

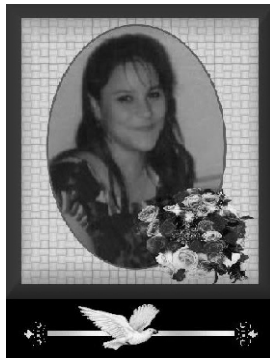
# CITIZENS AGAINST HOMICIDE

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Our Monthly  
Meeting will  
be on  
Sunday,  
April 11th  
2010

*Join Us To Make A Difference*

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



**Emily Garcia**  
By: Her Mother, Sheila

Emily was born on July 27, 1977. She was a beautiful baby girl and, joining her big sister and me, life should have been happy and simple. But time became unavoidably difficult and soon our family would become fragmented.

Emily endured a tragic childhood because of family discord and uncertainty and, by the time she reached adolescence, she had been victimized by abuse. Although remarkably creative and intelligent, these elements undeniably contributed to Emily developing behavioral and academic problems. She was angry, yet never did I know anyone more willing to forgive. At the age of 14, Emily became more rebellious; often skipping

## *Emily Garcia*

school and running away. Her circle of friends was so large and varied that it was impossible to know where she was. I was always worrying and in fear for her safety.

Finally, out of desperation, I agreed with a judge to remand Emily to the Texas Youth Commission for a short period of time, dependent on her progress. I believed this was the only way to keep Emily safe, not only from her own destructive behavior, but from possible predators.

When Emily was released, she revealed that she had become pregnant. Emily was on her way to a medical appointment to verify her pregnancy, when she was abducted. That was February 11, 1993. She was 15 years old and I never saw my daughter again.

Her body was discovered on February 25, 1993, by a road worker on Old Crane's Mill Road near Canyon Lake in Comal County, Texas. Photos of the crime scene revealed her naked body in the brush with a strangulation mark around her neck and the imprint of a tire on

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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.

## *Officers*

Jane Alexander	Co-Founder Emeritus
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Website: [www.citizensagainsthomicide.org](http://www.citizensagainsthomicide.org)

## *CAH Victim Advocate:*

For advice regarding your individual murder case,  
1-209-728-2873

[cahadvocate@yahoo.com](mailto:cahadvocate@yahoo.com)

## WORDS FROM JAN

Friends of NOVJL, the National Organization of Victims of Juvenile Lifers- A press release was sent out today, and we hope that you all will take a special interest in this issue. Its posted with lots of helpful information at their website [www.jlwopvictims.org](http://www.jlwopvictims.org).

This is a way to remind us all that we need to use this next month before the Supreme Court will likely rule on the Juvenile Life Sentence matter, we need to really push to get our stories out. The media has continued to be dominated by a totally sympathetic offender focus. Any of us that has a "hook" to get the media to pay attention, as our family did with our 20 year "anniversary" next week in a press release, please reach out to anyone you know in the media to give coverage to victims of violent teens.

I know Jody Ro of NOVJL from Michigan is also observing 20 years since Jimmy's murder at this time.

Please help us spread the word. When the Supreme Court will likely rule in late May, or early June, we are predicting, this will be huge national news. But the media machine is already geared up to cover offenders. We have to get our stories out. The story of the true victim and the victim's family.

If any of you are willing to do press releases of your own, PLEASE do, and I will help however I ca.

Gratefully,

Jennifer Bishop Jenkins

[www.jlwopvictims.org](http://www.jlwopvictims.org)

## NON-VIOLENT/NON SERIOUS PAROLEE ARRESTED ON CHARGES OF MOLESTING 6 YEAR OLD GIRL

"He was on parole for multiple DUI's. Even though Venegas faces a new list of charges, the parole office said he can still be considered for non revocable parole on the DUI charges, because that's not a sexual or violent offense."

Monterey County, California

### FROM:

Katie James, Manager  
Office of Victim and Survivor Rights & Services  
Department of Corrections & Rehabilitation  
(916) 341-7064  
[katie.james@cdcr.ca.gov](mailto:katie.james@cdcr.ca.gov)

### 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 1-877-256-6877.

### Spanish -

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

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

her shoulder; as well as scratches and bruises associated with being dragged through the brush from the road. Her hands and feet tied to each other with a rope. Chief Hohertz of the Comal County Sheriff's Office explained that she had been repeatedly beaten, raped and sodomized, causing her death and that of her unborn child, Emilio.

Although I searched for Emily everywhere, including hospitals and morgues, her death went unrealized for an entire year, because I did not think to look for her outside the county. It was during this year of searching that Emily was buried as a "Jane Doe" in Fischer Cemetery.

Losing an entire year of valuable time further complicated pursuing any suspect. The investigation of Emily's case has constantly been made more complicated by the traumatic nature of this crime, the reluctance of some people to discuss their relationship to her and bureaucratic mishaps. Not to mention that, after a year, the state cremated the babies remains, which would have allowed us to establish the identity of the father. No DNA was ever collected.

To this day, there remains no suspect(s) and very little physical evidence. Any theories we have assembled have been through

unreliable means. We are truly desperate for any new leads.

In spite of my daughter's troubles, she was a person; beautiful, artistic, creative and at times temperamental. She liked music, dancing and art. She liked the color red. She was fond of cooking and loved to eat; her favorite meal was lamb stew. She was always smiling and didn't know a stranger. She loved spending time at her grandparents home in Missouri and she loved nature.

My daughter's life was cut short; and my unborn grandson did not have an opportunity to experience his. They deserve peace and justice.

Often times, being the relative of a homicide victim is akin to being a fanatic. You feel an obsession to do something, anything; however, the avenues of action can be very limiting. Although there are a great many groups that offer emotional support, there is no handbook for what to do when your loved one is murdered. We would like to thank Citizens Against Homicide for their understanding and support.

Although the detectives who handle this case continue to refuse to allow a reward for information, it is our hope that someone who knew Emily and/or has information about her

murder, will come forward to help us. We maintain a website <http://theresayeary.tripod.com>, where we are always available.

We need your help in finding the person(s) responsible for murdering my daughter, Emily Garcia and my unborn grandson, Emilio, on February 25, 1993 in Canyon Lake, Texas. Emily was only 15 years old at the time of her murder and pregnant with a little boy. Emily had been reported missing from San Antonio, Texas on February 12, 1993, which was 13 days before she had been murdered and her body found.

If anyone has any information about Emily, about the 13 days she was missing before her murder and/or about her death, please contact:

Detective Sgt. Tommy Ward  
Criminal Investigations  
Department  
Comal County Sheriff's Office  
(830) 620-3400

or  
Sgt. Trampas Gooding  
Texas Rangers Unsolved Crime  
Team  
(830) 303-4189  
Thank You!

Sincerely,  
Sheila Smith Ramirez

### *Sample Parole Letter on Website*

Sample parole opposition letter(s) are available on the CAH website at [www.citizensagainsthomicide.com](http://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.

## PAROLE LETTERS

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

Dear Shellie:

It was a pleasure to speak with both you and your husband this morning. Thank you in advance for taking such an interest in our mission to keep Keith Vischio in jail for life.

You had asked that I provide you with a summary of this horrible story. I would like to begin by introducing you to LORRAINE ANN PACIFICO. She was a beautiful and intelligent 10 year old when she was brutally attacked and murdered on 7/7/80 by Keith Vischio.

This occurred at the Oakwood Heights train station in Staten Island, NY. Vischio beat her in the head over 20 times with a rock, he also cut her three times from her waist to her neck. This animal did this as part of a failed sexual attack. Lorraine was missing for four days and nights. By the time she was found, the rodents had already begun feeding on her. Needless to say, the coffin was closed and she was buried on her mother's birthday. The police took Keith Vischio into custody where he confessed to this heinous crime on July 24, 1980. There was no trial as a result. He was sentenced to 20 years to life. He is now nine (9) years past his minimum of 20 years and is up for parole. Vischio is presently 49 years old and still young and strong enough to kill another child if he is set free. The DOC information for this inmate is as follows:

Name Keith Vischio  
NYSID #04078698N DIN # 81B0177

The Address of the parole board is:

DIVISION OF PAROLE  
97 DIVISION AVENUE  
ALBANY, NY 12206  
ATTN: BARBARA TOBIN, PAROLE OFFICER, VICTIM IMPACT UNIT

In closing, I would like to thank you again for all your efforts on behalf of all the victims who can no longer speak for themselves

To send copy of the parole letter to the victim's family:

Pacifico Family  
C/o CAH  
PMB #321  
Mailbox Etc.  
336 Bon Aire Center  
Greenbrae, CA 94904  
and/or  
email copy to  
[anthonypacifico7@aol.com](mailto:anthonypacifico7@aol.com)



## ***PAROLE LETTERS***

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(Date)

The Ohio Parole Board  
Office of Victim Services/Dated Material  
770 W. Broad St.  
Columbus, Oh. 43222

**RE Steven B. McKinnon  
ID # A235579  
Parole Hearing: May 2010**

Parole Board Members:

In 1990, the above inmate stabbed Beth McKinnon then burnt her body in their apartment. He was convicted for the crimes in 1991 with a sentence of 15 years to life for the murder alone. He also was convicted of Aggravated Arson and Abuse of a Corpse. This inmate killed the only child of Delores and Mike Parker. He left in his aftermath, Beth's mother who never had the opportunity to see her only child grow up and have the pleasure of grandchildren, along with Beth's grandmother who eventually died of a broken heart and Beth's father who continues today to try to seek justice by having his daughters killer remain where he was sentenced to go - prison for life.

We ask in respect to Beth McKinnon and the judicial system that you not even consider him for release. A life sentence should mean that he should serve his life to replace the life that he chose to take. We appreciate your consideration in this matter and hope you will deny parole to McKinnon at this time and confine him for the remainder of his life. Thanks for your time and consideration.

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## ***SPECIAL EVENTS FOR NATIONAL CRIME VICTIMS' WEEK***

**April 18 - 2 p.m.**

Annual Balloon Launch  
Franklin Park Observatory  
(Gazebo Area)  
OHIO

### **21st Annual Victims March on the California State Capitol**

**April 19, 2010**

CONTACT:

Debbie Rollins  
California Correctional Peace Officers Assn.  
755 Riverpoint Drive  
West Sacramento, CA 95605

### **Crime Victims' March and Rally**

On Tuesday April 20th, 2010 Orange County District Attorney, Tony Rackauckas, will again host a Crime Victims' March and Rally in recognition of National Crime Victims Rights Week, which runs from April 18th - 24th, 2010. This years theme is "Crime Victims' Rights: Fairness, Dignity, Respect. We encourage you to attend our event to show your support.

CONTACT:

Susan Kang Schroeder  
(714) 347-8408  
susan.schroeder@da.ocgov.cov

### **iCAN FOUNDATION**

#### **Comedy Night 2010**

Thursday, April 22, 2010

Featuring Paul Morrissey & Andrew Norelli

A festive evening of food and fun Benefitting:

**The Victims Assistance Network (iCAN) Foundation**

[www.ican-foundation.org](http://www.ican-foundation.org)

### **National Crime Victims' Rights Week**

We have the privilege of hosting our 4th Annual Yolo County Crime Victims' Tribute. Please join us again as we observe National Crime Victims' Rights Week

Thursday, April 22, 2010

11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Yolo County Administration Building- Atrium

625 Court Street, Woodland CA 95695

Jeff W. Reisig

## **4th ANNUAL VICTIMS' RIGHTS MARCH ON** **THURSDAY, April 22, 2010 11:30 a.m.**

As an elected official and veteran prosecutor, I witnessed first hand the toll violent crime can take on victims and their families, the community, and the nation as a whole. Crime victims were left by themselves to deal with the devastation violent crime leaves in its wake. As the District Attorney for Riverside County, I am committed to doing whatever it takes to ensure that a victim's voice will be heard. Never again will victims be left to fend for themselves.

**I would like to take this opportunity to invite you to the 4th Annual Victims'**

**Rights March on Tuesday, April 22, 2010 at 11:30 a.m., where we will rededicate our commitment to crime victims during the National Crime Victims' Rights Week.**

The march, which begins at 4050 Main Street in Riverside (the Riverside Historic Courthouse), is about 10 minutes long and will take us a few blocks over to the new Riverside District Attorney's Office, located at 3960 Orange Street in Riverside. Once we have arrived we will hold a ceremony to honor victims and their loved ones in front of our Victims' Memorial Wall.

This year we will have natural shade provided by our new building, shielding the audience from the heat and allowing them greater comfort while watching the ceremony. Please join me and the thousands of others as we march against violent crime. For more information about the march or the other events being held during Victims' Rights Week, please see our website at [www.rivcoda.org/VS/rightsweek.html](http://www.rivcoda.org/VS/rightsweek.html) or call (951) 955-9888

Very truly yours,  
 ROD PACHECO  
 District Attorney

### ***CAH Newsletter by Email***

**Would you like to receive the monthly CAH Newsletter by email, instead of mail? If this works for you, it saves CAH substantial printing and postage costs and it enables you to receive email blasts with important information.**

**If you are interested, please email us at [vctsmurdr@aol.com](mailto:vctsmurdr@aol.com) with your name and mailing address, along with the request and your email address.**

**In the subject line please write: Email Address Update.**

**or**

**Go to our website and on the homepage you will find below the gavel a spot to click and it will ask for your email.**

**Thank you.**

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**Membership/Contribution Form**

*(please print)*

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Your E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Please enroll me as a member of Citizens Against Homicide. My \$50.00 membership fee provides me voting privileges and newsletter.

Instead, accept my \$ \_\_\_\_\_ contribution in support of Citizens Against Homicide and its efforts. April 2010 Newsletter



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