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



ANTHONY EDWARD BARAJAS

August 19, 1994–June 28, 2015

By His Mother, Sandra Rose

Hi, my name is Sandra Rose. On August 19, 1994, my third child of six and my second son, Anthony Edward Barajas was born (even before the Doctor could make it into the room). He was 8 lbs and 19 inches long, with big lips and bright green eyes. He was non-stop growing up; he loved climbing things, running around, jumping from stairs to stairs. One year, he had received stitches 3 different times jumping from his daybed and running at his grandparent's house. He had a very infectious smile. He always talked about how much he loved Kindergarten and how his teacher, Mrs Kergan, would make fresh baked bread, soups and honey. Anthony went to Rosemont High School and graduated with his high school sweetheart. They were blessed to find out they were expecting a baby and was saddened to learn their child was not growing and lost their baby shortly thereafter.

Anthony loved cars and was fascinated by them since he was little. When Anthony first got his drivers license, he would go to Pick n Pull and work on cars for a month straight to learn all the mechanics of vehicles. Anthony's first car was a blue '85 Monte Carlo he called Betty. He went on to own a purple Lincoln that had ostrich seats and a black Lincoln with murals painted on the hood and trunk; cars that had little 13-inch wheels and tires with white walls that were always hard to find and always popping at

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*Our Next Meeting
will be on Sunday,
May 15, 2016
10:00 a.m.*

*Loch Lomond Yacht Club
95 Loch Lomond Drive,
San Rafael*

*(This will be our annual meeting
with Guest Speaker, David Hines,
Director of Victimcare, Newcastle,
Great Britain)*

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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 187 Oak Drive, San Rafael, CA. The monthly meeting starts at 10:00 a.m. We encourage anyone interested to attend meetings.

A Few Words From Jan

Last month would have been my daughter Veronica "Roni's" 51st birthday. For some reason, this year was especially tough. I thought 50 would have been the number that would make me emotional and would cause me stress. Actually, the number makes little difference; the difference is how it manifests it's self. We gather, as we have done in previous years, to celebrate Roni's birthday with a birthday mass. The gathering is made up of Roni's family and friends; and once again we are honored that our friend Arch Bishop John could join us. He was priest/teacher at Marin Catholic High School when Roni was a student.

This year, Arch Bishop John had some very special words which he shared during his homily. Many of us chatted later and found his words to be very moving. He said we should not look upon Roni's death as a "PERIOD", rather we should see her death as a "COMMA". To put a period means there is no more. By using a "comma" means there is more to come. When Roni was murdered, her body ceased to be,

however, as Christians we believe there is life after death. We believe she is enjoying that afterlife. For us left behind, we experience the sorrow, the grief and the anger for our loss. If we use the "period" we have nowhere to go, nowhere. By using the "comma" we are able to see Roni at peace with our Heavenly Father.

We enjoy celebrating her birthday with our annual mass. Family and friends feel her spirit upon meeting the many students applying for an educational scholarship established in her name. Reflecting on the 32 years since Roni's death, I realize I have always used a "comma". I enjoy the memories of the 19 years I had Roni in my life. I also enjoy and am amazed that family and friends have maintained and expanded these events for over 30 years; events that were initiated immediately after Roni's murder.

My work with CAH is another one of those "commas". There are so many wonderful people I have had the privilege of meeting; some of whom I have personally been able to help. People I

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Parole & Clemency Hearings

These parole hearings are imminent. Send letters in support of these families today.

Lonnie David Stringer—CDC# K-24602

Parole Hearing Date: June I, 2016

(DATE)

Board of Parole Hearings

Attn: Pre-Hearing Correspondence

P.O. Box 4036

Sacramento, CA 95812-4036

Re: Lonnie David Stringer—

CDC# K-24602

Parole Hearing Date: June I, 2016

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would otherwise not have met had it not been for CAH. People who have come to be very important in my life are joining in reaching out and trying to put “commas” not “periods” into the lives of those who have lost a loved one to murder.

I want our members and readers to attend, if possible, our annual meeting on May 15th; please mark your calendars. Guest speaker is David Hines. David is traveling from Newcastle, Great Britain where he is Director of Victimcare. He will be sharing information on peer support, European Project, the EU Victims Directive, Family Liaison, Police Training and the UK Victims Commissioner. David’s presentation will be a great benefit to students taking Criminal Justice courses. The presentation will also benefit people working in Victim Witness programs. It is an amazing way to see how other victims are getting involved. The event is free, however, we ask that you leave a message on our phone line (415) 455-5944 or e-mail vctmsmurdr@aol.com to let us know that you plan on attending. This will help in determining the amount of food needed for lunch.

Mark your calendar, May 15th, The Loch Lomond Yacht Club 95 Loch Lomond Drive, San Rafael, CA.

Let us make David’s visit to Marin County a “comma” in our lives.

—See you there.
Jan

Dear Chairman and Parole Board Members:

Please DO NOT grant a parole date to convicted murderer, Lonnie David Stringer. On April 29, 1995, Stringer bludgeoned to death his wife, Cynthia Stringer, with a large object. . . believed to be a baseball bat. Cynthia was brutally and senselessly struck several times on the head, eventually killing her. When law enforcement arrived on scene, they observed Stringer attempting to cover the victim with a carpet. Records indicate this murder was premeditated.

Cynthia was a devout Jehovah’s Witness, even before meeting Stringer at a local Jehovah’s Witness Hall (Church). At one time, Lonnie Stringer rose to the top of their church as an “Elder”. Soon after, Stringer’s demeanor began to change. Time spent at home with Cynthia was minimal and she was becoming afraid for her safety.

Cynthia worked as an In-Home Health Aide for Kaiser Hospitals, while studying to become a nurse. She was an outstanding employee and a wonderful friend to many. Court records indicate an elaborate plan set forth by Lonnie Stringer, to murder his wife for financial gain (Life Insurance). After brutally bludgeoning his wife to death, he disguised and deflected suspicion, accusing several people who were close to him and her family as possible murderers. He actually accused the victim of deserving what had happened to her.

On June I, 2016, Cynthia’s family will have to relive the horrendous events that led to her brutal murder. They will be forced to endure the trauma and uncertainty of this murderer’s parole hearing. Because of Lonnie Stringer’s complete disregard for human life, denial and lack of remorse for executing his own wife, justice demands this convicted murderer be denied parole. This senseless act of violence was a personal choice made by Stringer for financial gain 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.

Please deny parole to convicted murderer, Lonnie David Stringer for the maximum time allowed by California law.

Thank you for your consideration.

(YOUR NAME/SIGNATURE)

(For your confidentiality, do NOT post your return address on the letter; only on the outer mailing envelope).

No to Public Safety and Rehabilitation Act of 2016

By Gene Cervantes

Governor Jerry Brown, in his address to those who attended the Annual Victim Rights March on the Capitol on April 7, 2016, stated that criminal gangs “too often run” California prisons or hold undue influence over them. He further said many criminals “develop even worse habits” once they are incarcerated in state prison. He proceeded to say that, “we have to make sure that our prisons can be in a very important transformation so that people learn to respect the law and not just respect the gangs, which too often run the place or have undue influence”. He concluded his talk by saying, “I don’t like to say that, but it happens to be true.”

Jerry Brown is wrong. He does not have a clue about what goes on in a prison, let alone who runs it or has control. What makes me believe I am qualified to say he is wrong? 30+ years employment experience with the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR). Several family members work for CDCR in custody positions and each have voiced similar beliefs. We can only conclude Mr. Brown was given information by someone who told him exactly what the Governor wanted to hear.

Governor Brown’s claim that gangs run our state prisons is careless and irresponsible. He has attacked the integrity, honesty, honor, pride and professionalism of Correctional Peace Officers at every state prison in California. All future Correctional Peace Officers, prior to reporting to their assigned prison, undergoes an intense 16-week program at the Richard A. McGee Correctional Training Academy in Galt, CA.

Professional Correctional Peace Officers, without question, control our state prisons. These officers, who walk the toughest beat in the state, will never abdicate control of our prisons to criminal gangs as Mr. Brown claims. NEVER. Governor Brown just doesn’t get it; California prisons are not the setting for the HBO presentation of “OZ”.

Criminal gangs running California state prisons is a figment of Jerry Brown’s imagination. One wonders what would motivate him to make such a claim? Arrogance. Jerry Brown has a propensity for fabricating things that support his personal agenda with total disregard for the truth.

Governor Brown wants to provide every inmate with coping, educational and work skills essential for a successful transition

into a free society. This is the right thing to do and every law-abiding citizen is in favor. However, Jerry Brown’s hidden agenda is to release convicted felons from prison to parole prior to completion of their term. The Governor must not believe in “truth in sentencing”. Holding one responsible for criminal behavior is essential to rehabilitation and justice. People end up in state prison for making a personal decision to commit a crime. It takes hard work to end up in prison and prison is simply accepting responsibility for a choice to commit a crime.

All prisons in California have gang-related problems, however, gangs do not run or control our prisons. Jerry Brown believes many criminals develop worse “habits” once incarcerated in state prison. I believe criminals have already developed, not habits, but a knack for criminal behavior prior to placement in a state prison. “Worse”, he says. There are few things worse than being a crime victim or losing a loved one to murder.

Mr. Brown, in his address, is quoted as saying, “We need to make sure our prisons can be a very important way transformatively, so people learn to respect the law and not just the gangs, which too often, run the place or have undue influence.” Respect for the law is what we learned from childhood. The convicted felon chose to disrespect and disregard the law. With rare exception, people end up in prison only after numerous arrests, convictions, and grants of probation. When Mr. Brown says. . . respect for the law and *not just the gangs*, I question why he believes gangs even warrant respect.

I guess what is most disturbing and offensive, is that Mr. Brown’s address was given at the March on the Capitol. This event is attended by families and friends

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Parole Hearing Results— William Robert Geiger

On December 25, 1976, William Robert Geiger stalked and then murdered his estranged wife, Nancy in the presence of her mother, Olga Heldt, her father and grandmother.

Since his November 1977 conviction for premeditated first degree murder and possession of an illegal weapon, he has been up for parole seven times and denied.

“We were able to appeal to the parole board and given a Future Eligibility Time (FET) of three years. This time, his FET is 96 months (8 years). My family and I would like to thank you from the bottom of our hearts for the wonderful letters and petitions you did for us. You do a great job.” (Olga Heldt and Family)

Death Penalty Reform

Voters support reform of California's death penalty. It has become ineffective because of waste, delays, and inefficiencies. Fixing it will save California taxpayers millions of dollars every year, assure due process protections for those sentenced to death and promote justice for murder victims and their families. Death row inmates have murdered over 1000 victims, including 226 children and 43 police officers; 294 victims were raped and/or tortured. It's time California reformed our death penalty process so it works.

This initiative will ensure justice for both victims and defendants by:

Reforming the Appeals Process

- Expand the pool of available defense attorneys.
- Require that a defendant who is sentenced to death be appointed a lawyer at the time of sentence, rather than waiting for years just to get a lawyer.
- Reforming the existing inefficient appeals process for death penalty cases will ensure fairness for both defendants and victims. Capital defendants wait 5 years or more for appointments of their appellate lawyer. By providing prompt appointment of attorneys, the defendant's claims will be heard sooner.
- A defendant's claim of actual innocence should not be limited, but frivolous and unnecessary claims should be restricted

Reforming Death Row Housing and Victim Restitution

- According to the Legislative Analyst's Office, eliminating single cell housing of death row inmates will save tens of millions of dollars every year.
- Death row inmates should be required to work in prison and to pay restitution to their victims' families consistent with the Victims' Bill of Rights (Marsy's Law). Refusal to work and pay restitution should result in loss of special privileges.

Agency Oversight and Reforming the Administrative Hearing Procedure for the Execution Protocol

- The state agency that is supposed to expedite secondary review of death penalty cases is operating without any effective oversight, causing long delays and wasting taxpayer dollars. California Supreme Court oversight of this state agency will ensure accountability.
- CDCR should not be required to respond to comments from every individual who writes a letter with questions or

comments about the execution protocol when those people would not be affected by the protocol and may not even be a citizen of California.

California's death row includes serial killers, cop killers, child killers, mass murderers, and hate crime killers. The death penalty system is broken, but it can and should be fixed. Please visit www.deathpenaltyreform.com for further info and suggestions for support.

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of murder victims, rape victims, robbery victims, assault victims and many more. Bottom line, Mr. Brown wants us to believe he is a victim friendly governor.

Since taking office, he has not signed a single reward proclamation. This, in spite of numerous requests by county and city law enforcement agencies. He has neglected to provide an explanation and has not apologized for refusing to approve any rewards. Penal Code section 1547(a) authorizes the governor to approve rewards up to \$50,000. Brown refuses to do so. Not victim friendly.

During an interview with KCRA TV (Sacramento), Brown said it was his birthday, the Public Safety and Rehabilitation Act of 2016 petition would be available and he wanted everybody to sign it. The petition would allow his initiative to be placed on the November 2016 ballot. The initiative would let certain felons convicted of so-called non-violent crimes seek early parole and restructure how the state awards credits for good behavior. Early release for convicted murderers is unacceptable and lacks compassion for the families and friends of murder victims. But why should Jerry Brown care when his priority is reducing prison population at all cost. Mr. Brown adds

new meaning to the phrase "talking out of both sides of your mouth". He speaks with compassion for the families at the March and, at the same time, asks for signatures for his petition. Victim friendly? Definitely not.

At a time when all victim advocates must stand together to preserve what rights we have left; at a time when victims need advocates the most, it is disheartening and unacceptable that any advocacy organization would refuse to take a stand against Jerry Brown's initiative. It is yea or nay, no in-between. Engaging in a lot of discussion with him, is meaningless and unproductive. There is no compromising, his mind is made up and he does not want to be confused with facts.

We are at the beginning of a major battle, a battle for support of our elected representatives. All victim advocacy organizations must remind their membership that in November they will have an opportunity to rid our state of politicians who turn their backs on us. We must Vet those running for office. Find out just who took their place in line behind Jerry Brown. Educate yourself and ask... is my representative (State Senator/State Assemblyman) pro-victim rights?... then vote appropriately.

Public Safety and Rehabilitation Act of 2016

Every time we turn around, victim rights takes another “hit” from a governor who proclaims his support. Following is a statement from Yolo County DA, Jeff Reisig.

“The FBI recently reported significant increases in violent crime and property crime in many of the largest cities in California. Despite these facts, the Governor continues to pursue his shadowy initiative that will authorize early release for serious felons in prison and he has reportedly committed to spending millions from his own campaign war chest to advertise and pass it. Instead, perhaps he should spend his millions to help CA develop meaningful intervention and rehabilitation programs for the thousands of desperate felons and addicts that are already on our streets. . . .”

Go to <https://www.cdaa.org/about-us/donate-to-the-issues-committee> and support our fight.

A Radically Dangerous Experiment with Public Safety Safety

March 8, 2016 • By Eric Siddall

Governor Brown has proposed a radical experiment with public safety. It will mean the early release of 40,000 prisoners. It will potentially give the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) unlimited power to grant early release for the remaining 80,000 prisoners, including those who committed murder, rape, and child molestation. This constitutional amendment will overturn four decades of carefully crafted sentencing laws, including 40 laws and 6 voter approved ballot initiatives. It will make it virtually impossible to prosecute juvenile murderers and rapists as adults.

The consequences of this initiative are far reaching. Today, our article will focus on how the initiative seeks to reduce the prison sentences of all prisoners, not just “non-violent” offenders.

First, a general overview: The purpose of incarceration is three-fold; 1) to protect society; 2) to punish; and 3) to rehabilitate. Today, there are about 117,000 felons in California prisons. They are there because they committed violent and serious offenses against the public. They were all placed in prison by judges who examined the full record. The current state prison population represents the worst offenders

in California. No one in state prison is there because of drug possession or minor theft related crime. Recognizing these facts, Governor Brown deliberately attempted to mislead the public by entitling his initiative the “*Public Safety and Rehabilitation Act of 2016*”—because who would vote for a proposition entitled, “Early Release for Felons, including murderers, rapists, and gang members”?

The mechanics of this constitutional amendment are simple. Prisoners will now be released based upon their primary offense, ignoring the original sentence handed down by a judge. It disregards sentencing enhancements and criminal history. This means if a crime was gang motivated, the additional sentencing enhancement will be meaningless. If the prisoner has an extensive criminal history, including violent strikes, he will be eligible for parole at the same time as the first time offender.

The initiative is a full-frontal assault on enhancements and anti-recidivist statutes. Besides ignoring enhancements and criminal history, when the parole date is reached, the parole commission will be given unchallengeable authority to immediately release the prisoner.

In addition, early release of all prisoners is enabled by this legislation. The governor claims his initiative only applies to “non-violent” prisoners. This soothing claim that early release is limited to “non-violent” offenders is deliberately misleading. The initiative allows CDCR to award unlimited additional conduct credits to shorten sentences of all state prisoners, not just those imprisoned for a “non-violent offense.”

In short, this initiative seeks to reduce prison sentences for all state prisoners, no matter their crime or their criminal history. It ignores the harm those prisoners have done to their victims, disregards the use of guns in commission of a crime, and dismisses the motivation for a crime—all in a headlong rush to speed the release of dangerous criminals.

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least once a month. Anthony's last vehicle was his lifted Toyota Tacoma that he had painted the undercarriage turquoise. There were days when I saw parts of his truck sitting on a plastic chair that he had just spray painted. He truly loved his cars. I remember one day he took the hood off to drive. I asked what he was doing and his response was that he was going topless today. He had no running boards or steps to his truck, so it was very hard for me being only 5 feet tall to get into his truck. But he always found a way to get me in it. On our trips to Costco, he would bring our footstool from our house and put his hand out and call me Princess. He had such a good and loving heart and always helpful. When there was someone who broke down, he would always offer to help them, or help push them off the road. He was an incredible son.

Anthony has an older sister, Cynthia who, a year earlier, married Allan. A month before Anthony's murder, Cynthia and Allan gave birth to his first niece, Ariana. Anthony also has an older brother, Joseph, younger brothers, Jason and Jacob, and younger sister, Elizabeth. Anthony was raised by his Stepfather, Ray, who we lost in 2012. Anthony was very close to Ray and loved playing computer games with him growing up. He was very close to his Grandparents, Ama and Apa. Anthony had a sweet tooth and when any sweets were missing from the pantry we all knew who ate them. Anthony had great friends from all different walks of life and he loved them all the same. He loved making everyone smile and loved telling jokes. Anthony was working at Safeway as a delivery driver and loved meeting new people everyday.

It was a beautiful Sunday on June 28, 2015. We had planned to have a bbq with my extended family, but first wanted

to spruce up the yard with rubber mulch. I had ordered/paid for the mulch and, since it was 10 bags, Anthony took his sidekick, Jason, to help pick up the order at Home Depot. (Jason and Anthony were the best of friends and always had shared a bedroom together since they were little). While driving down Meadowview Road in South Sacramento, a silver Buick Century (1998 to 2005) was moving further ahead of Anthony in the left lane. All of a sudden, the passenger in the back seat of the vehicle began shooting. Anthony kept driving, as he and Jason thought they were hearing fireworks. As Anthony made his right turn into the Home Depot parking lot, the shooting continued and a bullet struck Anthony in the back, killing my son.

In life, Anthony was a kind and giving person. And even after his death, he continued to give of himself in the most heroic way as a donor. This selfless act restored the sight of two women; a 28 and 42 year-old. These two donor recipients can now see because of my son, Anthony. We are devastated and life will never be the same. Never to hear his jokes or the clicking of his sandals or seeing his beautiful smile. We are still in search



of the person or persons responsible for taking not only my son, Anthony's life... but taking his family's and friend's lives as well. Life will never be as it was before Anthony was murdered.

Someone holds the key to what happened that day, June 28, 2015. Please do the right thing and come forward. Contact Citizens' Crime Alert—(916) 443-4357 (HELP) or text an anonymous tip—Text to 274637 or CRIMES, Type SACTIP and your tip details—Wait for instructions and your alias. We need answers and Anthony deserves justice. Please help us find my son's killer!

—*Thank you,*
Sandra Rose and Family

Parole Hearing Update on David Leon Scarbrough

By: Jeanne Brykalski

VICTORY! Parole denied and NO appeal!

We were relieved and grateful to find out today that convicted double murderer David Leon Scarbrough did not file an appeal for the parole board decision to deny his request for parole. His next parole hearing will be 12/2021. And, YES, we will be fighting his parole again at that time. Thank you to all the wonderful people from ALL over the world who signed our petition, wrote parole protest letters, etc., to help this cold blooded killer behind bars.

Jefferson Award for Public Service in the Bay Area



On March 13, 2016, Jan Miller, President/Co-Founder of Citizens Against Homicide was presented the Jefferson Award for Public Service by KPIX CBS 5 Anchor/Reporter, Allen Martin.

Jan helped start "Citizens Against Homicide" so that victims and their families would have a voice. She has been helping victims' families for 22 years.

In 1984, Jan's 19 year-old daughter, Veronica Perotti, was murdered in her Chico, CA apartment. The case has

not yet been solved. Ten years later, Jan joined Jane Alexander to form the group Citizens Against Homicide. Jane passed away in 2008, but the group continues to meet every other month

There are times Jan thinks maybe she's had enough. But then the phone rings.

"All of a sudden you're back talking and you realize you just helped that person. You just helped that person, even to maybe feel better for that moment, for that day. I'm doing what I want to do. I want to help people get through this really horrible, horrific time."

(In 1972, Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis, U.S. Senator Robert Taft, Jr. and Sam Beard founded the American Institute for Public Service, a 501c3 public foundation,

to establish a Nobel Prize for public and community service—The Jefferson Awards.

The Jefferson Awards are presented on two levels: national and local. On the local level, Jefferson Award recipients are ordinary people who do extraordinary things without expectation of recognition or reward. By honoring the recipients, it is the goal of the Jefferson Awards to inspire others to become involved in community and public service.)

