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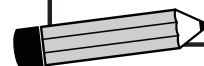
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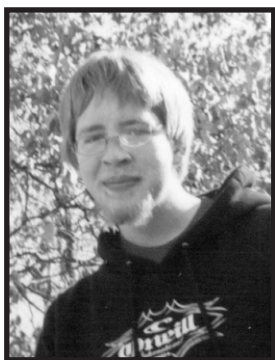
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## *Clinton Devon Nelson*



**CLINTON DEVON NELSON**

**By: His Mother, Carolyn Johnson**

On August 9, 1985, Clinton Devon Nelson came into this world screaming and bruised. I was young and it had been a very difficult pregnancy and delivery; but this was one of the happiest days of my life. I used to joke about my son being born with bumps and bruises and, as it turned out, he had perpetual bumps and bruises the rest of his life. Clinton was always accident prone and always taking risks. His thrill-seeking side took him down many paths; some I would not have chosen for my son. He was not a follower...he was a trailblazer. He never took the easy route and the paths he chose usually led him to more bumps and bruises. At times, Clinton would struggle as he grew and felt he did not fit in with the family.

He loved to make us laugh.

When Clinton was 20 years old, he moved to Louisiana to reconnect with his biological father and his family. His father had given up all custody rights when Clinton was a little boy. I was most concerned about this move, because his father had led a completely different lifestyle than the one I had provided for my son. I had hoped that his father had changed and that he would work with me in keeping Clinton on a healthy path; hence enabling his growth and strength.

A few months after Clinton's move to Louisiana, he was hired to work on an oil rig. He was so pleased and very proud. He loved the thrill of this new job (often times dangerous) and the money he earned. He had dreamed of eventually becoming a Driller and, had he lived, would have accomplished this dream.

On the evening of September 1, 2006, while visiting with a friend, I was suddenly overcome with a most sickening feeling. I immediately felt something was wrong and I knew it involved my son, Clinton. *Cont. on page 3*

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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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## *Tis the SEASON.....*

Thanksgiving gives us the opportunity to gather with family and share our individual words of "thanksgiving." I have to tell you that this year was a very special year at my home because so many of us had extra special things for which to be thankful. A tear was brought to even some of the strong stoic types. Then of course we moved on to enjoy a wonderful meal.

It seemed that the dishes were hardly put away when "the season" began.

The talk of travel plans, getting the outside lights up, decorate the house, office parties, the trips to the "City", new outfits for the children (what about one for me), gifts for everyone, etc. Somehow, with all the hustle and bustle around you, this amazing overwhelming feeling of depression can suddenly come over you like a heavy blanket. You don't even see it coming. There you are in the middle of fun people and fun activities, but you want to walk or run away and just be alone and cry.

You do know the way. The reason is that someone whom you love very much is not here with the rest of the family and the reason that this special person is mission cannot be easily defined in the 'normal' fashion, e.g. he was very old and lived a great life, or the illness had taken away their quality of life and now they are in a better place with God. On the contrary, you lost someone to a violent act brought on by another human being acting in the most evil of ways. Such a difficult concept to live with. Yet we do! It is when that blanket falls upon us that we must work the hardest, not only for ourselves, but also for all the rest of our family around us. It is hard! But we must continue to 'fight the fight.' We need to get more involved with the family around us and in their holiday activities of decorating, cooking, perhaps offering to cook a special dish (it could be one that was a favorite of the person you are missing). Go out and watch that grandchild play their favorite sport or just take them out for an ice cream. As hard as it might be, it is what you must do. You must toss that heavy blanket off your back and walk across it to be with your family and friends who are here for you and who will reach a helping hand out to you. CAH is here with a hand reaching out to help you if you need us. CAH will look to you to reach out to help others as the opportunity presents itself.

## *Tis the SEASON...CONTINUED*

Another suggestion for easing emotional stress is to walk an hour a day. Enjoy a conversation with a friend, a nod to a neighbor, a wave to a bicyclist, a short chat with an acquaintance, or just take in the scenery of your neighborhood. It is the little things that can brighten your day. Of course, there is always the "chocolate cure". It has been found that eating about an ounce and 1/2 of dark chocolate a day helps to reduce the level of stress in the body. Exactly how much stress is reduced is not yet known. However, you must admit it sounds like a lot of fun trying to see if it works.

***MERRY CHRISTMAS and A HAPPY and HEALTHY NEW  
YEAR to EVERYONE from YOUR BOARD at CAH..  
We are all looking forward to 2010.***

### *Victim Profile Con't from Page 1*

I debated about calling him, but decided not to bother my independent 21-year-old with unfounded worries of his mother. Two days later (September 3rd), I received a call from Clinton's biological father, asking if I had spoken to my son. He told me Clinton was missing; that no one had seen him since Friday night. The local police, according to his father, refused to file a missing persons report in hopes he would eventually show up. After several attempts, a report was finally submitted only after Clinton did not show up for work. This was the beginning of a nightmare that will never end!

Approximately one week later, I received another call from Clinton's biological father. He proceeded to tell me that law enforcement suspected foul play and that they had activated cadaver dogs in a search of the

woods. I literally fell apart; I could not breathe. My son is missing and now presumed murdered! I immediately placed a call to the local police department and left a message for the detective to return my call. Within a short time, I received that return call. I repeated the information that I had received from Clinton's father. The detective rebuked this information; indicated they did not suspect foul play and there were no searches being conducted. He further suggested that.. "Your son is a young man. He is probably shackled up with some girl and he will turn up."

It has been three (3) years since the disappearance of my son, Clinton. There have been so many conflicting stories/theories and so-called witnesses. But, one story stands out above all the others; that Clinton was the victim of a robbery and

beating, which resulted in his death. The local law enforcement reports that even though there is no evidence of foul play, they speculate that foul play was involved and the case remains an open investigation. There have been three (3) searches conducted by Texas EquuSearch, but to no avail. My son is missing and I have no answers! I do believe my son is dead, foul play is involved and the people responsible are still out there...perpetuating constant agony and pain for my family.

If anyone has information regarding the disappearance of my son, Clinton Devon Nelson, please contact Detective Charles Owens, Bossier Parrish Sheriff's Office at (318) 965-2203  
Sincerely,  
Carolyn Johnson

## ***RAPIST WHO LEFT 6-YEAR OLD VICTIM IN FROZEN FIELD TO BE PAROLED***

*The Vacaville Reporter, California Updated 11-09-09*

Vacaville - Almost 19 years ago in Vacaville, California, a 6-year-old girl in foster care was kidnapped from her home, bound and gagged with duct tape, raped and then abandoned in freezing temperatures in a rural field.

The case shocked the Bay Area, but the girl survived. Today, Dannette Porter, who asked that her maiden name be used, is a married mother of two sons with a daughter on the way.

But her hard-won happiness has been marred since she learned that her attacker, Travis Lee Casebolt, is soon to be released from prison.

Casebolt, who was 19 at the time of the attack and 20 when sentenced to more than 30 years in prison, may be paroled as early as this week, possibly into Vacaville. "I just want to put it out here for people who are going to be the area," said Porter by telephone. "I just don't want him to be in that situation where it can happen again. I just want people to be cautious."

Porter rarely talks about what happened to her, but she emphasizes that she has never forgotten.

"I've kind of suppressed it. I don't really think about it a lot. I guess I remember as much as a 6-year-old would," she said. "But I do remember."

In November 1990, Porter was placed with a foster family on Maple Road off Leisure Town Road. Casebolt, who was engaged to Porter's then 17-year-old foster sister, Marcie Moore, who also asked that her maiden

name be used, lived across the street.

On Nov. 27, 1990, Porter, Moore and Casebolt were in the barn behind the Moores' home, where Moore remembered training her stallion. Casebolt reportedly left to put air in his tires. Soon after, the family realized that Porter was missing. It was about 7:30 p.m.

For the next 21 hours, Vacaville police, sheriff's officials, other emergency responders and the community began a search for the child.

Just before 4:30 p.m. the next day, a bird dog, pheasant hunting with David Higgins, of Fairfield, sniffed out the scared, crying child in a thicket.

The child's ankles, wrists, throat and mouth were bound with duct tape and she was peppered with bruises.

Police said she immediately identified Casebolt as her assailant, and he was arrested hours later. Forensic and other evidence, along with the child's testimony, helped convict Casebolt.

After 18 years of incarceration, he is set to be paroled from Salinas Valley State Prison in Soledad.

Moore also dreads his release. Though her little sister has moved on, Moore confessed it is difficult to forget.

"Dannette was a very strong child. She was strong and came forward and said who it was (who hurt her)," Moore said. "I feel guilty because I feel like, if I had told what he had done to me, then this wouldn't have happened to her."

Moore and Casebolt had been together for four years, since she was 13. He wasn't always nice to her, she said, but she thought she was in love with him. "He was the first boyfriend I'd ever had," she said. "You think you can change somebody, but you can't. I tell that to my kids all the time." Moore said she was in shock when Casebolt was arrested and convicted. Yet, she acknowledged that Casebolt had been jealous of the 6-year-old's presence.

The couple briefly corresponded during his incarceration. "He never mentioned my sister's name," Moore said. "He never mentioned what he had done." Casebolt has always maintained his innocence, including in a letter to the court around the time of his sentencing in 1991. Though in the letter, Casebolt said he was sorry for the child and her family and noted that, "to me, they meant everything." Porter has no desire to confront her attacker, or to see him again.

"Obviously, he wasn't in the right mind. He obviously was very sick," she said. "Do I wish he was in there longer? Yes, I do. But I can't do anything about that."

Vacaville police are awaiting details regarding Casebolt's impending release.

Should he be paroled into Vacaville, he would be required to register with police as a sex offender and fitted with a GPS ankle. Before his arrival, police assured, residents in the area of his release would be notified.

## PAROLE HEARINGS

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

### Parole # 1

On January 21st 2010, my family and I will be attending the parole hearing of William Earl Nolte, Jr., convicted murderer at Avenal State Prison in California.

Nolte is the convicted murderer of Alexandra Nolte (Aldridge) our mother. Her violent death was at the hands of Nolte, several weeks prior to their divorce becoming final.

Following an argument, Nolte emerged from the bedroom with a handgun and fired it pummeling several bullets into our mother's small 100 pound frame. Nolte then turned the gun on Alexandra's youngest daughter Jil and young friend.

While Jil and her friend were on their knee's begging for their lives, Nolte discovered that his gun was out ammunition. At that point he demanded that the young girls shut up, get up off their knees and leave the house. He also ordered them to leave Alexandra's, grandbaby behind in her crib crying.

It is hard to imagine hte horror of watching your mother being brutally murdered and then to be ordered to leave your baby daughter in the house with that same murderer is beyond belief.

As our mother lay bleeding on the floor, taking what would be her last breath, Nolte simply stepped over her purse and fled.

Nolte was sentenced to 25 years to life. That should mean

servng just that – 25 full years minimum or until the end of his life. A mere 19 years of prison is an insult for the cold hearted killing of our mother. On the reverse-side, 19 years without our mother, our children never knowing their grandmother is like a life sentence for our family.

We wish to relay the importance of our Mom's life and the impact of her death. We ask for your support by writing letters of opposition of William Nolte, Jr's release from prison.

Below is a sample letter for your use. Please send your letter today!

Thank you, on behalf of our family and our mother, Alexandra.

Sincerely,  
Julie Adiutori

**Parole Hearing Date:**  
January 21, 2010

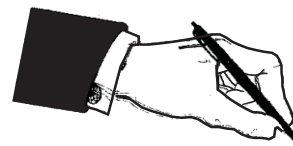
**MURDERER:**  
William Earl Nolte, Jr.  
CDC#: H - 10040

**SEND LETTERS TO:**  
California Dept. of Corr. and Rehab  
Office of Victim and Survivor Rights  
P.O. Box 942883  
Sacramento, CA 94283-0001  
Fax #916-445-3737

### COPY TO FAMILY:

Julie Adiutori  
P.O. Box 6931  
San Jose, CA 95125

## Write Today!



*Sample parole  
opposition letter.*

*For California Only*

Today's Date

California Dept. of Corr. and Rehab  
Office of Victim and Survivor Rights  
P.O. Box 942883  
Sacramento, CA 94283-0001  
Fax #916-445-3737

Re: (Convict's Name)  
(Case Number)

Please **DO NOT** grant a parole date to the aforementioned convicted murderer.

The heinous nature of this crime should preclude this prisoner any consideration.

Thank you,

Your Name  
Address  
City/State/ZIP



## ***CLEMENCY LETTER***

Hello Again, (This is regarding Stephen Metz, September Newsletter)

The Board of prisons did not get notification from the parole Board yet. I do not have an answer to the outcome of the hearing.

Now, I was advised to get letters sent to the Clemency Board. Those hearings are typically in January on a yearly basis.

Would it be possible to get CAH members to do this also?

What has been happening (unknown to us) is the inmate has had two of these hearings and each time, the Clemency Board reduced his sentence by a year. The Bureau of Prisons said it's not uncommon, if not heard from victims, that they start reducing by 5 years each hearing.

We do not want his to happen . please let me know if you can post & if you need further information.

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## ***LETTERS - PAROLE DENIED***

Capital Murderer: Jack E. Vian, Jr.

To CAH and all of the wonderful people who sent parole protest letters to Texas Department of Criminal Justice, I send my heartfelt THANK YOU. Jack Vian Jr., stalked, and brutally murdered my only daughter Barbara Dawson and her friend John Tyler, and should really serve his LIFE sentence. This was his second parole review. The next review will be in 3 years. My prayers and thanks to CAH for your help, printing the case profile.

Sincerely,

Phyllis Fischer

*Happy  
Holidays*



## ***SAMPLE LETTER FOR CLEMENCY BOARD***

If you already sent in a parole opposition letter for Stephen Metz for his October 1, 2009 parole hearing, this request is for a Clemency Board hearing that requires a separate letter. We don't have the Parole Board hearing result yet.

Please send a letter today to keep murderer Stephen Metz behind bars. **(Clemency Hearing: January 2010.)**

**Here is a sample letter for your use:**

(Date)

Victim Witness Coordinator  
1301 North Warehouse Road  
Leavenworth, Kansas 66027-2304

**Re: Stephen Metz ID# 11472-045**

**U.S. States Army**

**CONFIDENTIAL**

Dear Clemency Board Members,

Please DO NOT grant clemency to Stephen Metz. On April 2, 1989 Stephen Metz viscously beat his wife Catherine Hocker to death. Her body was so badly beaten that her family couldn't even recognize her face. After he beat her to death he proceeded to dispose of her body in a dumpster at a nearby mall. He then returned home to clean up.

The lead investigator of the crime said it was the most brutal he'd ever seen in Georgia.

Due to the heinous nature and the brutality of his crime, justice demands that Metz be made to spend the rest of his entire sentence in prison. Please protect innocent members of the community from future acts of violence by this heartless killer.

Thank you.

(Your name.) Only put your address on the envelope our use the CAH address for confidentiality at c/o CAH, PMB #321, Mailbox Etc., 336 Bon Aire Center, Greenbrae, CA 94904

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**Copy to Family:**

Arcori  
21 Oyster Shell Lane  
Hilton Head, SC 29926

## TRUTH AND JUSTICE

Murder makes its entrance without notice or invitation and can strike in different forms. It may be in the form of a gun, a knife or fists. The aftermath of murder leaves family members devastated with a void that never goes away.

The office of the District Attorney is there to help victims of violent crime and their family. It is the responsibility of the District Attorney to seek truth and justice and defend the rights of the victim.

That being said, at what point does Gaston County (North Carolina) District Attorney R. Locke Bell have the right to decide which victims are or are not important enough for the true facts surrounding their murder not be told?

On February 17, 2009, District Attorney Bell went to court for a plea hearing in the case of *The State of North Carolina vs. Carl Ray Davenport*. This case was originally scheduled for an administrative hearing on February 24, 2009, but due to unforeseen circumstances, was rescheduled. I received notification of the changes approximately 4 hours before the new scheduled time. Since I live out of state, I couldn't get there nor would District Attorney Bell delay the case. I never got the opportunity to

face the man that killed my nephew. I was informed that District Attorney Bell was allowing Carl Davenport to plea down from First Degree Murder under the Felony Rule to involuntary manslaughter and second degree burglary for the murder of my nephew, Gerald Howard.

I ordered the court transcript, which I received just a few weeks following the hearing. The shock I felt as I read the transcript is indescribable.

On the night of 10/11/2008, Carl Davenport and Lisa Melton went to Jerry's house. District Attorney Bell contends there is evidence that the victim went outside highly impaired. He stated that a fist fight broke out, the victim receiving the worst end of the fist fight. He further states "the victim at some point appears to have either fallen off a porch or something and struck his head on concrete or some other hard surface."

District Attorney Bell failed to say when Carl Davenport was arrested, that the police obtained a signed confession and have a video reenactment Mr. Davenport make of how he brutally beat Jerry. Jerry never fell, he was beat to death. District Attorney Bell further fails to mention that Jerry's toxicology screen was

zero for alcohol or any other substance.

As far as the "evidence" of Jerry going outside highly impaired, these are the words of Carl Davenport, the man responsible for Jerry's death, and Mr. Davenport's girlfriend, Lisa Melton. Lisa Melton watched while Carl Davenport beat my nephew to death and did nothing. Why would anyone believe their words?

The medical examiner's reports were never ordered by the District Attorney's office. If District Attorney Bell had bothered to order them he would have read where it states that Jerry's injuries were due to an assault. He would also have read that there was no bruising on Jerry's hands which indicates to me there wasn't much of a fist fight. Jerry also had an acute case of pneumonia - to what extent could he defend himself? His injuries consisted of: a fractured skull, a broken nose, a fractured cheek bone, two blood clots on the brain, black eyes, the right side of his brain was shifted and he had a herniated brain stem. Tell me District Attorney Bell, how many times did Jerry Fall?

When does a District Attorney take responsibility for the words he speaks in front of a judge, in a court of

## TRUTH AND JUSTICE CONTINUED

law? Anything less than the truth is not and should not be acceptable, especially by those who are there to defend the rights of victims. When did Jerry's life and death become less important than clearing a case from the court docket?

The injustice Jerry suffered that night was bad enough, but the injustice shown to him by District Attorney Locke Bell is worse.

I have been left wondering "what if". What if Jerry had never gone outside that night, what if Lisa Melton had called for help, what if the original hearing date had never changed and most importantly what if District

Attorney Bell had told the truth that day in court. Would it have impacted the sentencing handed down that day? I'll never have the answer to any of those questions.

In the words of Mr. Davenport's attorney, "the kind hearted, church going, hard working Mr. Davenport didn't mean to kill Jerry and he has to live with this the rest of his life". It's amazing how no one "means" to kill anyone, yet they do.

After receiving a sentence of 37 - 46 months for the death of Jerry, Carl Davenport was transferred into the prison system on

February 24, 2009. He already has three infractions against him, two for provoking assault and one for disobeying an order. Maybe he didn't mean to do that either.

District Attorney Bell knowingly violated all the rights of a victim and his family when he didn't tell the truth. The truth needs to be told of what he did. Even one victim not being defended with truth and justice is one victim to many.

Gail Heinz  
Aunt of Gerald Howard

December 14, 2009 will be the one year anniversary of the death of our dear friend Jane Alexander. The time in some ways has flown by and other times it seems like just yesterday. Not a day goes by that I am not asking myself "what would Jane do" or "what would Jane say". She always had great words of wisdom to share.

I miss her very much!  
Jan

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