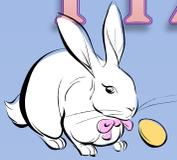


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National Crime Victims Rights' Week 2014

Hammond- In celebration of National Crime Victims' Rights week, April 6-12, 2014, the District Attorney's Tri-Parish Rape Crisis Program hosted a special ceremony to honor homicide victims and their families.

The ceremony was held on April 10, 2014, at 6:00p.m. at the Louis J. Tallo building in Hammond, LA.

The ceremony began with an invocation by Kiplyn Andrews, a pastor at Abba Father, then a welcome by Tri-Parish Victims Assistance Coordinator Tameka White. A proclamation by Pete Panepinto announcing National Crime Victims' Rights Week was followed by the recognition of families by domestic violence secretary Renee' Phares. Attendees also viewed a liturgical dance by Endia Geter.

Tonya Smith, a former victim's advocate with the district attorney's office, spoke about her experience as an advocate and as a victim. She shared her story and offered support to the other victims' families.

District Attorney Scott Perrilloux spoke with the audience about the difficulties they face as their cases progress through the court system. He explained that although it can take a long time before a case is resolved, families have to remain vigilant. "You have to tell yourself, 'I'll be back, they are not going to wear me down,'" Perrilloux said.

Following closing remarks by District Attorney Perrilloux, those in attendance exited the building for the memorial balloon release. Victims' family members were each given a balloon and a note card where they could write their family members' name or a message to them. The multi-colored balloons were then released. All were invited to enjoy dinner and cake after the release.



A memorial portfolio, which displayed a tribute to area homicide victims, was displayed at the District Attorney's Offices in Livingston, Tangipahoa, and St. Helena parishes, and is available for public viewing.

The Tri-Parish Victims' Assistance program provides services to victims of crime with active cases in the 21st Judicial District. These services include advocacy, education, emotional support, case notification for felony and domestic cases, court escorts,

a 24- hour rape crisis hotline, and a domestic violence prosecution unit.

Jack to serve 25 Years

Amite- On April 9, 2014, 22-year-old Jarvis Jack was sentenced to serve 25 years with the department of corrections after pleading guilty to armed robbery.

Assistant District Attorney Angel Monistere prosecuted the case. Judge Ray Chutz handed down the sentence.

The police report states that on October 19, 2012, Jack entered a Hammond restaurant, armed with a pistol, and demanded money and phones from two of the employees. Jack wore a hat and a shirt tied around his face.

The detective investigating the case used the stolen cell phones and video footage from a nearby gas station to try to identify the robber. Ultimately, a DNA sample found at the scene of another, similar, robbery from East Baton Rouge parish helped identify the defendant as a potential suspect. Further investigation led to Jack's arrest on June 21, 2013.

On April 7, 2014, in Livingston parish, Jack pleaded guilty to two counts of armed robbery. He was sentenced to serve 10 years with the department of corrections for each count, to be served concurrently.

The 25 year sentence is to be served without the benefit of parole, probation or suspension of sentence, and it is to be served concurrently with any other charges in Livingston and East Baton Rouge parishes.

Pope Pleads to Armed Robbery

Amite- On April 1, 2014, Tiara Pope, of East Iowa Street, Hammond, LA, was sentenced to serve 10 years with the department of corrections for armed robbery by Judge Elizabeth Wolfe.

20-year-old Pope pleaded no contest to the charge on March 24, 2014. Assistant District Attorney Le'Anne Malnar prosecuted the case.

On August 19, 2013, Pope and a co-defendant placed an order for pizza delivery. When the delivery person arrived, Pope

reportedly held him at gun point and demanded money. The defendant took \$6.00 from the victim then searched his vehicle, finding and taking his wallet which included cash, credit cards and identification.

Also on April 1, 2014, in an unrelated charge, Pope was sentenced to serve two years with the department of corrections for possession/distribution/sale of a legend drug without a prescription. All time is to be served concurrently.

Matthews Sentenced for Vehicular Homicide

Livingston- Kadie Matthews, of Millican Drive, Denham Springs, LA, was sentenced to serve 10 years with the department of corrections after pleading guilty to vehicular homicide on April 7, 2014.

Five years of the ten year sentence was suspended and, upon her release, the defendant will be placed on five years of active probation.

Assistant District Attorney Greg Murphy prosecuted the case. Judge Ray Chutz handed down the sentence.

According to Murphy, on April 7, 2013, Kadie Matthews was traveling east bound on I-12 east of Pete's Hwy. She was traveling over 100 mph when she struck the back of a vehicle operated by Richard Moore, Jr. The crash caused Moore's vehicle to leave the roadway and strike a tree. Moore was transported to the hospital where he later died from his injuries.

The officer who investigated the matter noted that Matthews appeared intoxicated and did not know that she had hit a vehicle. The officer had Matthew's perform a breath test which showed a reading of .15%, blood alcohol content.

During the sentencing hearing on April 7, the victim's mother and sister provided a victim impact statement. Matthew's spoke before the court and apologized to the family for her actions.

The first five years of the sentence are to be served without benefit of parole, probation or suspension of sentence.

Malnar Speaks at Mock Crash

Hammond- Assistant District Attorney Le' Anne Malnar spoke with students at Amite High School during the Amite High mock crash on April 28, 2014.

The event began with students witnessing a dramatized crash resulting from an intoxicated driver. Members of the coroner's office, fire department, the Amite Police Department, and the Tangipahoa Parish Sheriff's Office assisted in the demonstration.

Following the "crash," narrated by Tangipahoa Parish District 1 Fire Chief Bruce Cutrer, Malnar discussed driving while intoxicated. She explained that one bad decision could permanently change a person's life. The prosecutor told students

that a vehicular homicide committed while driving under the influence of alcohol or narcotics could lead to a sentence of up to 30 years in prison. She ended by asking students to be smart, to not drink and drive, and to think of their futures before making poor choices.

Other speakers included Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) representatives Paula and Tom Zachary, Principal Mildred Johnson, and Connie Little, the event's organizer.

On April 17, 2014, Malnar participated in the 5th annual Tangipahoa - Reshaping Attitudes for Community Change (TRACC) Youth Leadership Rally. The rally, held at Chappapeela Sports Park in Hammond, was attended by select 8th, 9th, 10th, and 11th graders throughout the parish. TRACC Project Director Bridget Bailey explained that these students were identified by their schools as leaders, meaning they hold leadership roles as officers in student organizations at their schools.

The day began with ice breaker games. Then the students were broken into various groups to discuss different scenarios involving drinking and the consequences that follow. Malnar led the group "Cruising for Trouble." She, Louisiana State Trooper Jared Sandifer, and officers from the TPSO spoke with students about driving while intoxicated. They emphasized convictions and sentences, the effects on the victims' and defendants' families and communities, and personal effects.

Volunteers from each group participated in a roll playing activity where they were given an identity, an event, and the consequences of their actions. In the "Cruising for Trouble" group, the student playing the role of the intoxicated driver was given goggles that imitated the effects of drinking. He was then administered a standardized field sobriety test by State Trooper Sandifer.

All groups were later brought back together and each group leader reviewed what they had discussed with their individual group. Malnar explained that drinking and driving has serious consequences. She addressed the damage a person can do when drinking and driving, and how it can lead to an injury or fatal accident. She also discussed impaired driving while under the influence of narcotics. This includes the use of illegal drugs and the abuse of prescription medication.

Other groups were "Mad about You" that addressed vandalism and fighting, "Hooking Up" which discussed teen pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases, and "Going the Distance," which talked about injuries resulting from drinking and drug use.

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