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... AND JUSTICE FOR ALL



MISSION

It is the mission of the District Attorney's Office to represent the people of District 18, to help provide a safer community for all, to hold offenders accountable for their crimes and to insure that no victim is left behind. We will uphold the law and Constitutions of the State of Oklahoma and the United States.

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Stachmus found Guilty of Murder in the First Degree:

On March 5, 2008 Prosecutors for the State of Oklahoma Jim B. Miller, District Attorney and J. Michael Miller, Assistant District Attorney began to present evidence to a Pittsburg County jury alleging that Michael Erick Stachmus murdered his wife, Regina Stachmus. The State of Oklahoma presented over 40 witnesses in the span of a week and a half. The defendant presented his defense on the afternoon of March 13. On March 14, 2008 the case was submitted to the jury for deliberation. After approximately 2 hours and 40 minutes the jury returned with a verdict of Guilty and a sentence recommendation of Life without Parole. Formal sentencing is set for April 23, 2008.

DRUG COURT

Pittsburg County Drug Court is now in full operation. Pittsburg County will be graduating its first 4 participants from drug court in April. A ceremony will be held at the Pittsburg County Courthouse with Governor Brad Henry planning on attending.

Pittsburg County: In June 2004 the State of Oklahoma convicted Franklin Gibbs on Count 1: Murder in the First Degree and Count 2: Possession of Firearm After Former Conviction. The Defendant was sentenced to Count 1: Life without Parole and Count 2: fifty (50) years. On appeal the Defendant received a new trial. In November of 2006 the defendant was tried again. This time a jury found him guilty and sentenced him to Count 1: Life without Parole and Count 2: Life.



Pittsburg County: In June 2007 Randy Gray was found guilty by a Jury of committing Oral Sodomy, Lewd or Indecent Proposals, Lewd Display of Pornography, First Degree Rape by Instrumentation and Lewd Molestation and was sentenced to a total of seventy (70) years in the Oklahoma Department of Corrections.



Prison Time

Haskell County: On September 11, 2007 Val Wilkerson was found guilty by a jury for the crime of Rape by Instrumentation. The defendant was sentenced to 30 years in the Oklahoma Department of Corrections.

On July 11, 2007 Joseph Barnes pled guilty to the charges of Rape in the First Degree and Rape in the Second Degree and was sentenced to 30 years with the last 15 years suspended.

Pittsburg County: On September 1, 2006 Jona Ann Montgomery committed the crime of Murder in the Second Degree. Defendant Montgomery was speeding down a residential street on a football game night in McAlester, Oklahoma. Testimony in the case said that the defendant had been drinking and exceeded 60 miles per hour. The defendant was driving down the road approximately five minutes before the end of the ballgame. Several people were already walking to their vehicles. The defendant struck a vehicle that was parked on the side of the road and two children with her vehicle. Both children were severely injured, one child passed away shortly after. The defendant was found guilty by a jury in November 2007 and was sentenced to Life for the immanently dangerous conduct and evincing a depraved mind in extreme disregard for human life!



Crime
doesn't
pay!

Pittsburg County: On November 29, 2007 Christopher Vickers entered a plea of Guilty to the charges of 2 Counts of Shooting with intent to Kill, Possession of a Firearm after Conviction, and Attempting to Elude an Officer. He was sentenced to a total of forty (40) years for shooting at the police and attempting to elude officers.

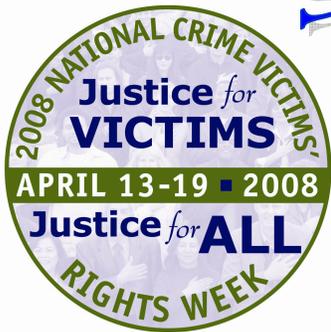
District Attorney, **Jim B. Miller**; Assistant District Attorney, **Lisa Birdwell** and Assistant Victim Witness Coordinator, **Donna Ford** attended a Conference on Crimes Against Women, February 11-13, 2008 in Dallas, TX. This was the Third Annual Conference on Crimes Against Women. The goal of this Conference was to address the wide scope of crimes against women and meet the training needs of all involved. The Conference on Crimes Against Women provided law enforcement and prosecutors the tools they need to successfully investigate and prosecute those perpetrators that victimize women. By working with advocates from across the country we can create a society that promotes safety and zero tolerance against these crimes.

Cases filed in Pittsburg County in 2007

Felony Crimes	705
Misdemeanor Crimes	1078
Juvenile Cases	227
Traffic Cases	3507

District 18 Narcotics Task Force Agents were hired in October 2007. Since they have been hired they have been involved in over sixty (60) felony drug related arrests involving mid to high level drug trafficking.

Victim Services



NATIONAL CRIME VICTIMS RIGHTS WEEK
April 13-19, 2008

JUSTICE FOR VICTIMS—JUSTICE FOR ALL



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BACKGROUND: National Crime Victims' Rights Week is an annual observance to bring the victim assistance community together to raise public awareness about victims' rights, protections, and services.

This year's theme, "Justice for Victims. Justice for All" evokes the ideals that support our system of justice and inspire our nation's quest for equity. It declares that justice for all cannot be achieved without justice for victims of crime.

National Crime Victims' Rights Week serves to remind us that crime can strike anyone. Whether it's a drive by shooting, a campus massacre, an act of terrorism, or a crippling identity theft, we are all vulnerable to crime. In this sense, victims' rights are everyone's rights. As we celebrate our successes, assess our progress, and prepare for our next set of challenges, we remember that justice for victims promotes justice for all.

Take Action

Most people, when beaten or intimidated by someone in their family, feel helpless, afraid, embarrassed and guilty. These emotions, plus a belief that what happened was not really a crime, often keep victims from taking any action.

**STOP the
Violence**

Protect yourself

Call 911 or leave immediately if you feel you are in danger. If relatives won't help, seek a shelter. Call McAlester CARE Center at 918-423-0032

Save Evidence

Keep torn or bloodied clothing and go to the emergency room for treatment. Get names, addresses, and phone numbers of witnesses.

Report to Police

Report the assault to police as soon as possible. Officers will investigate to see whether they can make an arrest.

Don't Leave Children

If you have children, don't leave them alone with the batterer. They may also be in danger of abuse.

This will be the new courthouse, once it has been renovated, The District Attorney's Office will no longer be inside the courthouse but in the building below.



**We're MOVING!!!
Just not yet!**



The Pittsburg County District Attorney's Office along with the Pittsburg County Court Clerk and Judges are anticipating moving into the "temporary" courthouse located across the street from the current courthouse in mid June, 2008. The District Attorney's Office will be located in the basement of the building. The entrance to the District Attorney's Office is located in the alley on the south side of the building.

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