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

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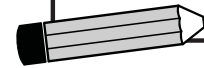
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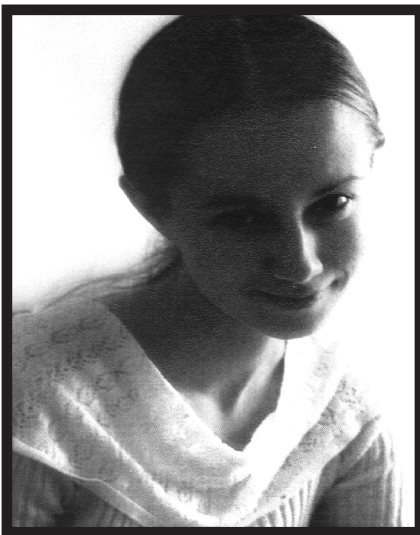
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302 - 4th St.

San Rafael



KRYSTAL COY



Krystal Coy

By Lorraine Coy, Her Grandmother

Krystal Michelle Coy was born in Covington, Kentucky on October 19, 1983 to our oldest son Mike and his wife Cleda.

When we first saw her in the hospital nursery she weighed just barely five pounds. She had her eyes open and appeared to be looking all around as she moved her head from side to side. I told my husband, "That one is going to be something else." and boy, was I right!

Krystal was a precocious little tyke; extremely smart and outgoing with

light brown curls and "smiling" blue eyes. She was blessed/cursed with what I call "genetic stubbornness". She spent a great deal of time with us, and I recall one instance when she was about five years old and behaving badly. I sat her on the bottom step of the stairs and told her when she was ready to behave, she could join the rest of the family in the other room. I went back and checked on her every five minutes or so, and when I would ask her if she was ready to behave, she would fold her little arms, shake her head and give me an empathic "NO!" This went on for nearly an hour with her giving me the same answer. Finally, I went to ask her again and she had curled up on the floor and gone to sleep. I felt terrible, but sometimes with her it was a battle of wills.

Krystal gave birth to Misty four months after she turned sixteen. Misty's full name is Misty Lorraine Coy, named after me by her mother. We had a special bond and I never gave up on her. The very last words that we spoke was on the phone and we said that we loved one another. She also told me that she was glad that

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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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CASE UPDATES

Jennifer Bushnell Case Update~

On January 12, 2009, in the Superior Court of San Joaquin County, Judge Bernard Garber, who presided over the trial, sentenced David Bernel to a term in State prison of 80 years to life for the 1st Degree Murder of Jennifer Bushnell. The sentence consisted of a 25 to life term for the actual murder, an additional 25 years for gun enhancement that resulted in death, as well as other enhancements that brought the total to 80 years. Jennifer was murdered on February 20, 2007, at a gas station in Flag City, just outside Lodi, California. Her murderer was caught by surveillance cameras shooting Jennifer to death. Immediately after the murder, he fled to Mexico, where he was arrested several weeks later.

Citizens Against Homicide shares with the Bushnell family in the satisfaction that justice has been served.

Ivan "Bud" Foglesong Case Update~

The Victim Profile on Ivan "Bud" Foglesong was featured in the CAH Newsletter of November 2008. Bud's death was initially determined to be the result of "severe thermal burns" (accidental), even though there were suspicious circumstances. Shortly after Bud's death, the case was declared "closed" by the Glenn County Sheriff Department. In spite of the conclusion by the Glenn County Sheriff Department, some family members and friends believed Bud's death to be a homicide (murder).

Tim Crews of the Sacramento Valley Mirror began a series of articles in an effort to help Bud's family and friends answer the question, "How Did Bud Die?" As a consequence of the Sacramento Valley Mirror articles, Glenn County Sheriff/Coroner, Larry Jones, declared that the investigation of the mysterious death of Ivan "Bud" Foglesong, would be reopened.

Family and close friends of Bud are very pleased with the progress that Tim Crews has had in getting the case reopened; and there is no doubt in their mind that the 200+ copies of CAH Newsletters sent out to locals played a part in tipping the scale of public opinion.



Thoughts From Jan...

As I am putting together this current Newsletter, the real first Newsletter since losing Jane; so many thoughts and feelings are swirling around in my mind that it is difficult to concentrate and get through the needed process.

I want to thank each and everyone of you that sent a card, a special note, a donation and so many wonderful "Jane" thoughts. It was wonderful to read all of your kind words. Many of your notes and letters have been added to the Memories of Jane page on our website. I would encourage all of you to go to the website www.citizensagainsthomicide.org and read some of the comments. There are words that have been shared that are moving and very powerful. They offer encouragement and comfort from so many and I truly believe that these wonderful and moving words can continue to help others that take the time to read and review. This might be the way that Jane will continue to help victims and it will be through the words of others.

At our last Board Meetings it was dedicated that the title of Co-Founder Emeritus will be Jane's new title and will remain under the Officers title.

In addition please note that we have had to change the mailing address for CAH to:

Citizens Against Homicide
PMB #321
Mail Box Etc.
Bon Air Center
Greenbrae, CA 94904

also: our NEW FAX number is 415-721-0788

It truly has been a month of change and I realize that many things have gotten behind schedule and some contacts have not been made timely or have been lost due to the changing of address, the loss of Jane's home phone number that so many of you have become accustomed to using and the change in the FAX number. Give us time and please your patience and believe me it will not be long and we will have CAH running again like a finely tuned Swiss watch. We have suffered a sever emotional loss along with the physical loss of someone that in many ways was/is bigger than life.

We have Jane's example to follow and we are making changes that will allow us to continue to follow our motto...

Join us to make a difference because together we will and we have made a difference!

Killer taunts Pinole victims' families as he's sentenced to life!

By: Malaika Fraley
Contra Costa Times

MARTINEZ-Friends and family of two young men shot dead in a Pinole park in 2005 cried, gasped and shook with anger today as the killer taunted them at a court hearing where a judge sent him to prison for life.

"If God didn't want to take your kids to heaven, they would still be here," Daniel Ruiz told the audience in the courtroom. "Get over it."

Ruiz pleaded guilty to two counts of first-degree murder for killing David Gregory, 18, of Hercules, and Darren Kretchmar, 21, of Pinole, at Fernandez park on July 30, 2005. He also pleaded guilty to attempted murder for wounding Richard Male, of Pinole, and to an enhancement that the crimes were committed for the benefit of a street gang.

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VICTIM PROFILE

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Misty was with me. My husband and I are now raising Misty full time. She is a beautiful little girl nearly nine years old. She is extremely smart, loving and blessed/cursed with "genetic stubbornness". She is so much like her mother was at that age that it both pains us and blesses us at the same time. We are doing, with God's help and guidance, all that we can do to channel her life so that history will not repeat itself with her. We do this willingly and lovingly. She is a special child.

Krystal got mixed up with some very evil people who used her and abused her. Her nearly nude body was found on January 25, 2007 in Ludlow, KY at the edge of the frozen Ohio River. Her body was identified by the tattoo on her shoulder that said "Misty". The cause of her death by person or persons unknown has never been solved.

There is not an hour that goes by that Krystal is not in our hearts and on our minds. We are carrying heavy burdens. We also lost our middle son in April, 2008 and not knowing how Krystal died or how much she suffered makes our pain so overwhelming that it sometimes feels like a physical heartache. A full night's sleep is not a reality in my life. I am tortured by the questions that are still unanswered.

There are people in northern Kentucky who have information about Krystal and what happened to her. We are begging them to come forward and help us find justice for her. We want answers, and we want to be able to tell her child that the people responsible for her death are accountable. At this point, she believes only that her mom died because she was sick. PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE give us the TRUTH!!!

If you have any information, please contact:

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Independence, KY

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or

Darren Smith, Ops. Bureau at (859) 302-1940

Pinole Victims

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Police said the victims were innocent bystanders who were waiting for a ride when Ruiz approached then and killed them because they wore red shirts, the color of a rival gang.

His guilty plea enabled him to avoid trial and a possible death penalty conviction.

In a packed courtroom today, Ruiz said he is happy to be alive and looking forward to a life in prison that would be safer than if he stayed in West County. He showed no remorse as the victim's friends and family members spoke about their great loss and about the devastation that Ruiz has caused.

Teresita Rodriguez, 23, pleaded guilty to aiding and abetting in the shooting. She was sentenced today to three years probation and a three-year suspension prison sentence.

CAH says: How sad that someone has been to have no regard for life and can harm so many that cross his path.

“Don't Let Them Be Released”

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

We pulled this information directly off www.pacovilla.com and the LA Times website. We thought that you all might be interested in this. Now might be the time to write your elected officials and to call your media! If you want to send an email to the Governor - his information is listed below.

Send copy to

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Non Violent, Non Serious, Non Sex Offender Parolee Now Killer

In less than 48 hours after the horrific killing of a four year old innocent child in the Los Angeles Rampart Area of Los Angeles, Los Angeles Police arrested NON-Violent offender parolee Howard Astorga age 25. State Prison number T70034. Astorga was arrested in the Hollenbeck area of Los Angeles. Astorga was under parole supervision for 11351 HS. (Health and Safety Code-Possession of Illegal Drugs and 10851 VC. (California Vehicle Code) Operating a motor vehicle without owners consent. Astorga as per. parole record was a Diamond Street Gang member and his monikers are little "D", Mr.Howard and Dopey. Astorga was supervised at the Control Service Level of Parole Supervision and was classified as a NON-VIOLENT Criminal Offender. Astorga was supervised out of the Expo. 11 Parole Unit, Region 3.

Remember the Gov. and company want to release all non-violent offenders in mass onto the streets with no or limited (Summary Parole) supervision?

Just last week [DAPO] advised all District Administrators and Parole Unit Supervisors in Region 3 to review all active parole supervision cases and reduce classification scores even those that are documented gang members and associates. All were also advised to discharge as many active cases as possible from continued parole supervision, [DAPO] refused to put the directive in writing.

LA Times news

LAPD arrests suspects in killing of 4-year-old boy

3:43 AM, January 16, 2009

Los Angeles police detectives said they made an arrest in the fatal shooting of a 4-year-old that took place this week south of Echo Park.

Roberto Lopez Jr. was walking with his sister from his home to a local community center when he was hit in the chest by a single gun shot...Los Angeles police identified Howard Astorga, 25, as the man arrested on suspicion of fatally shooting Roberto Lopez Jr. Astorga is being held in lieu of \$1 million bail and is currently on parole from the state prison after being released in June. Police say he is a gang member whose past crimes include gun and narcotics possession. Police did not release the name of Astorga's gang, saying gangs commit such crimes to gain notoriety...(full text at LATimes.com)

This information comes to CAH from The Crime Victims Action Alliance and we thank them for the work they do.

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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: _____

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. February 2009 Newsletter



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