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Join Us To Make A Difference

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



De Anna Lynn Johnson
May 24, 1968 - November 15, 1982
By: Her Friend, Mary Borchers

De Anna Lynn Johnson was brutally murdered on November 15, 1982. De Anna was only 14 years old when she was tragically taken from her family, friends and community. This next November will mark the 30th anniversary of her death and still no arrests and/or convictions. The killer(s) have never been brought to justice. The pain lingers. The frustration is heightened each day, each month and each year that her case remains unsolved. The loss definitely does not get any easier, especially knowing that no matter what we do, De Anna will never return to us. De Anna's killer(s) walk(s) among us today in our communities . . . where is the justice in this?

De Anna was a student at Will C. Wood Junior High School in Vacaville, California, and was considered the pretty, popular and bubbly friend to everyone that knew her. De Anna was a normal 14-year-old girl, who was just figuring out her teen years. Her goal in life was to become a counselor for troubled teens.

De Anna was given permission, along with an extended curfew of 9:00 p.m., to visit a friend just seven (7) houses down from her home on Royal Oaks Drive in Vacaville, Ca. Later, her mom was informed that a party took place at the residence, where she was visiting. The party drew 25-50 teens. The parents of the party house were not at home. As the evening wore thin and word spread about the party, rougher, tougher, older teens appeared and alcohol and drugs filtered in and out. Tempers flared and fights broke out. That was the last time



Anthony Lindsay
November 28, 1979 - June 7, 2003
By: His Mother, Josephine and Family

Anthony (Tony) was born on November 28, 1979 to Anthony R. and Josephine Lindsay. He was the first born grandson to Raymond and Barbara Dorenzo. Tony had a loving relationship with his family; and shared a special bond with his mother, his sister, Anita and brother, Antoine. Having spent time in Chicago with his grandparents, he also grew very close to his aunts and cousins. He accepted Jesus Christ into his life at an early age. Anthony's dreams of becoming a father and family man became a reality in 1998, with the birth of his son, Anthony R. Lindsay, III. Then, in 2000, he became the proud father of his first daughter, Alicia. In 2003, his second daughter, Mary Jane was born, however, she would never know her father, as he was murdered on June 7, 2003. My son will never know his sister's son, who, like all of us continue to ask, "WHY?"

Tony had a very unique and giving spirit. He would always help people in need, including those whom he did not know. He often allowed people to stay at his apartment while he was out of town working. He had dreams of owning his own electrical company.

One June 7, 2003, while Anthony was standing outside in the driveway of his apartment complex, he was approached by Angel Soto Torres and was shot point blank in the heart. Tony was rushed to the hospital and later died in surgery. According to law enforcement, it is believed Angel Soto Torres fled to Mexico shortly after committing this brutal and

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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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individual murder case,
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WORDS FROM JAN

In this month's Newsletter, you will find a response from CAH to a person that read our Newsletter and had an opinion to pass onto us. I believe it was important that we at CAH respond in an open letter, so that everyone could understand our feeling with regard to an opinion that is contrary to that of CAH and its members. You will find our response on page 6.

All of us on the CAH Board and the volunteers that make CAH happen, have directly or indirectly experienced a homicide in our families. In spite of this, we are all people that have full lives, with everyday jobs and families to care for. We may have lost someone to murder, but that does not make us Victims. It does not change the kind, loving people that we were before the homicide. That person still exists. What the person who wrote the e-mail to us implies, is that we are controlled by hatred and seek only vengeance.

I believe what this person does not truly understand, is what really does happen in the lives of the family that has lost a loved one to murder. I will take this opportunity to try to convey some of my own experiences and some of what I have learned after being involved with the criminal justice system for more than 28 years.

The loss of a loved one to murder brings an emotional pain that is so deep and so encompassing that you almost do not believe you can continue to live. At the same time, you are feeling an actual physical pain in your heart so intense, that you believe your heart is going to break. These feelings are real and incredibly painful - both physically and emotionally. A beautiful person that you loved (specifically my daughter), has been brutally and physically removed from your life. Your life has been shattered, but it is your responsibility to be there to pick up the pieces in order to keep your family together. To try to understand that your spouse is feeling all that you are feeling, but in a totally different way and expresses these feelings in ways that sometimes you are not even sure you understand each other. The survival of your marriage is step one. Then there are the siblings; different ages bring different emotions. Questions such as "Could I have prevented this murder from happening? . . . Should it have been me? The why, ifs and the buts. How does this upheaval affect their own schooling, their own friendships and their own dreams? If parents manage to keep the rest of their children in school and keep them away from the typical retreats to drugs and alcohol, then they would have survived step two. In the meantime, there is dealing with the police and wondering what is happening on the case . . . and questioning when there will be an arrest; will there ever be an arrest? The years of searching for the murderer, in some cases, brings doubt in the system. Where there is an arrest, the family is subjected to a trial and, in many cases, the defense will do all they can to damage the victim in an effort to save their client. So now, the parents and siblings are, once again, faced with the emotions they experienced at the time of the murder; adding the new hurtful words/experience of a trial. Finally, at the time of sentencing, the murderer is given a sentence of 25 years to life . . . and, in some lesser number of years, this murderer is going to be eligible for early release. Parents and siblings will experience the emotions, once again, of the murder and the trial and must be strong enough to express to the parole board members that there was a real victim, a real person, someone who was a part of their lives, who was dearly loved and, to this day, is missed terribly. They have every right to expect the murderer to serve his full sentence. After all, their life without their loved one is because of this murderer. It is time to remember the victim and recognize "truth in sentencing" for murderers and stop making excuses for their inexcusable decision to murder.

Together we will make a difference . . .

Jan~

Victims Profile cont.

De Anna Lynn Johnson cont.

De Anna was seen alive.

On November 16, 1982, less than 24 hours after given permission to visit her friend, two Southern Pacific Railroad employees, who were working in the area, found De Anna's battered body in a desolate field on Elmira Road not too far from the train tracks they were working on. The field where her body was found, could be seen easily from her family's home. The coroner's office confirmed that De Anna's fully clothed body was strangled, beaten and bludgeoned about the head and face and was reported to be the most brutal crime ever seen in Solano County. De Anna was reported missing at 11:30 p.m. on November 15, 1982, after her mother, father and brothers made many frantic phone calls and went door to door to ask if any of her friends and/or neighbors had seen her or knew where she was. The search was unsuccessful and the Missing Persons Report was filed with the Vacaville Police Department.

It has been stated over the years that there are people, party-goers and their parents, who know the truth of what took place that tragic evening. We ask you to please help bring the murderer(s) to justice. There is a \$50,000 Reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the murderer(s) of De Anna Lynn Johnson. If you know anything, heard anything or observed anything, please be her voice and speak up for De Anna. Contact Sgt. Matt Lydon - Vacaville Police Department - (707) 449-5200

Thank you~

Mary Borchers

Anthony Lindsay cont.

senseless act of violence. Since then, there have been no new leads or sightings of Torres.

Our family has forever been altered by the cowardly act of Angel Soto Torres. Like so many other families out there who are in the same situation, we all seek answers and justice. There will never be closure, but time and healing will allow my family to move forward. We dearly love and miss our beloved Anthony; he will be in our hearts forever. We will never stop until this person is brought to justice. If anyone has information about the murder of my son, please come forward. Contact the Escondido Police Department at (760) 839-4722.

Thank you~

Josephine Lindsay and Family

WANTED FOR THE MURDER OF ANTHONY RICARDO LINDSAY



ANGEL SOTO TORRES

The Escondido Police Department is currently seeking Angel Soto Torres on a warrant charging him with murder. On June 7, 2003, at approximately 6:45 p.m., Escondido Police responded to a report of a shooting that had just occurred in the parking lot in the 700 block of E. Mission Ave. On arrival, officers found the victim, Anthony Ricardo Lindsay, age 23, shot in the driveway at the entrance to an apartment complex. The victim, who had suffered a gunshot wound to the body, was transported by paramedics to a local hospital; he was subsequently pronounced dead. Through witness interviews and evidence found during the investigation, the investigators learned that Angel Torres was the suspect. DOB: 10/1/65. Suspect presumed armed and dangerous.

CONTACT ESCONDIDO POLICE DEPARTMENT (760) 839-4722

Quote of the Month ~

“Hope is grief’s best music”

~ Author Unknown

PAROLE HEARING RESULTS

Johnnie Spruill

Good Evening to CAH Staff:

From Rosette Williams Futrell and on behalf of the Williams family and for the victim, my sister Ms. Beatrice Williams it is our pleasure to let you all know that the state of NC has again denied inmate Johnnie Spruill-0385535 parole until 12-2014. Thank God for intervening in this matter not to allow Spruill the chance to be a free citizen of our society at this time. He deserves to spend the rest of his life behind bars. Please pass this wonderful news to everyone and express how gracious we are for CAH and everyone that helped us during this trying time. We are so appreciative and will always support CAH and others in the mission to keep all murderers behind bars forever. You are all in our prayers.

Mrs. Rosetta Futrell

WHO KILLED RALPH C. MOORE



February 20th, 2012 will be ten years that my husband, Ralph C. Moore came home in Fairfield, Ca. between the hours of 12 noon and 5 p.m. I believe when he came home he interrupted a burglary in progress. I also believe he was taken by surprise as he was physically fit and able bodied and could have defended himself. I came home from work shortly after 5 p.m. and found him on the dining room floor. He had been viciously beaten and left for dead. He never regained consciousness and died eight days later on February 28, 2002 at U.C. DAVIS Trauma Center in Sacramento, Ca.

The perpetrator or perpetrators have not been identified, the case remains unsolved and is now a cold case.

Ralph was a very kind and caring person and was a friend to everyone he knew. It is very sad and discouraging to me, his children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, family and friends that his case remains unsolved. I know that there are people out there that know who committed this heinous crime against such a wonderful man. It is not fair that whoever is responsible is going on with life as usual and so far gotten away with murder!

I hope and pray that someday someone will come forward with any information they may have that could possibly help apprehend whoever took Ralph's life. Even if you think something you know or heard is not that important, it could be the key to solving this case.

There is a \$60,000 Reward for information leading to the apprehension and conviction of the responsible person or persons. If you know anything at all pertaining to this case, please contact the Fairfield Police Major Crimes Unit at (707) 428-7600 or Crime Stoppers at (707) 644-7876.

Ralph deserves justice! Ralph's life meant so much and his death should not be thought of as just another murder. Please help our family honor his memory and get justice for Ralph by helping solve this case

Thank you~

Martha Moore (Ralph's Wife)

CRIME WIRE

CRIME WIRE UPDATE:

The Crime Wire radio show has moved! Vegas Kool Radio is Crime Wire's new home. Crime Wire enthusiasts will continue to enjoy top quality and informative show. The next Scheduled show will be Tuesday, February 7, 2012 at 9:00 p.m. EST - 6:00 p.m. PST at <http://vegaskool.com> - and every Tuesday evening thereafter. The Home Page features a "Listen Live" option in the upper right corner. There is also a "Kool Podcast" option in the menu across the top of the page for playbacks.

RESTITUTION

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 ortorgo restitucion, 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 restitucion que no se haya reclamado. para obtener mas informacion, llame gratis al 1- (877) 256-6877.

Sample Parole Letter on Website

Sample parole opposition letter(s) are available on the CAH website at www.citizensagainsthomicide.org
For your convenience, all you need to do is 'copy and paste' the letter(s) into a Word document, sign your name and mail.

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 vctmsmurdr@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.

OPEN LETTER TO JESUS GONZALES

Dear Jesus Gonzales:

We are in receipt of your e-mail of January 16, 2012, and thought it best to reply to you in an open answer in our Newsletter:

You state:

“What a horrible life some of these victim’s families must lead because they are so controlled by their hatred”
 “which becomes the only thing that identifies them”

“Before you decide to write your letter opposing parole for some of these inmates you better be sure you know the TRUE facts of each case”

“Many times a victims’ family has construed the real facts of the crime due to bitterness and dedication to vengeance”

“EVERY person will be held accountable for the life that YOU help to destroy because of your careless actions”

“When the victims’ family can forgive the inmate in their hearts”

“That is when they will find the healing and peace they are searching for.”

“The secret to defeating hate is with love!”

“I’ve learned that only God holds the key to the prison in our hearts!”

“Don’t do it for the inmate”

“Do it for yourself and do it for God”

“who forgives all men ... even YOU!”

I will reply to each line of your remarks not necessarily in the order of your letter.

Let me start by saying that we personally speak with a family member and (sometimes more than one) as well as the Police and/or District Attorney’s involved in the crime of murder that has been committed by the prisoner that is coming up before the parole Board. We do have the TRUE facts of each case. The families and friends of the victim of murder are not wanting to keep the murderer of their family member in prison due to their own bitterness and dedication to vengeance. Rather they are looking to see justice carried out for the family member that they have lost and that is not vengeance, nor bitterness.

You are correct that EVERY murderer will be held accountable for the life that they took from our families. It is due to the callous and careless actions of the murderer that he is in prison. When the murderer accepts personal responsibility for the crime he committed, THEN that murderer can begin a healing process, and maybe even find the peace that is Sought. That in no way stops the fact that he must still pay for the crime he committed.

You are also correct that the way to defeat hate is with love. That is something for the murderer to seek from within. If he did not hate so much there might not have been a murder committed in the first place. The family and friends of the victim no longer have the opportunity to share in the life of the one they lost. What they and all of us have is a duty to society to see that justice is served in each and every case and that justice includes the murderer serving his full sentence. There is a healing and peace that can be experienced in knowing and believing that you have done everything possible to honor the family member that lost to murder. You are doing your part by helping society on the whole to be a safer place by being a part of having our laws enforced as they should be.

Again you are wise when you state that you have learned that only God holds the key to the prison in our hearts. It is our own relationships with our God that helps us to move forward in life even when sometimes we believe that he has sent us a cross too large and too heavy to bear. But each of us that is surviving the loss of a family member or friend to murder knows the weight of that cross and each of us in our own way finds that strength that is given to us to go on with our lives and to continue to do the many normal activities of life and the jobs before us.

Let me tell you that as a whole the families of murder victims are not controlled by hate and they do not lead horrible lives. They are mostly productive members of society that have continued to go on with their lives raising their children and grand children to also be productive members of society. They hold down jobs, they go to church and they do not wear a V (victim) on their forehead. They do however feel very strongly that they do not want another person to have to walk in the shoes that they have had to walk in. It is these positive things that identify them, not hatred and vengeance.

Finally when we all write those letters to keep another murderer in prison to serve his full sentence “25 years to life”, or whatever sentence was - we are not doing it for vengeance, nor hatred, we are doing it for the love of the person we lost to murder. We are doing it for the inmate in the hope he will pay the price for the crime he committed and that he will come to understand that he is in prison for the act he committed; we are doing it for ourselves in that this is our way of helping justice to be served and we are doing it in the name of our God - it is as you said only God can forgive - it is not my place nor your place to forgive someone for something they did to another. That will be between the murderer and God when that day comes. In the meantime it is our duty to make society as safe a place as we can with the tools that the good Lord has given to us writing a Parole Opposition letter is one of those tools.

PAROLE OPPOSITION LETTERS NEEDED

Please send letters in support of these families today!
 Although we are encouraging letters be written in your own words, a pre-written letter is being provided for 'copy and paste' purposes on our website
www.citizensagainsthomicide.org

Parole #1

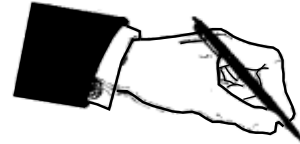
Jose Gonzalez
 PLEASE SEND PAROLE OPPOSITION LETTERS TO THE CALIFORNIA PAROLE BOARD:
 Parole Hearing Date: March 5, 2012 (Date)
 California Medical Facility
 1600 California Drive
 P.O. Box 2000
 Vacaville, CA 95696
 Attn: Classification and Parole Representative
 RE: Jose Gonzalez - CDC#B-94419
 Parole Hearing Date - March 5, 2012

Dear Chairman and Parole Board Member:
 Please DO NOT grant a parole date to convicted murderer, Jose Gonzalez. James and Essie Effron owned and operated a store in San Diego, CA, that had become an institution. They were known for their kindness, their integrity and concern for their customers as individuals. In 1977, Essie was diagnosed with cancer and had to have abdominal surgery. Not knowing what the future state of her health would be, she and James made a decision to close down the store so

that they could spend all of their time together. They then began a "going out of business" sale. To help with the sale, an individual named Jose Gonzalez was hired as a salesman. After the store closed for the day on November 21, 1977, and in a matter of minutes, all of the dreams which James and Essie shared of spending their retirement years together, were shattered by Jose Gonzalez. Along with some accomplices, Gonzalez forced James and Essie down to the basement of the store, bound and then, without hesitation or remorse, bludgeoned them to death. Jose Gonzalez was convicted of this double homicide and was sentenced to life in prison. His accomplices were never brought to trial.
 March 5, 2012 marks the 9th parole hearing for this convicted murderer. For the 9th time, James and Essie Effron's family will have to relive the horrendous events that led to their brutal murders, and face the uncertainty that accompanies each and every parole hearing.

Because of Jose Gonzalez's sense of entitlement, complete disregard for human life and lack of conscience, justice demands he be denied parole. This senseless act of violence - murder, was his personal choice and he must continue to accept the consequences of his actions. He must remain in prison, so that he can never again harm another innocent human being.
 James and Essie do not get a second chance to live - they are gone forever. Jose Gonzalez chose to take their lives - their right to live. He does not deserve the privilege of freedom. Please deny parole to this convicted murderer for the maximum time allowed by California law.
 Thank you for your consideration.
 (Your Name)
 For your confidentiality, do NOT put your return address on the letter, only on the outer mailing envelope.
Please send a copy to the victim's family:
 Gary L. Effron - 221 N. Figueroa Street, Suite #1200, Los Angeles, CA 90012

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
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Membership/Contribution Form

(please print)

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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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