



## 10-YEAR-OLD DOUBLE MURDER CASE OF BILL AND LEE CHAPMAN REMAINS UNSOLVED

MERCED, CA—TEN YEARS AGO, on October 1, 2006, the lives of one Merced family changed forever. Bill and Lee Chapman were murdered in their quiet neighborhood in Merced, California. To make matters worse, their house was then set on fire in an effort to destroy evidence.

“My grandparents were the sweetest people you could meet. The family joke was that Grandpa had more jobs than me, even though he was 70 years older,” says Stephanie Mason, 31, one of the couple’s seven grandchildren.

While many may remember Bill as the man behind Chapman’s Shoes in the 1960s and 1970s, in his later years he served as a custodian to his church and sold both vacuums and vitamins part time. Lee kept herself busy around the home, especially with her love for books and popular culture. She was always taking care of her children and grandchildren, making sure all were fed to bursting whenever they came to visit.

Mason continued, “They were our biggest supporters. They were at graduations and sporting games. They attended every birthday party they possibly could. Most importantly, they loved their three children and seven grandchildren equally.”

But what remains for the family besides who did this, is the lingering question of why would anyone want to murder their parents and grandparents. What could possibly prompt somebody to murder a sweet, elderly couple that had been married 59 years?

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Our Next Meeting  
will be on Sunday,  
November 13  
2016  
10:00 a.m.  
Loch Lomond Yacht Club

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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

As the happy carefree days of Summer fade into the distance, the shorter, more cooler days of Fall are upon us. The sound of crunching leaves as we walk down the street reminds me... the time to vote is seriously upon us. In my opinion, the importance of our vote this year is greater than ever.

Please read and fully understand each bill/proposition and those running for office before casting your vote.

Since CAH spends so much time and energy working with families of murder victims, let me offer you a few thoughts.

**VOTE NO on 57**—This is one more fancy-named proposition designed to release even more murderers and other violent criminals into our communities. Jerry Brown has a long history of manipulating voters with confusing rhetoric for his personal gain. He has demonstrated a total disregard for victim rights. Do not allow him to get away with this again.

**VOTE NO on 62**—This will allow Governor Jerry Brown's obsession to, once again, end the Death Penalty. During the 1970s, Brown misled the citizens of our State when he promised "*Life Without Parole*". Since then, we have been inundated with murderers like Charles Manson manipulating our system with regular parole hearings. Let's not repeat history.

**VOTE YES on 66**—This will allow us to fix the system with reasonable limits and still maintain respect for our victims, their families, the people that serve on our juries and our judges that over-see that laws are followed.

Please go to our website to see much more detailed explanation of these propositions.

Now I need to step back and thank all of the wonderful people who supported and attended our 23rd Annual Golf Fundraiser on August 5th. How quickly the time flies. It seems like just yesterday we had more

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## *Officers*

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## *CAH Victim Advocate:*

For advice regarding your individual murder case, 1-209-728-2873  
[cahadvocate@yahoo.com](mailto:cahadvocate@yahoo.com)

Dear Shellie,

Thank you for all you do!

We said we'd let you know when the (postponed) parole hearing would be re-scheduled. We have been notified that the parole hearing is now set for October 25th in San Luis Obispo at 8:30 am. We also learned that the reason they were able to cancel the last parole hearing in April was that the psychiatrist's unfavorable report had three small errors, which permitted the Board's the cancellation discretion. Therefore the Parole Board had the authority to send us back home saying they would notify us of the next hearing date. Obviously, we will be there; this still brokenhearted Mom and Dad will be trying to keep this vicious killer behind bars so he cannot have the opportunity to hurt anyone else.

Even though the killer was given 2–25 years to life sentences, his first parole hearing was in only nine years! This will be our fourth parole hearing not including two postponements, which we were present for and had to leave before an actual hearing.

We believe very strongly that your caring and concerned effort is not only helpful to how we feel about the killer, but also a great effort to help protect public safety.

With great appreciation for your letter, support, and encouragement,  
Gary & Collene Campbell

P.S. We will let you know what happens at the parole hearing.

## Bill and Lee Chapman

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They had survived depression and war and yet their lives were taken from them in their own home.

A \$50,000 reward remains in place by the State of California for anyone providing information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person(s) responsible for this tragedy. Anyone with information is asked to call Merced police detective Joe Deliman or the department's anonymous tipster line at (209) 385-4725.

Family and friends are invited to join together for a candlelight vigil to remember Bill and Lee Chapman. The vigil will be held Saturday, October 1, at 7pm, at the site of their former home on Bear Creek Drive.

“Their absence is felt at every Christmas, every birthday, and every major family event. They missed out on graduations, weddings and now the birth of six great grandchildren. There is a tremendous hole in our family because of their unexpected deaths,” says Mason.

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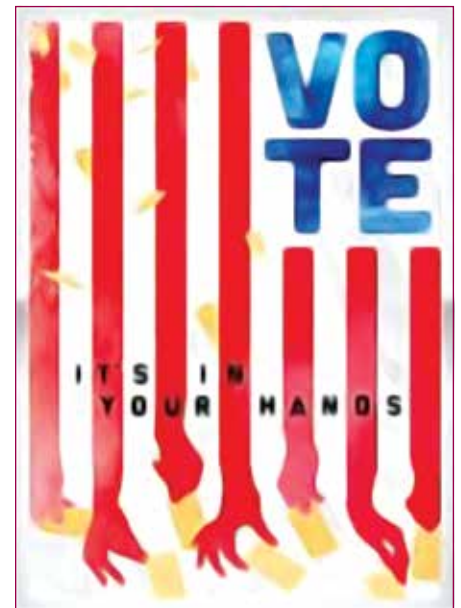
than should be allowed. This year the event was a great success on all fronts; the weather was picture perfect; we had an almost full course of players; our group of volunteers had expanded and I am sure many of them will be with us for many years to come. The silent auction received many wonderful and exciting donations. One of our supporters entertained the group with a “matching funds” song during the dinner, which was quite successful. Thank you, Mark!

The monies raised from the Matching Funds will be “ear marked” to help our work on unsolved murders in the area of Reward Bill Boards and DNA testing.

Once again, I implore you to VOTE and please talk/share with your friends and family the importance of voting **NO on 57—NO on 62—YES on 66.**

Please Vote for the Candidates that will allow our laws to be followed which, in turn, will create a safer place for all of us. Make public safety your first thought!

—All best, Jan



On May 12, 2016, I, and other family members attended a parole hearing at the R. J. Donovan Correctional Facility, San Diego, California, for Inmate Clarence Garrett CDC #E-I2970 regarding a Superior Court Case, from Ventura County, California. Four members of my family attended, two coming from the Southern California area, one coming from Central California, and another coming across country from the East coast. When we arrived we were told Inmate Garrett had submitted a waiver and there would be no hearing. Neither the CDC, nor the Board of Parole Hearings, or anyone else ever notified us of the cancellation of the hearing. It is difficult to describe the shock, disgust and level of blatant disregard for victims that we experienced. We all traveled there at great financial, time and emotional expense, and it was obvious that no one from the Parole Board cared.

Commissioner Brian Roberts and Deputy Commissioner Keith Stanton, the Parole Board members assigned to our hearing, had no explanation for the failure for us to be notified, and repeatedly told us Inmate Garrett had submitted the waiver within the proper time limits. That was not in dispute, and was that supposed to make it acceptable that no one had bothered to notify us? In fact,

even more reason to wonder why someone had not notified us, since all procedures allegedly occurred in a timely fashion, except, of course, notifying the victims. Additionally, the commissioners cavalierly stated that had occurred twice during that week. Was that supposed to make us feel better since we weren't the only ones this unfortunate and unnecessary situation had happened to? Do they have no sensitivity or empathy for the victims that they would declare how incompetent their agency is, and what the impact that level of incompetence has on the victims? Nothing that happened that day engendered a sense of confidence in, or respect for, parole board personnel, its leadership, or the process.

Per procedure, the commissioners invited us to give our victim impact statements, but only after the inmate and his attorney decided a two year delay/waiver until the next hearing would be appropriate. The commissioners said our statements would at least be "on the record" for future hearings. We all gave statements, and felt that we had absolutely no impact on the proceedings. We left feeling totally deflated and further injured by the very system that should assist us. The commissioners also stressed, more than once, that this was the inmate's hearing. Basically, re-enforcing our belief that our presence was not

the least bit important or even considered.

The fact that Inmate Garrett has a two year reprieve to "rehabilitate" is ludicrous. He has spent 27 years in prison, and during that time he has taken a pitiful few self-help/improvement classes. He only waived the hearing because he has done nothing to change or improve his life, and doesn't intend to, and wasn't man-enough to face the hearing, much less take responsibility for his criminal actions or express any remorse for the devastation and misery he has caused. I'm sure he intends to "be good" for two years in order to effect his release. More correctly, for him to make it look like, to the parole board, that he has made a sincere attempt to improve himself. That is sickening and crushing to think that parole board members could even begin to believe that.

In 1988 Garrett brutally attacked my mother-in-law. She was viciously beaten, raped, beaten again, and then left for dead on the street. She literally crawled to her home, leaving a trail of blood, collapsing in her driveway where she was discovered. She was given only a 10 per cent chance of survival in the hospital. I can only imagine Garrett's surprise when she was able, along with another of Garrett's victims, to identify him. The brutal attack and indescribable terror and horror Garrett put her through, when she was 72 years of

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age, should have warranted the death penalty or at least life in prison. He tried to kill her and, I believe, he thought he had. The memory of the unspeakable evil inflicted on her by Garrett put her in her own prison for the remainder of her life.

The possibility that Garrett could be released from prison just because of the 2014 Youth Offender Parole decision (SB 260 and amended SB 261), after what he has done to several victims, with no attempt to change his behavior, is horrifying and frightening. He's a dangerous predator, who committed brutal and senseless attacks on the most vulnerable. Next time he will kill someone, if he hasn't already.

In the aftermath of the parole hearing or, more accurately stated, the lack of a parole hearing, I wrote several letters to legislators, parole board personnel, victim advocate groups, Governor Brown, and of course, Senator Loni Hancock, who sponsored the bill that is responsible for Garrett's eligibility for parole. I clearly explained what happened and that I expected answers to why this happened and how could it be corrected. To date, I have not heard from anyone, Except for the California Attorney General's office, Christine Ward from the Crime Victims Assistance Network Foundation (ICAN), and California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, Secretary Scott

Kernan, and that was only under pressure from victim advocate, Christine Ward. Mr. Kernan's response was ridiculously inadequate, and when I complained to him about his "lack" of response, he basically accused me of not being satisfied, saying that probably anything he said would not make me happy. Jennifer Shaffer, the Executive Officer of the Parole Board, has never contacted me with an explanation of what happened and what her agency is enacting to correct this extreme blunder so it does not happen again. My family is going to be continually victimized by this process because of Garrett. Do we also have to be victimized by the Parole Board's embarrassing lack of consideration for victims' families, and the gross incompetence that Shaffer is either oblivious to, is fostering, and/or is allowing in the agency she leads.

The much larger "picture" here is the hundreds of unsuspecting victims' families (mine being one of them) who now have to battle a potential release of a violent predator as well as a dysfunctional and incompetent parole board and its questionable leadership. Due to the Youth Offender Parole act and the Elderly Offender Parole act, many families are, and will continue to be blindsided, finding themselves facing violent, dangerous offenders they thought were put away for

good many years ago. So many of those victims and their relatives never registered with victim services thinking there was no need, believing the offender they fought so hard at trial to convict, would never be eligible for parole. Consequently they will never be found or notified. Sounds to me like their victim rights are being completely disregarded and/or violated. Tough luck for the victims seems to be the prevailing attitude. I believe there is a duty to let them know, to afford them their right to face the offender that has so significantly impacted their lives. A Ventura County Sr. Deputy DA found us, because of her tenacity and unwavering commitment to her job. Otherwise my family would never have known about Inmate Garrett's scheduled parole hearing. The passing of these two bills, while supposedly intending to relieve prison overcrowding, and increase fairness to those sentenced at a young age, or those who have grown old in prison, should have also considered the heartbreaking consequences to the victims. While trying to "assist" the offenders, the victims are now shouldering the financial, emotional and time consuming burden of fighting for justice once again.

# Legislative Votes

*By: Susan Fisher, Legislative Consultant*

In 2015, crime rate information released by the FBI and the California Attorney General confirmed that crime is on the rise in California for the first time in more than 2 decades. This is largely due to the double sucker punch delivered by Jerry Brown and the CA legislature with ABI09 (“Public Safety Realignment”) and Proposition 47 (“Safe Neighborhoods and Schools Act”).

In November, Proposition 57 (“public Safety & Rehabilitation Act”) and Proposition 62 (“Justice That Works Act”) will both be on the ballot. 57 will complete the Brown agenda to unleash as many violent criminals onto CA streets as possible, and 62 will do what Rose Bird did to contribute to Brown’s first public safety debacle in the 70s and 80s.

It is important for you to know as much as possible about your representatives in the CA legislature. Just like the make believe titles that are assigned to these “get out of jail free” initiatives, many elected officials would like you to believe that they care about the safety

of their law-abiding constituents more than they do about touchy-feely social experiments involving really heinous criminals. To that end, we are providing you again with the votes that resulted in the passage of ABI09—step I in the breakdown of CA’s public safety system. You be the judge. Does your Senator/Assemblyperson/Party of choice vote like they care about your safety? From our perspective there are only a few reasons someone would vote to pass dangerous legislation like this & support equally dangerous initiatives while claiming to care about public safety. . . 1. Unwilling to become educated about the issue; 2. Liars with an agenda; and 3. Just plain dumb. What do you think?

## Senate Votes to Pass AB 109 in 2011:

Alquist, Calderon, Corbett, De Leon, DeSaulnier, Evans, Hancock, Hernandez, Kehoe, Leno, Lieu, Liu, Lowenthal, Negrete, McLeod, Padilla, Pavley, Price, Rubio, Simitian, Steinberg, Vargas, Wolk, Wright, Yee

## Assembly Votes to Pass AB 109 in 2011:

Alejo, Allen, Amniano, Atkins, Beall, Block, Blumenfield, Bonilla, Bradford, Brownley, Buchanan, Butler, Calderon, Campos, Carter, Cedillo, Chesbro, Davis, Dickinson, Feuer, Fong, Fuentes, Furutani, Galgiani, Gatto, Gordon, Hall, Hayashi, Hernandez, Hill, Huber, Hueso, Huffman, Lara, Lowenthal, Ma, Mendoza, Mitchell, Monning, Solorio, Swanson, Torres, Wieckowski, Williams, Yamada, Perez

Some of these folks have moved on to other positions, taking their bad judgment with them. Many have not. The bottom line is that these people are responsible for putting violent repeat offenders on the street and calling them non-serious, non-violent, despite warnings from Law Enforcement and Victim Rights groups across the state. Lazy? Disingenuous? Stupid?

Take some time before the November elections to call your Legislators, your Chiefs and Sheriffs, and your elected District Attorney. Ask them what position they are taking on 57 & 62. In fact, I encourage you to ask what position they took on AB 109 (if they aren’t on the list above) and on Prop 47. Then, if they supported these very bad laws and plan to support more in the future, ask them what they will do to make amends to those who were and will be victimized, maybe even murdered, in the aftermath of their willful disregard for the safety of their constituents. Hold them responsible with your votes and by spreading the word so that others can hold them responsible too.

I would like to thank Citizens Against Homicide and their members for all your support!

On August 17, 2016 our family attended a parole hearing for Marvin James McMurphy at Folsom State Prison. Inmate McMurphy plead guilty to the attempted murder of David Pashilk and 1st Degree murder of my brother Ed Templeman in 1975.

The Parole Board denied him for another 3 years! Thank you all for your many letters of opposition.

As we sat in the parole hearing the commissioner read off the first names of so many members, family and friends and it made us all feel good to know we had so much support.

We thank you from the bottom of our hearts,  
Cathy Moriarty

# Photos from the Golf Tournament and the List of Winners

Logo Ball Winners; of the 26 foursomes only 12 brought back the LOGO ball and the winner from the drawing was: Fernandez, Juricich and Juricich

**Putting Contest** was won by Lee Poldino  
**Closest to the Pin Ladies** was won by Suki Steirer

**Closest to the Pin Men** was won by Greg Wright

**Long Drive Ladies** was won by Suki Steirer

**Long Drive Men** was won by Mike Palladino

**Long Drive Senior Ladies over 65** was won by Linda Juricich

**Long Drive Senior Men over 65** was won by Fred Sundberg

**Flight A First Place:** Fernandez, Juricich and Juricich  
**Second Place:** Wyatt, Martinez, Wyatt, and Sundberg  
**Third Place:** Martin, Collins, Simpson, and Johnson

**Flight B First Place:** Perotti, Thomsen, LoFrano, McIntosh  
**Second Place:** Sutkaytis, Anderson, Wright, and Anderson  
**Third Place:** Brillant, Stewart, Slane, Stevens

## Grand Prize Winners:

**Sedona, Arizona:** Jackquelyn Stough  
**Hilton Head:** Dennis Holmberg  
**Palm Springs:** Lee/Connie Poldino

Congratulations to all of our players and especially to our winners. Most importantly to all of our sponsors and supporters

We cannot do all that we do without your help



REMEMBER, TOGETHER WE CAN AND WILL MAKE A DIFFERENCE

## Mend, Don't End California's Death Penalty

Hundreds of district attorneys, sheriffs, law enforcement organizations, elected officials, victims' rights advocates and community leaders have joined forces to ensure that the worst of the worst killers receive the strongest sentence to help bring closure to families.

Currently, there are 746 killers sitting on California's death row. These inmates have murdered over 1,000 victims, including 226 children and 43 police officers; 294 victims were raped and/or tortured. These killers and their repetitive appeals are the reason why a vote of No on Prop. 62 and Yes on Prop. 66 is recommended.

[www.NoProp62YesProp66.com](http://www.NoProp62YesProp66.com)



**Mend, Don't End,  
California's Death Penalty**

Hi Shellie and Gene, Good news from our trip to the California Training Facility in Soledad, Ca. on Aug. 9. Richard Ranta's parole was denied and he has to serve another 5 years. We can breathe again! Thank you for your help and the article with Diane's picture in the newsletter. Please extend our thanks to the members that wrote letters. It really helped and our attendance, though painful, seemed to make a difference also. Thank you to your board and all their time and good work. The articles in the newsletter are informative, supportive and helpful.

Janet and Dale Olson