

CITIZENS AGAINST HOMICIDE

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Join Us To Make A Difference

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

Next Meeting:

Sunday

October 12th

10:00 a.m.

302 - 4th St.

San Rafael

BRITTANY FUNK



Brittany Funk
by her Dad, Joe Funk

Brittany Rene Funk was born 7/25/1988 after a difficult delivery. But to her mother and I she was perfect.

By seven months her enthusiasm and playfulness was starting to show. She would jump up and down in her crib when her mother and I would enter the room. She was very active and spoke early. She knew no strangers. She was an early talker with a great vocabulary but she had difficulty reading, however once she caught on she read quite well. She read for the children at Temperance Kutter. Her social life began to take off at Cal Skate where she became a very good skater which would later serve her

well at Sonic Drive-in as a waitress on wheels. After graduation she had planned on becoming a registered nurse or social worker. Brittany had great empathy for everyone and gave many of her things away. She volunteered at Valley Children's Hospital and Hylond Convalescent where she cared for her great aunt and attended her grandmother when she was suffering from renal failure.

Brittany was involved in the marching band at Clovis East High School. She was a group counselor at Calvin Christian Camp, she had gone to Costa Rica where she spent her sixteenth birthday. While there she worked with the church building blocklite brick homes and fences. She loved that the people were grateful for everything and were very gracious.

Brittany went through a period where she had gained weight and had a gap in her teeth and she would not smile with her mouth open, after her orthodontic work she always was smiling. She had more love, warmth and enthusiasm than three people. Brittany was a very open and giving person. I feel her loss in every cell of my body.

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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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LETTERS

Dear CAH,

Thank-you for your monthly newsletter. The words don't sound right but if I could state that I am encouraged when I get your newsletter. I am encouraged because I still want to catch the bad guy. I am encouraged because the detectives I lead want justice for the victims. I am encouraged because this is what is meant by "community oriented policing." I am encouraged because being involved and giving voices and faces to the victims keeps me fighting the fight.

Keep up the great work!

Faithfully yours,

Lieutenant Jon M. Fehlman

Santa Rosa Police Department
Special Services Division
Investigations Bureau
Santa Rosa, CA 95404

Dear CAH Organization,

First, I would like to thank you for the opportunity of receiving your newsletter. It makes a difference to know that other individuals are facing difficult situations and times. I used to feel like I was the only person in the world feeling stress and depression until I started to read your newsletter. I have a question that I feel you can help me with. My brother was murdered 4 years ago and his accused murderer has not met court yet. Every time he gets a court date something seems to happen to delay it. I have written everyone that I think I could contact to help me with this situation. I feel that my brother's case will slip through the cracks of the criminal justice system and his accused murderer will never go to trial. I feel that the system has forgotten about his case and he will never receive the justice that he is due and my family will never receive the closure that we need in our lives. If you can give me some information on anything that I can do to keep my brother's case alive please let me know. Any help that you can give me in this situation will be greatly appreciated.

Thank you and may God always bless you and your family.

Andriea Landry
Donaldsonville, LA



NEW YORK TIMES -**By Kenneth Chano****August 7, 2008*****FINGERPRINT TEST TELLS WHAT A PERSON HAS TOUCHED***

With a new analytical technique, a fingerprint can now reveal much more than the identity of a person. It can now also identify what the person has been touching: drugs, explosives or poisons, for example.

Writing in Friday's issue of the journal *Science*, R. Graham Cooks, a professor of chemistry at Purdue University, and his colleagues describe how a laboratory technique, mass spectrometry, could find a wider application in crime investigations.

The equipment to perform such tests is already commercially available, although prohibitively expensive for all but the largest crime laboratories. Smaller, cheaper, portable versions of such analyzers are probably only a couple of years away.

In Dr. Cook's method, a tiny spray of liquid has been electrically charged, either water or water and alcohol, is sprayed on a tiny bit of the fingerprint. The droplets dissolve compounds in the fingerprints and splash them off the surface into the analyzer. The liquid is heated and evaporates, and the electrical charge is transferred to the fingerprint molecules, which are then identified by a device called a mass spectrometer.

The process is repeated over the entire

fingerprint, producing a two-dimensional image.

The researchers call the technique desorption electrospray ionization, or Desi, for short.

In the experiments described in the *Science* paper, solutions containing tiny amounts of various chemicals including cocaine and the explosive RDX were applied to the fingertips of volunteers. The volunteers touched surfaces like glass, paper and plastic. The researchers then analyzed the fingerprints.

Because the spatial resolution is on the order of the width of a human hair, the Desi technique did not just detect the presence of, for instance, cocaine, but literally showed a pattern of cocaine in the shape of a fingerprint, leaving no doubt who had left the cocaine behind.

"That's an advantage that this technique would have," said Bruce Goldberger, professor and director of toxicology at the University of Florida who runs a forensics laboratory that helps medical examiners and law enforcement. Dr. Goldberger was not involved in the research.

The chemical signature could also help crime investigators tease out one fingerprint out of the smudges *con't on page 6*

PRISONERS' TIME SPENT ON DEATH ROW DOUBLES

By Kevin Johnson - USA Today

July 26, 2008

The time prisoners spend on death row has nearly doubled during the past two decades. Legal experts predict it will rise further as states review execution procedures and prisoners pursue lengthy appeals.

Waits rose from seven years in 1986 to 12 years in 2006, the latest Justice Department statistics show. In all five states with the most prisoners on death row – California, Florida, Texas, Pennsylvania and Alabama – offenders spend more time in prison than they did four years ago, a USA TODAY survey of state records through 2007 found.

In California, wait times average nearly 20 years, a state commission report in June says. It costs about \$90,000 more per year to house a death row inmate than other inmates.

In April, the U.S. Supreme Court upheld Kentucky's lethal injection method, ending an informal halt to executions nationwide for seven months. Of the 10 states with the most prisoners on death row, five launched their own reviews of lethal injection procedures in the past two years. Those resulted in suspensions or delays in executions.

Fordham University law professor Deborah Denno says lethal injection challenges

create a “snowball effect” that prolong death row waits.

Lengthy appeals by prisoners slow executions. “Death penalty cases should be the highest priority for the courts,” says Clay Crenshaw, chief of Alabama's death penalty litigation unit. “It isn't any more.” Crenshaw says courts take about five years to rule on appeals. The three offenders executed in Alabama in 2007 spent an average of 23 years on death row.

The wait times amount to prisoners getting “two distinct punishments”: the death sentence and years in solitary confinement, says Richard Dieter of the Death Penalty Information Center, which opposes the death penalty.

The California commission said excessive delays had rendered the nation's largest death penalty system “dysfunctional” and in danger of collapse.

“Death row was only supposed to be temporary,” Denno says. “Now we have inmates on death row for more than a quarter-century.”

Victim families are waiting way too long for justice.....

VICTIM PROFILE

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It is overwhelming to me as well as to her mother and her sister.

Brittany had met a man, exactly where I do not know. But we do know that two weeks prior to her murder the relationship became abusive. I did not see the black eye because she covered it with makeup, her mother noticed it though and she told us she and this man were not going to see each other again. We later learned that her foot had been run over by her own car during some type of argument. I had dinner with her at 8:30 pm and, she was getting off work at 10:00 and she said she was taking a friend home and would be home by 11:00 pm. We later learned that she received a phone call and her manager said she looked ill and visibly shaken so she sent her home. Two hours later I received a call that "Brittany had been shot twice in the head and that she was being driven to UMC."

We were told that there was an argument between the people in her car and another car with four black males and then three shots were fired at her car. One

hit the bumper, one hit the trunk and one in the rear that also hit the front head rest and hit Brittany.

I know there are people that know a lot about this murder and I pray they will come forward and tell us who and why Brittany was murdered.

Each day I wake with the sense of guilt, loss and sorrow. I realize that the best part of my day is not going to be there.

Please help us find who murdered Brittany on February 20, 2006 while in her car on Dorothy Street in Fresno California. The shooting took place about 9:00 pm. There was a blue either Oldsmobile or Buick spotted leaving the area after the shots were fired. The death weapon is believed to be a .40 caliber hand gun.

If you have any information please call 559-432-4444 to speak to Jerry Pearce, the Radio Detective or email at: theradiodetective@hotmail.com.



BRITTANY FUNK
Murdered, February 20, 2006
in Fresno, CA

\$50,000 REWARD

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CONTACT Det. RICHARD BYRD
Fresno Police Department
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(559) 498-STOP
(7867)

For information leading to the arrest and conviction of the murderer(s) of Brittany Funk

FINGERPRINT TEST TELLS WHAT A PERSON HAS TOUCHED con't from page 3

of many overlapping prints if the person had been exposed to a specific chemical, said Demian R. Ifa, a postdoctoral researcher and the lead author of the Science paper.

Prosolia Inc., a small company in Indianapolis, has licensed the Desi technology from Purdue and is already selling such analyzers as add-ons to large laboratory mass spectrometers, which cost several hundred thousand dollars each.

Prosolia has so far sold about 70 analyzers, said Peter T. Kissinger, the company's chairman and chief executive. The most sophisticated \$60,000 version that would be needed for fingerprint analysis went on sale this year.

However, fingerprints are not the main focus for Prosolia or Dr. Cooks. "This is really just an offshoot of a project that is really aimed at trying to develop a methodology ultimately to be used in surgery," Dr. Cooks said.

If a Desi analyzer can be miniaturized and automated into a surgical tool, a surgeon could, for example, quickly test body tissues for the presence of molecules associated with cancer. "That's the long-term aim of this work," Dr. Cooks said.

In unpublished research, the researchers have successfully tested the method on bladder tumors in dogs.

Prosolia is collaborating with Griffin Analytical Technologies, a subsidiary of ICX Technologies, on a Desi analyzer that works with a portable mass spectrometer. That product is probably a year or two away from the market, Dr. Kissinger said.

As it becomes cheaper and more widely available, the Desi technology has potential ethical implications, Dr. Cooks said. Instead of drug tests, a company could surreptitiously check for illegal drugs used by its' employees by analyzing computer keyboards after the workers have gone home, for instance.

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PAROLES....

On October 5, 1988 David Green, my brother, was brutally and maliciously murdered by Bobby Smith.

We believe my brother David went to this man's house to retrieve a mounted deer head and possibly some money that was owed him.

Bobby Smith brutally murdered my brother David by shooting him 16 times during which my brother pleaded for his life by asking Bobby "not to shoot him anymore." According to Bobby Smith's (murderer) statement, "he then filled him full."

Though my brother David was unresponsive, according to his statement to the Sheriff, "Beat him over the head with the rifle until it broke, went back into his house and retrieved another shotgun and tried to break it over his head but it would not break so he threw it down."

Bobby Smith totally battered David Green's head as he lay beside his truck... where literally his brains were splattered to the top of the camper on his truck.

Bobby Smith was convicted of 2nd degree murder and given a sentence of 40 years.

This maniac has not served half of his sentence and does not deserve to be out of prison.

Please help this family keep him incarcerated by writing to the parole board.

MURDERER:

Bobby H. Smith
TOMIS ID # 00130222

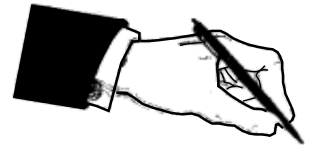
SEND LETTERS TO:

Tennessee Board of
Probation and Parole
404 James Robertson
Parkway, Suite 1300
Nashville, TN 37243

COPY TO:

Donna Dyer
53 Seagraves Rd.
Lafayette, TN 37083

Write Today!



*Sample parole
opposition letter.*

(For California Only)

Today's Date

Jim Davis, Chairman
Board of Parole Hearings
P.O. Box 4036
Sacramento, CA 95812

Re: (Convict's Name)
(CDC# or ID# 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

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