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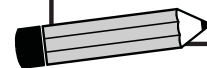
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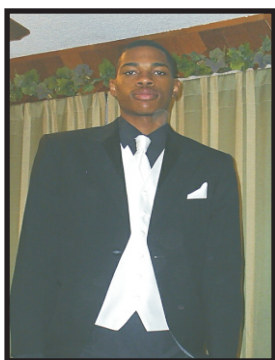
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A non-profit, public benefits organization serving families and friends of homicide victims.



Wendale Davis



WENDALE DAVIS

by: His Father, Wesley Davis Jr.

My precious son, Wendale Davis, was born November 22, 1989. It was the happiest day of my life. While I do have other children, I am not ashamed to say that Wendale was that special child that stood head and shoulders above the rest; both literally and figuratively. He was a 6'2" frame of beauty on the outside and a meek, humble, sweet and kind young man on the inside. Wendale would literally give you the clothes off his back if you were in need. He was one of the most unselfish individuals I have ever known. It is rare to find someone who is extremely beautiful in the physical appearance and loved by everyone that knew him, yet be so humble and kind . . . but that is exactly who Wendale Davis was. As many of his classmates have shared, he made everyone feel special. I believe one of the contributing factors to Wendale's loving, caring and humble spirit, is that he was reared in the home with his older sister.

Wynesha Davis, who was diagnosed with severe Cerebral Palsy from a very young age. Wendale grew up assisting his parents in taking care of his precious sister, who was confined to a wheelchair. He loved her very much. Wynesha passed away two (2) years after her brother, Wendale, was murdered. As a father, I look forward to seeing both of my children again, resurrection morning, when Jesus returns. This was, no doubt, one of the things that shaped Wendale's character into one that was as sweet as pie. Wendale had aspirations to become a fireman, in order to serve his community.

On April 23, 2006 my 16 year-old son was murdered. This was by far the worst day of my life. Wendale had driven into a neighborhood that he was unfamiliar with. He had only had his license for a short time. He went to visit a young lady that had called him on the phone asking him to come over (they had met at the mall about two months prior to his death). As Wendale arrived at the young lady's home, she came outside and sat in the vehicle with him . . . at which time, three (3) or four (4) thugs pulled up beside my son's car and shot him once in the face for no reason at all. These guys had never seen my son before. The word in the community a few days following the death of my son, was that these thugs had shot the wrong person; that because my son was there, he must have had

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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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Letter from Jan

PAROLE DENIED

What a wonderful feeling it is when we hear those words. Yet in the case of Mark Allen Reese - everything almost fell through the cracks. It was when the District Attorney learned that the Parole Board had made up its mind to parole him and the hearing was just a formality - it is even scarier to learn that they did not have his full records in the prison that was housing him. It is standard operating procedure to keep the prisoner with his full records. It makes one wonder Thank goodness we had a dedicated DA in this case and we had a special member of CAH that has made it her goal to never let this animal out of prison and a News reporter Bob Albrecht of the Herald and News. Together they got the word out and the truth about Mark Allen Reese was spread and letters of opposition were written. Unfortunately we only have two years before we must do it all again. He has had parole hearings in 2005, 2007, now 2009 and again in 2011. What an extreme waste of time and money for all the efforts the Parole system goes through to work hard to let a murderer like this out into society. Especially when it is clear he will do it again and why can't he serve at least one of his full life sentences.

Just my thoughts.

As always

Jan

See Letter # 1 pg 3 and Letter # 2 pg 5 for additional comments on this case.

Insane Killer Escapes

Spokane, Washington - A criminally insane killer who escaped during a mental hospital field trip to a county fair remained on the run for 3 days, and furious residents and officials wondered why such a dangerous person was out in public.

Authorities believe Phillip Arnold Paul, 47, was heading to the Sunnyside, Washington area, where his parents and many siblings live. The Spokane County Sheriff's Office used a helicopter to search Friday, and officers also searched transient camps along railroad tracks in the area. The public was urged to call 911.

"He is in a bad mental state", his brother, Tom Paul, told The

Associated Press. "Why would they load him on a bus and take him to a fair?"

That's a question many are asking.

Authorities at Eastern State Hospital are being criticized for allowing Paul to visit the fair despite his violent criminal past and history of trying to escape. Spokane County Commissioner Mark Richard has called it unacceptable, and the state Department of Social and Health Services ordered an immediate end to such trips and launched an investigation into the practice.

Paul was committed after he was acquitted by reason of insanity in the 1987 slaying of an elderly woman in Sunnyside. He soaked the woman's body in gasoline to throw off search dogs and buried

LETTERS #1

Keeping Mark Allen Reese Behind Bars

Sent: Monday, September 21, 2009 16:04
To: balbrecht@heraldandnews.com
Subject: My Hero!

Mr. Albrecht

I know you have heard from various members of my family, including my husband and older sister Karli on how truly grateful we all are on your efforts to keep Mark Allen Reese's case in the public eye. I just have to throw my two cents in as well! I am Jackie's daughter #2. Kelly Daw and have been serving on active duty in the Navy for the past 15 years. I can't put into description the relief I felt when the word came back that Reese's parole was denied for the third time. Unfortunately we have to do this again in another two years but that is two years we can all breath a little easier and in the mean time perhaps we will get lucky and the creepy guy will kick the bucket, you never know what

miracles can happen in two years time, ha-ha!

In all seriousness Mr. Albrecht, thank you for your part in the conclusion of this drama. I am beyond relief someone was there to take this story seriously and to push it out into the public to promote awareness. There is little doubt in my mind, that sick individual would have walked a free man if it hadn't been for the collective efforts of Ed Caleb, my mother and yourself. You are indeed my hero.

Since I was ten years old I have lived with the knowledge that Mark Allen Reese is alive when he shouldn't be, that he harbors a sick abhorrence to all women in general but holds a particular fascination for my mother, and that if released, would revert right back to his true nature and begin killing again. I know in my heart, he would indeed track my mother down and finish the fantasy he has been cultivating

for over 25 years.

I could go on and on, so I will quit while i'm ahead.

Just know that I can't thank You enough! With your efforts, you have helped in making my mother breath an enormous sigh of relief again and relieved me in the grim duty of posting myself outside the prison with a sniper rifle. Just kidding! Again I can't thank you enough!!

Very respectfully,
BUC (SCW) Kelly I. Daw
Navy Manpower Analysis Center (NAVMAC)

"Democracy will cease to exist when you take away from those who are willing to work and give to those who are not willing to work"

Thomas Jefferson

Parole Hearing for Willie C. Hearne, C-32689

The 7th parole hearing was held last Thursday, September 10th for the murderer of my daughter Lisa C. Soria at Solano State Prison.

Parole was denied for a period of 15 years thanks to Marcey's Law. To say that we were overjoyed is an understatement. I wish to thank everyone who wrote a support letter or said a prayer. We will always be grateful.

Point of information for new victim families:

1. Only a few of the many letters we know were sent were

at the hearing. We were told there was a mix up in the "mail room". Whatever that means.

Anyway I have contacted Sacramento and asked them to look into the problem for those of you who have hearings coming up.

2. The Board of Prison Terms told me that letters should go to the prison with attention to the Classification and Parole Representative. If you wish only the commissioners to see the letters that at the top of the letter write "Confidential - for Commissioners review only".

3. The Commissioners noticed immediately and were impressed that I had a picture of my daughter that I placed on the table. This showed her as a person and not just a victim.

4. The fact that we were there made an impact on the outcome. The Chairperson mentioned this (off the record) to the ADA.

Once again my heartfelt thanks.

Sincerely,
Elsie Ann Soria mother of Lisa

PAROLE HEARINGS

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

Parole # 1

On Saturday October , 1993 was the last day with Brittany. We had breakfast, worked around the house and yard, went shopping and Darin Brittney's dad had to go to a football game. When Britt and I got home Chuck was around in and out. Britt and I ate then she got ready for bed. This was the last time I hugged and kissed her as she went to sleep in her new big girl bed. Heather a longtime good friend, came by to keep me company while Darin was gone. Darin go home late and we talked to Steve (another mutual friend) and Chuck for a few minutes and went to bed. We had plans for Sunday and Brittany was going to grandmas. On Sunday October 10, 1993 Brittany came in our room about 7:30a.m. She was still sleepy and we told her to go back to bed. She never came back to our room. We went back to sleep, around 9:00a.m. we heard a loud noise. Darin and I got up. We could not find Brittany. It was not long before Brittany's body was found and we were told she was dead. We spent the next 2-1/2 years waiting for justice to be serviced. We always had someone at court for every little hearing. Then finally the day came and we started the trial, Chuck Johnson was found guilty of 1st degree murder, and then sentenced 25 to life. This had such a great impact on all our family and friends and to this day still dose. We knew this day would come but not this soon. Chuck Johnson needs to be kept in prison for the rest of his life.

On October 10, 1993, Chuck Johnson (while on probation)

strangled and suffocated Brittany Lynn Rethorn-Riggs age 3 in her home. Her mom and dad were asleep in the next room. Police found Brittany in Johnson's closet covered by a trash bag, clothes and a toolbox. She was pronounced dead at the hospital. Chuck worked for a friend of ours and needed a place to stay to get on his feet after his split from his wife and two babies. We were trying to help him. Six weeks later he killed Brittany.

Parole Hearing Date:

December 1, 2009

MURDERER:

Chuck Edward Johnson
CDC# K11650

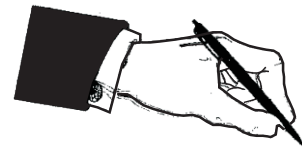
SEND LETTERS TO:

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

COPY TO FAMILY:

Lundy Family
12848 Pioneer Blvd Suite 128
Norwalk, Ca. 90650

Write Today!



*Sample parole
opposition letter.*

For California Only

Today's Date

Robert Doyle, Chairman
Board of Prison Terms
P.O. Box 4036
Sacramento, CA 95812

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



LETTERS #2

Keeping Mark Allen Reese Behind Bars

I want to thank everyone who supported my effort in keeping Mark Allen Reese behind bars. There was an all out frontal attack that involved the media this time because we found out during the hearing: 1) The board only had records of the murder in Klamath Falls. 2) The board had a positive psy review that literally said that Reese had no psychological problems. 3) The board had evidence that Reese took classes to become a hospice worker. 4) The board had 63 letters of protest. A recent ruling came down one month before his parole date which gave the inmate the right to have the information on anybody who wrote protest letters against him. All my petitions were not admissible, and anyone who said they didn't want him to have access to their information in the body of their letters was also removed. People panicked and retracted letters. The DA (Ed Caleb) of

Klamath Falls became very involved and testified during the hearing and informed the board that Reese (a) took an unloaded 357 to school (1960's) (b) was involved in a bomb threat © terrorized the mother of a child saying he was going to kill her (d) attempted to strangle a woman at a medical building (e) stabbed Sara Pill and them played with her blood and licked it off his fingers (f) got caught on a parole violation and had the book the 1-5 killer, 2 pair of women's underwear and a knife in his backpack (g) killed Peggy Hilton and had 13 pair of women's underwear in his possession and was actually wearing a pair of Peggy's at the time of arrest.

The DA also informed the board that the psy review out of Vacaville said Reese was a sexual predator and an extreme danger to women and society; and Klamath Falls psy review said he was a homicidal woman hater.

And finally the DA cautioned the board of his choice of hospice and read several quotes that I had from him to use, as this killer chose me to talk to while incarcerated in the Klamath County Jail: 'I am like an alcoholic - I am incurable - if they let me out in 30 years I'll kill again- it's not death itself, it's the expression of their faces that I like before they die- I am the Creator of Death and want to know everything there is about dying'.

This was certainly a wake-up call to us. Make sure when you are fighting the parole of these convicted murderers, that the parole board has all the information, Why they did not have his juvenile records, his California records or the records of what he did while in the Klamath County Jail makes one wonder doesn't it.

Parole Denied on 9-16-09 by a unanimous vote

CASE UPDATE

Ivan "Bud" Foglesong

The death of "Bud" was originally called a "suicide" and after tremendous efforts put out by the family and especially by the numerous Newspaper articles put forth by Tim Crews. It has finally come to be that the

case is being reopened and the details are in the article dated September 1, 2009. This was the 29th article written by Tim Crews about the death of "Bud".

"Bud's" widow, Jan Foglesong said from her Mississippi home, "The Foglesong Family is thrilled that the investigation

into Bud's suspicious death is going to be reopened. Thanks to Sheriff Jones for his effort in making this happen. We really appreciate it".

VERY IMPORTANT - THIS IS A MUST READ

The issue of the supreme court case against “juvenile life without parole” has ramifications for the whole of the life sentencing issue because it asks the court to broach a barrier it never has before - applying proportionality standard for the 8th amendment to NON-death penalty cases. If the court accepts that argument ALL life sentences and long term sentences for any offender anywhere in the nation could be at risk because of the new legal standard never before applying to non-death cases. We all must make a big fuss about this and keep it high profile from our side because the only ones getting press are the advocates for the “poor children in prison”. Many of you might have seen the recently released report called ADULT TIME FOR ADULT

CRIMES that explains the importance of this case to the larger issue of victims rights and all long term sentences in the nation. The executive Summary of this report can be viewed at <http://www.heritage.org/research/crime/upland/lwop.pdf#page=5> CAH along with many other Victims groups believe this is very important. The Heritage Foundation has authored and filed the amicus brief to the US Supreme Court on behalf of victims. For more specific details please go to www.jllwopvictims.org There you will be able to read the court cases, the federal legislation and offender advocacy news. You are encouraged to write letters to your local newspapers and give them the victims’ point of view. That is the ONLY way that the

victims view can and will be heard. If you need additional information please contact Jennifer Bishop Jenkins at JenniferBJenkins@aol.com Jennifer is working with the author of the amicus brief and they along with the Heritage Foundation are doing all they can from a legal standpoint for the Victims’. We must help by making our voices heard to all of our local Newspapers and TV stations. Let us at CAH know about your success and your failures. As always thank you for getting involved - remember together we can and will make a difference.

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the remains in her flower garden. Thirty-one patients from the metal hospital were on the trip Thursday with 11 staff members. Susan Dreyfus said she did not know how many of those had violent criminal backgrounds. Patients must be cleared by a treatment team before they can go on trips to stores, parks, and other sites, said Dr. Rob Henry, director of forensic services at Eastern State. They wear street clothing and staff members are required to keep each patient within eyesight at all times. It is possible the review will end such outings, Dreyfus said. Members of an employees union at Eastern State put out a statement saying they had long

opposed such field trips. “They believe he was an extreme escape risk and the administration should never have allowed him on the field trip,” the statement from the Washington Federation of State Employees said. “The workers have unsuccessfully fought to stop the outings for murderers, rapists and pedophiles committed to the hospital as criminally insane.” The union said workers alerted superiors “within two to three minutes of discovering Paul’s escape.” But administrators waited nearly two hours before calling law enforcement. That gave Paul plenty of time to disappear. Dreyfus said it was not clear how long it took for law enforcement to be alerted.

Spokane County Sheriff Ozzie Knezovich insisted on the two-hour delay. Paul also had \$50 at the time of escape. This was the second escape for Paul. In 1991, he walked away during a day trip in Medical Lake and was later captured. He attacked a sheriff’s deputy in the jail booking area, knocking him unconscious, and was convicted of first-degree escape and second-degree assault. Paul was living in a halfway house in Spokane last year, but ended up back at the hospital in a very agitated state. Hospital officials said Paul hadn’t exhibited violent behavior in years. They argued in the past that he should be released, but his petition for release was rejected

Emergency Re-Trial Opposition Letter Request

On Behalf of the Gregory Kniffin and Mary Giola families, Citizens Against Homicide is urgently requesting the help of our members/readers. Please contact California State Attorney General, Jerry Brown, and request that he appeal a recent decision by Judge Patel, who granted a re-trial for murderer Ralph Thomas (CDC# D-39802). The order to retry a convicted double murderer is outrageous and defiantly flies in the face of logic. This convicted murderer is a repeat felony offender, who had served only a fraction of a prison sentence for multiple kidnappings and four (4) rapes. Then, while on parole, he murdered two young, innocent people, Gregory Kniffin and Mary Giola. After these senseless and heinous murders, he spent the night removing evidence of his crime (including his rifle, laundering and then disposing of the clothes he wore during the murderous spree).

Now, twenty-five years later, Judge Patel's order for a re-trial is an insult to every law-abiding citizen of California. The Kniffen family and the Giola family were victimized when their children were murdered by Ralph Thomas, now Judge Patel is victimizing them once again. Twenty-five years have passed, with no significant reasons that would justify a new trial.

Please join Citizens Against Homicide and the Kniffen and Giola families in requesting an appeal of Judge Patel's order for a re-trial in the case of Ralph Thomas.

Following is a sample letter to Jerry Brown, Attorney General, State of California:

SEND E-MAIL TO: Jerry.Brown@doj.ca.gov

SUBJECT: EMERGENCY RE-TRIAL OPPOSITION REQUEST

MURDER: RALPH THOMAS - CDC# D-39802

I am writing to you on behalf of the families of Gregory Kniffen and Mary Giola. Please appeal Judge Patel's order for a re-trial in the case of their (convicted) murderer, Ralph Thomas - CDC # D-39802. This murderer was found guilty by a jury of his peers and was rightfully sentenced to death.

Thank you.

(Name)

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some affiliation with that particular neighborhood. This was the first time he had ever visited this girl in this neighborhood. As a result, our lives have been changed forever, We miss Wendale very much and long to see him again.

We have launched a foundation in my son's honor; The Wendale Davis Foundation (WDF). IN short, the

mission of the WDF is to educate, motivate and rehabilitate at-risk youth between the ages of 9 and 21 years old, through counseling, mentoring, and social interaction~ www.Wendaledavisfoundation.org. The Davis family requests that if anyone has information regarding the senseless murder of Wendale, please contact Detective Martin Herredia,

Bakersfield Police Department -
(661) 378-5160.

Sincerely,
Wesley Davis, Jr.

CITIZENS AGAINST HOMICIDE

Membership/Contribution Form

(please print)

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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.

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