Against Homicide is pleased to introduce a wonderful new media resource (**CRIME WIRE**). Denny Griffin and his Crime Wire team will assist in bringing much needed attention to some unsolved and "forgotten" homicide cases. "When there is nowhere else for families to find answers and seek justice, the Crime Wire team is there." Host Denny Griffin and his team will highlight homicide, suspicious death and cover-ups for families seeking justice.

CRIME WIRE DEBUT ANNOUNCEMENT - BLOG TALK RADIO SHOW - JUNE 1, 2010!

Join co-hosts Denny Griffin, Susan Murphy-Milano and Vito Colucci Jr. on Tuesday, June 1, for the debut of Crime Wire on Blog Talk Radio. On their opening episode, they discuss the role of medical examiners and coroners in death investigations.

What their determinations mean to the family of the victim; and what, if any, recourse the family has if they disagree with the official findings. Guests will include a representative from Citizens Against Homicide and a former coroner-turned forensic investigator.

You can catch the show beginning at 9 pm Eastern - 6 pm Pacific, at

www.blogtalkradio.com/crimwire

call in number is 646-478-0982

There is a live chat room and listener phone calls are welcome.

Follow up show will be in July - go to our website for more up to the minute details.

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Thank you.

PAROLE & CLEMENCY HEARINGS

**These parole hearings are imminent.
Send letters in support of these families today.**

Parole Hearings

Robert Harrison "Hoss"

On the night of August 3, 1992 Phillip Clark Watts, age 24, entered the home of 82 year old Lawrence Robert Harrison, "Hoss". After Watts entered the home a fight took place between he and Harrison that left Harrison's dentures knocked from his mouth, his glasses ripped from his face, and his back scarred with bite marks from Watts. Harrison had been stabbed 63 times including 26 stab wounds to his face and eyes alone and was left grotesquely mutilated. After the murder, Watts stole Harrison's clothes, tools, and money. In addition, Watts also attacked Harrison's little terrier dog "E.T." kicking him, breaking his ribs, and bloodying one of his eyes. When the police arrived "E.T." was covered in his master's blood.

Watts saw "Hoss" and "E.T." as they went each day to McDonalds for a hamburger and a coke. He saw "Hoss" cash a \$200 check and followed him home. That is when the rest of our lives changed and "Hoss's" life ended.

The arrest was made October 1992, with the trial starting July 1993. The sentencing was for August 1993. Phillip Watts was sentenced to 25 years to life with 1 extra year for using a knife.

"Hoss's" little dog "E.T." went on to live with Hoss's daughter DeAlva.

Thank You for your help
Cindy Biletnikoff

MURDERER:

Phillip Clark Watts
Inmate # H89135

SEND LETTERS TO:

Parole Board
California State Prison Solano
2100 Peabody Road
Vacaville, CA 95696

COPY TO FAMILY:

hossharrison@hotmail.com

NOTE:

Remember you can go to our website for a "copy and paste" pre-written letter.

Sample Parole Letter on Website

Sample parole opposition letter(s) are available on the CAH website at

www.citizensagainsthomicide.com

For your convenience, all you need to do is 'copy and paste' the letter(s)
into a Word document, sign your name and mail.

DATE TO REMEMBER

August 13, 2010 - that Friday the 13TH

This will be your lucky day - it is the CAH 17th Annual Golf Tournament. This is where family and friends gather each year to hit a little white ball around the course and enjoy each other's company. Our goal this year is to fill the course with players and to exceed the number of sponsors that support our organization. Our plan is to expand our silent auction items and our raffle ticket items. The most important item on the agenda is for everyone to have a wonderful time while raising funds to support CAH.

“FROM THE OFFICE OF VICTIM AND SURVIVOR RIGHTS & SERVICES (OVSRS) CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS & REHABILITATION

HOW DO I REQUEST COMPENSATION FOR TRAVEL COSTS TO A PAROLE HEARING?

As of May 2010, OVSRS has funds available through a Federal Grant, which allows for reimbursement - up to \$100 - to a limited number of victims for costs associated with travel to parole hearing. For information on how to apply for travel reimbursement, please contact OVSRS at (877) 256-6877



From:

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English -

Were you the victim of a crime and the court ordered you restitution? The California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation may have collected money for you. Contact the Office of Victim and Survivor Rights and Services to inquire if you have unclaimed money from a direct order of restitution. To update your address or to obtain additional information, call us toll free at 1-800-256-6877

Spanish -

Si usted fue victima de un crimen y corte le ortorgo restitucion, es posible que el Departamento de Correcciones y Rehabilitacion haya recibidio dinero a su favor. Llame a la oficina de Victimas y Sobrevivientes para preguntar si usted tiene restitucion que no se haya reclamado. para obtener mas informacion, llame gratis al 1-877-256-6877

Case Update

Bud Foglesong

Due to the amount of press that has been given to “Bud” Foglesong’s death and the lack of proper investigation at that time, we are now witnessing a full investigation into Mr. Foglesong’s brother-in-law Robert S. Holzapfel. Robert S. Holzapfel has been the District Attorney for the County of Glenn. It is becoming clear that Mr. Holzapfel has misused the power of his office. A series of articles is being done in the Sacramento Valley Mirror by Tim Crews. Some of what you will read will just make you sick and some will just make you want to cry.

We at CAH want to thank Tim Crews for the articles he has posted and continues to post on the death of “Bud”. Without his articles this murder case would have been pushed under the rug. Now his exposing what has been going on in the Da’s office is what we need to be happening in every one of our 58 counties in the State of California. We need to clean from within and start in each department. We thank you Tim Crews for setting an example and a standard for others to follow.



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Organization: _____ Work Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Address: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

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