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"Justice is conscience, not a personal conscience but the conscience of the whole of humanity. Those who clearly recognize the voice of their own conscience usually recognize also the voice of justice."

~ Alexander Solzhenitsyn



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## Priority #1 in 2009: Putting Violent, Career Criminals Behind Bars

**T**ulsa County prosecution results from jury trials and guilty pleas in major cases from January - May 2009:

**IN JANUARY:**

**JIMMY FOSTER** was convicted of **FIRST-DEGREE MURDER** in the July 2006 shooting of **TYRI RODGERS, 21**. Rodgers was shot while standing outside at an apartment. A jury sentenced Foster to **LIFE** in prison. Assistant District Attorneys April Seibert and Jack Thorp prosecuted.

**LARANDALL LAMAR HILL** was convicted by a jury of **ROBBERY** and **ASSAULT AND BATTERY WITH A DEADLY WEAPON**. He received two **LIFE** prison terms for attacking **BOBBY JOE COBLE** in July 2008 near downtown Tulsa. **COBLE** was stabbed six times and his wallet was stolen. Assistant DA Lee Berlin tried the case. Charges in an August 2008 robbery are pending against Hill. He has **4 PRIOR CONVICTIONS**.

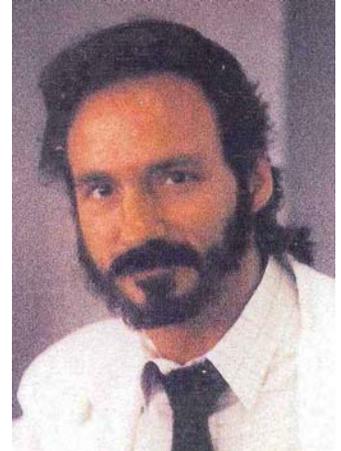
**DERRIOUS BELL** was convicted by a jury of **ROBBERY WITH FIREARMS** and sentenced to **20 YEARS** in custody of the Office of Juvenile Affairs. Bell, 17 at the time of the September 2007 robbery, was sentenced as a Youthful Offender. The victim was **RHONDA JEAN FIGURES-REED**. Assistant DA Michael English prosecuted.

**MARICUS MOORE** was convicted of **POSSESSION OF A FIREARM AS A FELON** and **DRUG POSSESSION** and sentenced to **6 YEARS** in prison. The offenses occurred in September 2007. Assistant DA Anthony Evans prosecuted. Moore had a prior conviction for **FIREARMS ROBBERY**.

**KENNETH KNOX** was convicted by a jury of **SEXUAL BATTERY** of a **16-YEAR-OLD GIRL** and sentenced to **4 YEARS** in prison. When the crime occurred in October 2007, Knox was 56. Assistant DA Erik Grayless prosecuted.

**IN FEBRUARY:**

**ASHLEY PARNELL** was sentenced by a jury to **LIFE** in prison for the March 2008 **FIRST-DEGREE MURDER** of **SKYLER ROININEN, 23 MONTHS**. The child died of injuries including an 8-inch skull fracture and swelling of the brain. **PARNELL** was the girlfriend of the child's father. **PARNELL** will be required to serve a minimum of 38 years before she is eligible for parole. Assistant DAs Jake Cain and Christina Wolfram prosecuted.



**TIMOTHY LANNOM, 52, was shot to death in Dec. 2007.**

Jurors convicted **SUSAN PRYOR** of **FIRST-DEGREE MANSLAUGHTER** in the December 2007 shooting death of **TIMOTHY LANNOM, 52**. The jury sentenced **PRYOR** to **15 YEARS** in prison. **LANNOM** was staying in **PRYOR'S** home during the 2007 ice storm because his home did not have power. **LANNOM** was shot in the neck with the gun muzzle four to six inches from his body, evidence showed. Prosecutors had charged **PRYOR** with murder, but the jury convicted her of the lesser-included offense of manslaughter. Prosecutors were Assistant DAs Scott Gengras and Lee Berlin.

**DANIEL E. STEVENSON** was convicted of **ATTEMPTED ROBBERY** in the July 2008 assault on **WILLIAM R. MILLER**. The jury sentenced Stevenson to **20 YEARS**. He had a prior conviction for robbery. Assistant DA Michael English prosecuted.

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**SKYLER ROININEN, 23 MONTHS, died in March 2008 from blunt trauma to the head.**

# Major Case Convictions

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**SYDNEY DAILEY, 13, was stabbed to death on the front porch of her home by a class-**

**M**ONTOYA HARRIS, 15, pleaded no contest to the March 2008 stabbing death of **SYDNEY DAILEY, 13**. She was sentenced in February as a Youthful Offender to a **LIFE TERM** for **FIRST-DEGREE MURDER**. **HARRIS** can be supervised by the Office of Juvenile Affairs until she turns 20 in April 2013. Assistant DAs Julie Doss and Becki Murphy sought to have **HARRIS** treated as an adult, but Special Judge David Youll ruled **HARRIS** should be treated as a Youthful Offender. The prosecutors attempted to overturn the decision on appeal and exhausted all efforts to have Harris tried as an adult for the murder. **SYDNEY DAILEY** was stabbed 10 times while on the porch of her home. **HARRIS** told police she stabbed the girl for "stealing" her boyfriend. If **HARRIS** does not comply with the juvenile rehabilitation plan, she could be "bridged" into an adult prison.

**RALPH TAITINGFONG, JR** was convicted by a jury and sentenced to **LIFE** in prison for **SHOOTING WITH INTENT TO KILL ROBERT HINDMAN, 46**, in February 2008. **HINDMAN** was shot and paralyzed after the men argued over money. **TAITINGFONG** also received two **20-Year** terms for **POINTING A WEAPON** at others in the house, and a **10-YEAR** term for **POSSESSING A FIREARM AS A FELON**. Assistant DA Courtney Smith prosecuted. **TAITINGFONG** had prior convictions in California for **ATTEMPTED MURDER** and **ASSAULT WITH A DANGEROUS WEAPON**.

**BRANDON LEE BROWN** was convicted of **FIRST-DEGREE MANSLAUGHTER** in the September 2007 shooting death of **JEREMIAH FRANCIS, 28**, at a Tulsa bar. The jury sentenced **BROWN** to **35 YEARS** in prison. Brown was charged with **FIRST-DEGREE MURDER**, but the jury found him guilty of the lesser offense. Brown claimed he pulled the gun to defend himself and it accidentally went off. Francis did not have a weapon. Jurors also found **BROWN** guilty of **POSSESSING A FIREARM AS A FELON** and **CARRYING A WEAPON WHERE ALCOHOL IS SERVED**. He was sentenced to **6** and **9 YEARS** on those counts. Assistant DA Michelle Keely prosecuted.

**FRANCIS "FRANK" NOBLE** pleaded no contest to charges of **LEWD MOLESTATION** and **PROCURING CHILD PORNOGRAPHY** of a developmentally disabled **9-YEAR-OLD GIRL**. He was sentenced to **25 YEARS** in prison plus **10 YEARS** of probation on the molestation count by District Judge Clancy Smith. He also received **20-YEAR** terms for two other offenses. Assistant DA John Lackey argued for a stiffer sentence of **LIFE** in prison for **NOBLE**.

A jury convicted **JAMES EDWARD MACK, JR.** of **FIRST-DEGREE RAPE** in an attack on an 83-year-old woman and sentenced him to **35 YEARS** in prison. **MACK** was accused of carrying the woman out of a nursing home window and raping her in May 2001. She was later found in the street. **MACK**, who was employed at the home until 2000, was identified as a suspect early on, but was not charged until after a DNA analysis in 2006. The test used technology not available in 2001 and provided "powerful DNA" evidence against **MACK**, said Assistant DA Lee Berlin. Berlin and Assistant DA Jack Thorp prosecuted.

**RICHARD ZOBON BAXTER** was convicted by a jury of two counts of **DRUG TRAFFICKING** and seven other drug-related counts and sentenced to **121 YEARS**. He received **60 YEARS** and **40 YEARS** on the two trafficking counts. Those sentences will run concurrently. He had two prior felony convictions. Assistant DAs Tammy Westcott and Jason Rush prosecuted.

**STEVEN DWAYNE BLEDSOE** was convicted by a jury of **DRUG TRAFFICKING** and sentenced to **41 YEARS** in prison. Assistant DA Erik Grayless prosecuted. Bledsoe has a prior conviction for **ROBBERY WITH FIREARMS** and served **15 YEARS** of a 35-Year term.

**HAROLD THREET** was found guilty by a jury of **FIRST-DEGREE ARSON** for a December 2007 fire in a home occupied by Brenda Farley and Arthur Campos. He was sentenced to **25 YEARS** in prison. **THREET** has **THREE PRIOR FELONY CONVICTIONS**. Prosecutor was Assistant DA Michael English.

**DWIGHT LOWAINE MCGEE** was convicted by a jury of **POSSESSION OF DRUGS WITH INTENT TO DISTRIBUTE** and sentenced to **40 YEARS** in prison. He sold drugs at a Tulsa motel in February 2008. The jury also sentenced him to **15 YEARS** for **ACQUISITION OF DRUG PROCEEDS**. McGee has prior convictions for **LARCENY, AUTO THEFT** and **DEALING DRUGS**. Assistant DAs Kristin Fulton and Tammy Westcott prosecuted.

A jury convicted **JAMEEL WILKINS** of **FIRST-DEGREE BURGLARY, POSSESSION OF CONTROLLED DRUG AND OBSTRUCTING AN OFFICER**. Evidence indicated Wilkins ran from police and broke into an apartment while the residents were home in October 2008. The jury sentenced him to **13½ YEARS**. Assistant DAs Candace Freeman and April Seibert prosecuted.

**TOMMY LARON DOYLE** was convicted by a jury of **DISTRIBUTING CONTROLLED DRUGS** and sentenced to **10 YEARS** in prison. Assistant DAs Shannon Bickham and Anthony Evans prosecuted.

## IN MARCH:

**MARK DANIEL RUSHING** was acquitted by a jury of **SEXUALLY ABUSING A 12-YEAR-OLD GIRL** in October 2007. Rushing has a prior conviction for **SEXUAL ABUSE OF A MINOR**. He was sentenced to 10 Years in 2003 and was released from prison in August 2007. Assistant DA John Lackey prosecuted.

A jury acquitted **FREDRICK B. SMITH** of charges of **SEXUAL ABUSE OF A 12-YEAR-OLD GIRL**. Assistant DAs Courtney Smith and Zach Lindsey prosecuted.

# Jury Convicts Driver of Manslaughter in Crash That Killed Five Tulsans Helping Motorcyclist

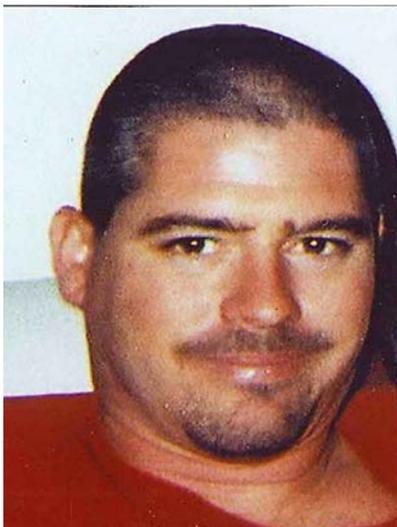
**KIMBERLY ELIZABETH GRAHAM** was convicted in March of five counts of **FIRST-DEGREE MANSLAUGHTER** in a hit-and-run accident that killed five people. The jury sentenced **GRAHAM** to **20 YEARS** in prison on each manslaughter count and **7 YEARS** for **LEAVING THE SCENE OF THE ACCIDENT**. Assistant District Attorney Jason Rush maintained that Graham was impaired by alcohol when she drove into a group of people who had gathered in the street to help an injured motorcyclist about 11 p.m. on Nov. 9, 2007. **DE ANNA ROSSER-COATNEY, 42**, had lost control of her motorcycle and fallen as she was pulling out of a parking lot. **COATNEY**, her husband **RONALD COATNEY, 49**; **ANITA PAULINE "POLLY" FOOTE, 50**; **CASEY JONES, 29**; **AND SHANNON MONTGOMERY LACEY, 36**, were all killed.



**POLLY FOOTE**



**CASEY JONES**



**SHANNON LACEY**



**RONALD COATNEY, DEANNA ROSSER-COATNEY**

## Trials in Juvenile Court for Delinquent, Deprived Children

**E**leven trials were held in the Juvenile Division of the Tulsa County District Court from January to May 2009. Six were to determine whether a juvenile was delinquent and five others were to determine whether parental rights should be terminated. By law, names and proceedings in juvenile court are not public record.

January through May, the Juvenile Division of the District Attorney's Office filed 821 petitions alleging juveniles were delinquent and 130 petitions alleging children were deprived as the result of parents' neglect. Assistant DAs prosecuting juvenile trials were Tara Britt, Ruth Addison, Kyle Felty, Paul Gouge, Meredith Stanton, Breanna Vollmers and Linsey Williams.

JUVENILE CASES FILED JANUARY-APRIL 2009	
DELINQUENT	821
DEPRIVED	130

# Felony Jury Trial and Plea Results

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**JERMAINE DARNELL JEFFERY** was found guilty by a jury of **FIRST-DEGREE FELONY MURDER** for a crash that killed **KEISHIA WILLIAMSON, 19**, in September 2007. Jeffery was fleeing after shooting at ex-girlfriend **LAWANDA KIMBROUGH** when his car rammed Williamson's car, causing her to crash. The jury sentenced him to **LIFE** in prison and also convicted him of **SHOOTING WITH INTENT TO KILL, LEAVING THE SCENE OF AN ACCIDENT, POINTING A FIREARM, ELUDING AN OFFICER** and **POSSESSION OF A FIREARM AS A FELON**. He received sentences totaling **44 YEARS** on those counts. Assistant DAs Jake Cain and John Lackey prosecuted.

**ANTHONY PAUL McCLANAHAN** pleaded guilty to **SECOND-DEGREE MURDER** in the June 2004 stabbing and beating death of **VICTORIA KNIGHT, 24**. She was killed during a robbery at the Tulsa business where she was working. An unknown male DNA profile from blood evidence was entered into the DNA database. A "hit" came back on a sample from **McCLANAHAN**, who was in prison for a 2005 robbery and he was charged with Knight's murder in 2007. He received a **LIFE** prison term in exchange for his guilty plea. He has prior convictions for **ATTEMPTED ROBBERY, BURGLARY AND ARSON**. Assistant DA Bill Musseman negotiated the plea.



**VICTORIA KNIGHT, 24**, was stabbed to death in June 2004 while she was working in a Tulsa business.



**KEISHIA WILLIAMSON, 19** was killed in a crash in September 2007. Her car was struck by a man fleeing after shooting at another woman.

**DEMARIO LAMARKIS ADAMS** was convicted by a jury for **FIRST-DEGREE MURDER** in the March 2008 shooting death of **JUAN JOSE RODRIGUEZ, 19**. The jury sentenced **ADAMS** to **LIFE** in prison. Evidence indicated **ADAMS** slapped a woman and pulled up his shirt to show her a gun in his waistband, after she complained about noise at the apartment complex. **RODRIGUEZ** confronted **ADAMS** about that episode the next day, shortly before he was shot seven times in the parking lot of the apartment complex. Three of seven gunshots struck **RODRIGUEZ** in the back. Assistant DAs April Seibert and Michael English prosecuted.

**ERIC PHILLIPS** pleaded guilty to two counts of **FIRST-DEGREE MURDER** in the October 2007 strangulation deaths of **ANGELA BASSETT, 29**, and **ANGELA HARGROVE, 36**. Phillips was sentenced to two **LIFE** prison terms. **TONY ALTON HALL** is also charged in the deaths and is awaiting trial. Assistant DAs Michelle Keely and Christina Wolfram negotiated the plea.

**QUINTON L. AMEY** was convicted by a jury of **POINTING A DEADLY WEAPON** and **POSSESSING A FIREARM AS A FELON**. The jury sentenced him to **35 YEARS** on Count 1 and **15 YEARS** on Count 2, to run consecutively. Victims were **NINAREE SANDRANETT FURCH-KING** and **TAYLOR KING**. Assistant DAs Michelle Keely and Whitney Mauldin prosecuted. Amey had a **PRIOR CONVICTION** for auto theft.

**JIMMY DWANE ROBINSON** was sentenced to **30 YEARS** in prison on a charge of **POSSESSION OF CONTROLLED DRUG WITH INTENT TO DISTRIBUTE**. He had five prior felony convictions, including one for **SHOOTING WITH INTENT TO KILL**. Assistant DAs Whitney Mauldin and Anthony Evans prosecuted.

**LEE MOORE** was convicted by a jury and sentenced to **13 YEARS** in prison for **ROBBERY WITH FIREARM** in a December 2007 holdup at a gas station in Owasso. Assistant DAs Scott Gengras and Michael English prosecuted.

A jury sentenced **JAYSON TURNER** to **8 YEARS** for the **SECOND-DEGREE BURGLARY** of an automobile in July 2008. Assistant DA Lee Berlin tried the case.

## IN APRIL:

A jury convicted **ANTHONY PAUL FREE** of **LEWD MOLESTATION** of a **7-YEAR-OLD GIRL** in December 2005 and sentenced him to **LIFE WITHOUT PAROLE**. A 2006 jury convicted him of the same charge and gave him the same sentence. The conviction was overturned in 2008 by the State Court of Criminal Appeals because the jury was told of Free's **3 PRIOR CONVICTIONS** in Arkansas for **SEXUAL ABUSE** of a **9-YEAR-OLD BOY** in 1987. At the retrial, the jury was not told of the prior convictions until after they found him guilty, but before they determined his punishment. Assistant DA Jake Cain prosecuted.

**AUDIE GENE McDONALD** pleaded guilty to **SECOND-DEGREE MURDER** in the June 2008 beating death of **PHILLIP LEE ROBERSON, 45**. McDonald was sentenced to **25 YEARS** in prison and must serve 85% of the term before he is eligible for release.

A jury convicted **DARIUS PAYNE** of **POSSESSION OF CONTROLLED DRUGS WITH INTENT TO DISTRIBUTE** and sentenced him to **LIFE** in Prison. The offense occurred in May 2008, while **PAYNE** was on bond on a **DRUG TRAFFICKING** charge. That case is pending. **PAYNE** had seven prior convictions, including **ROBBERY BY FEAR** and **BURGLARY**. Assistant DAs Whitney Mauldin and Anthony Evans prosecuted.

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**DEMARRIO OATES** was convicted by a jury on four drug charges including **TRAFFICKING AND POSSESSION OF CONTROLLED DRUGS WITH INTENT TO DISTRIBUTE**.

The jury sentenced **OATES** to **LIFE WITHOUT PAROLE** on the **TRAFFICKING** charge and a total of **13 YEARS** on the other counts. The offenses occurred in March 2008. **OATES** has five prior convictions. The case was prosecuted by Assistant DAs Anthony Evans and Erik Grayless.

**ARTHUR PENNINGTON** pleaded guilty to **DRUG TRAFFICKING** and was sentenced to **LIFE** in prison. Pennington had **SIX PRIOR CONVICTIONS** in Payne and Osage Counties. Assistant DA Anthony Evans negotiated the plea.

**JACINDA OSBORNE** was convicted of **FIRST-DEGREE ROBBERY** in an October 2008 attack on **JOHNNIE RITCHIE, 52**. She was sentenced to **15 YEARS** in prison. **OSBORNE** and two co-defendants are accused of beating **RITCHIE** and stealing his wallet with \$400. **OSBORNE** had a prior conviction for **LARCENY FROM A PERSON**. Assistant DA April Siebert prosecuted.

**KENNY FANNING** was convicted by a jury of **SEXUALLY ABUSING A MINOR CHILD** and sentenced to **15 YEARS** in prison. Assistant DAs Courtney Smith and Zach Lindsey prosecuted.

**GARY WAYNE JACKSON** was convicted by a jury of two counts of **POSSESSING CHILD PORNOGRAPHY** and sentenced to two **10-YEAR** prison terms. He had photos of a 15-year-old girl on his cell phone and a computer. **JACKSON** is 59 years old. Assistant DA John Lackey prosecuted. Jackson is charged in Osage County with **SECOND-DEGREE RAPE** and **INDECENT PROPOSAL TO A CHILD**. He has convictions for assaulting girls in Bixby.

**DARRELL AGEE** was convicted of the September 2006 **RAPE** of a **13 YEAR-OLD GIRL**. The jury sentenced **AGEE** to **6 YEARS** in prison. Assistant DA Lee Berlin was the prosecutor.

**TERRY VANCE** was convicted of **ROBBERY WITH A FIREARM** and **FIRST-DEGREE BURGLARY** and sentenced to **7 YEARS** on each count. Victims in the August 2008 robbery were **JACOB SPENCER** and **CHELSEA CHENOWETH**.

**IN MAY:**

**LAWRENCE J. TAYLOR** was convicted by a jury of **FIRST-DEGREE MURDER** for the April 2008 shooting death of **JOE THOMAS GOMEZ, 22**. He also was convicted of **SHOOTING WITH INTENT TO KILL ANTHONY BALTAZAR, 25**. **GOMEZ AND BALTAZAR** were shot while they sat in a car. The jury sentenced **TAYLOR** to **LIFE WITHOUT PAROLE** on the murder and **LIFE** for the Shooting. Assistant DAs Bill Musseman and Jason Rush prosecuted.

**DAVID E. DONALDSON** pleaded guilty to **SECOND-DEGREE MURDER** in the February 2009 shooting death of **JEANNA COFFMAN, 33**, and was sentenced to **35 YEARS** in prison. **DONALDSON** was released from prison in November 2008, after serving 16 years for Rape in Payne County.

**ANTHONY TYRONE BOYD** was convicted by a jury of **RAPE, KIDNAPPING, and FORCIBLE SODOMY** in an August 2008 attack on a Tulsa woman. He was sentenced to **TWO LIFE** sentences for rape, **20 YEARS** for kidnapping and **25 YEARS** for **FORCIBLE SODOMY**. Boyd has five prior convictions. Prosecutor was Assistant DA Jack Thorp.

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## He's Out On A Bail Bond?!?!

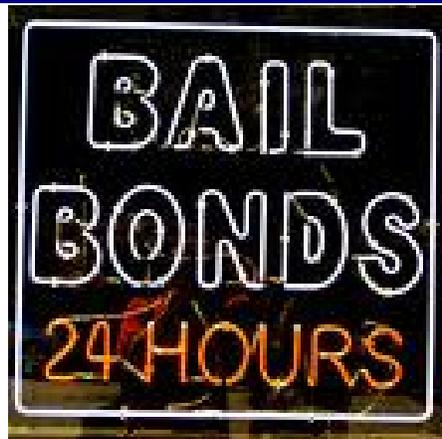
**I**t happens more often than we like. A criminal is arrested and bonds out of a jail to embark on a new crime spree. The public often screams, "Why wasn't he/she kept in jail?"

The simple answer is that a person is presumed to be innocent. Under the U.S. Constitution, the accused are guaranteed the right to bail in a criminal case subject to limited exception, until guilt has been determined.

When a person is arrested, a judge has the responsibility to set a bail amount. Prosecutors and defense attorneys may argue to a judge at a later hearing that the bond should be increased or decreased.

Bail must be set in a reasonable amount to ensure the presence of the accused at future court proceedings, and the denial of bail is allowed only under limited circumstances.

The Oklahoma Constitution provides: All persons shall be bailable by sufficient sureties, except that bail may be denied for:  
1. Capital offenses when the proof of guilt is evident, or the presumption thereof is great;



- 2. Violent offenses;
- 3. Offenses where the maximum sentence may be life imprisonment or life imprisonment without parole;
- 4. Felony offenses where the person charged has been convicted of two or more felony offenses arising out of different transactions;
- 5. Controlled dangerous substances offenses where the maximum sentence may be at least ten (10) years imprisonment.

On all offenses in 2 through 5, the proof of guilt must be evident, or the presumption must be great, and it must be on the grounds that no condition of release would assure the safety of the community or any person.

In Oklahoma, judges are to consider when setting bail:

- 1. The seriousness of the crime charged, the apparent likelihood of conviction and the punishment prescribed by the Legislature;
- 2. The defendant's criminal record, if any, and previous record on bail, if any;
- 3. His reputation, and mental condition;
- 4. The length of residence in the community;
- 5. His family ties and relationships;
- 6. His employment status and record and financial condition;
- 7. The identity of responsible members of the community who would vouch for defendant's reliability;
- 8. Any other factors indicating defendant's mode of life, or ties to the community or bearing on the risk of failure to appear.

# Manufacturing Meth: The Cost to Our Community

**R**ecent deadly methamphetamine lab fires in our community illustrate the public safety risks this illegal drug carries.

A new, simple but highly volatile “shake and bake” method of manufacturing meth calls for less pseudoephedrine and has led to an increase in home-based labs. Suddenly, addicts and drug dealers are mad scientists who cook the stuff in houses and even cars. “Shake and bake” fires killed three people in Tulsa since March and severely burned others. Several were innocent victims.

“Meth is the most dangerous and addictive drug that we see, and meth cooks will be considered a danger to society by this office,” said District Attorney Tim Harris. “We will seek a 10-year prison term as a starting recommendation and stiffer punishment based on the strength of facts and evidence. This no-tolerance policy is based upon the public safety risk to all citizens.”

The dangers to neighbors, firefighters, police and too often the children of the cooks and addicts, have far-reaching effects.

There are victims of meth abuse, too. Children are neglected by parents whose binges last for days or weeks. The addict falls into a deep sleep following a binge, leaving children dirty and unfed. The oldest child often becomes the parent, and the oldest child may be only 4 or 5 years old. In a case personally prosecuted District Attorney Tim Harris, a toddler burned to death after his walker became stuck in the grate of a floor furnace while his meth-using mother slept nearby. A 3-year-old sister couldn't wake Mom or free the baby.

Children taken out of homes where meth is cooked are testing positive for the drug. It is in the air they breathe and on their clothes, beds, food and play areas.

Meth lab fires strain police, fire, emergency medical, and hospital burn units. The DA's office feels the strain, too. We have 125 pending meth manufacturing cases including two felony murders. And we see meth children every day as neglect cases.

We just received the news from the state that our budget will be cut by about \$450,000. If you read this newsletter, you can see that the economy may be slowing and budgets shrinking, but the District Attorney's workload never does.



**Tulsa Police in protective gear clean up toxic meth lab waste from a dumpster, while children line up for the school bus in the background.**

## More Felony Prosecution Results *continued from Page 5*

**KEVIN TED SIMMONS** pleaded guilty to three counts of **ASSAULT AND BATTERY WITH A DANGEROUS WEAPON** for an assault in January on **FRANCIS ERICKSON, 63**. The woman was beaten over several days in a motel room. **SIMMONS** also pleaded guilty to **DRUG TRAFFICKING**. District Judge Tom Gillert sentenced him to **35 YEARS** in prison on the trafficking charge and three concurrent **10-YEAR PRISON** terms for the felony assaults. **SIMMONS** has prior felony convictions for **POSSESSING A STOLEN VEHICLE** and **OBTAINING PROPERTY BY FALSE PRETENSE**.

**IVORY JONES** pleaded guilty to **SECOND-DEGREE MURDER** in the January 2009 shooting death of **JOHNNY DUANE SMITH, 41** at an apartment complex near 21st Street and Memorial Drive in Tulsa. Jones, 15, was sentenced to **35 YEARS** in prison. Assistant DA Bill Musseman negotiated the plea.

**CLAUDE HARRING** was convicted by a jury of **DRUG TRAFFICKING** and sentenced to **LIFE WITHOUT PAROLE**. **HARRING** had **TWO PRIOR CONVICTIONS** for **DRUG DEALING**. Assistant DA Anthony Evans prosecuted.

**TRACY SULLINS** pleaded guilty to charges of **LEWD MOLESTATION** of a **14-YEAR-OLD GIRL** and was sentenced to **20 YEARS**: 17 in prison and 3 on probation by District Judge William Kellough. **SULLINS** was in the second day of a jury trial prosecuted by Assistant DA

Jack Thorp when he pleaded guilty. **SULLINS**, a former security guard at Tulsa Hale High School, admitted to fondling the girl. **SULLINS** is required by law to serve at least 85% of the prison term before he is eligible for parole or release.

**IVAN NAVARRO** pleaded guilty to **KIDNAPPING, RAPE, and FORCIBLE SODOMY** and was sentenced to **10 YEARS** in prison. He will have to serve at least 85% of the sentence before he is eligible for release. **NAVARRO** kidnapped a woman in May 2006 from a Tulsa parking lot and raped her at a rest stop along the Turner Turnpike. The woman fled after her assailant fell asleep and a truck driver brought her back to Tulsa. A rape exam occurred and DNA was collected. **NAVARRO** fled the state and was arrested in New York in July 2008. The victim returned to Mexico, but arrangements were made to return her to Tulsa for a June trial and the truck driver was to travel from Wisconsin to testify. Assistant DA Steve Kunzweiler negotiated the plea agreement.

**ANTHONY EUGENE WALKER** pleaded guilty to **DRUG TRAFFICKING** and **ASSAULT AND BATTERY ON A POLICE OFFICER** and was sentenced to **LIFE** in prison. Walker has three prior felony convictions. Assistant DA Anthony Evans negotiated the plea.

## Meet the Prosecutor: Lee Berlin



**L**ee Berlin says a billboard was the impetus that led him to act on his dream of working as an Assistant District Attorney. The billboard message was: "Are you the person today you wanted to be yesterday?" Berlin said he had always wanted to be a prosecutor but that inspirational message came at the right time to move him to apply for the job.

Berlin, a native of Polson, MT, left a successful career as a Field Artillery Officer in the Army in 1997 to attend law school at the University of Oklahoma. After graduation, he took his first job as an attorney in August 2000 with NASA-Johnson Space Center. In 2001, he left NASA and moved back to Oklahoma to work as an attorney with the Department of Veterans Affairs at the VA Medical Center in Muskogee. In 2005, he left the VA to become a clerk for a United States Judge. During each of these jobs, Berlin said he had a large personal and professional void. "I never felt as if I was pursuing the career I had given up my Army career to pursue," he said.

Berlin started work as an Assistant District Attorney for Tulsa County in January 2007. He serves on a felony team. Berlin has succeeded in prosecuting 17 Felony Jury Trials: 17 Wins, 0 Losses and 0 Mistrials. The trials included 5 Murders, 2 Rapes, 2 Robberies, and a First-Degree Manslaughter case.

Berlin said his biggest challenge as an Assistant District Attorney is "Knowing that if I make a mistake in trial, if I miss something, or fail to examine every detail of a case, that a violent criminal may go free." The biggest reward? "Knowing and believing that my work, this passion of mine, my presence on this Earth actually matters. This job is definitely not about financial security, it is about my legacy, it is about my time on this Earth actually amounting to more than just making money and about something truly good and honorable."

## Assistant DAs Fred Morgan, "Mickey" Hawkins Retire

**F**red Morgan retired in June after working 32 years as an Assistant District Attorney in Tulsa County.



**FRED MORGAN**

Morgan began working for District Attorney Buddy Fallis in May 1977. His first assignment was on the felony team assigned to District Judge Margaret Lamm's court with then Assistant DAs David Moss, Jerry Truster and Pat Thompson. In the 1980s, Morgan served as a felony team leader in the courts of District Judges Joe Jennings and Richard Armstrong. In 1990, he began working in the Civil Division. Most recently, Morgan has been responsible for asset forfeiture cases, extraditions and post-conviction relief.

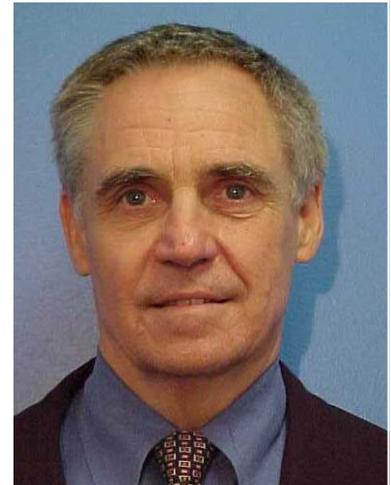
"We will miss Fred, and his tremendous wealth of knowledge is impossible to replace," said District Attorney Tim Harris. His dedication and loyalty have served this office and the people of Tulsa County well. He has been a true public servant, and we wish him a happy retirement."

Morgan was raised in Tulsa and went to school from kindergarten through Law School in a two-square mile area. As an undergraduate at the University of Tulsa, he worked at the U.S. Post Office six days a week from 4:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. He attended TU Law School at night from 1972-76, while working as a loan officer at the Tulsa Teacher's Credit Union.

Morgan said his retirement plans include refurbishing a third sailboat he recently added to his fleet, racing sailboats, golfing, reading, cycling, working with his tractor on his rural property and enjoying his hobby as an amateur astronomer.

Also retiring in June is Assistant District Attorney James "Mickey" Hawkins. Hawkins served with dignity and determination as an Assistant District Attorney for 10 years.

Prosecution was a second career for Hawkins. He was an FBI agent for 28 years. Hawkins prosecuted major crimes for the District Attorney's Office and most recently was the gang prosecutor for the office.



**MICKEY HAWKINS**

He served as the FBI OKBOMB Task Force case agent for the investigation of Terry Nichols in the 1995 bombing of the Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City. Hawkins was the Senior Supervisory Resident FBI Agent in Tulsa when he retired from the FBI.

"Mick Hawkins has been a tireless advocate for this office," Harris said. "We will miss his work ethic and passion for wearing the white hat and fighting for justice."



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# Harris Honored As ORU Alumnus of Year

Oral Roberts University has honored District Attorney Tim Harris as the 2009 Alumnus of the Year for Outstanding Public Service.

Harris says his work as Tulsa County DA is "a calling and not a job. It allows me to use my legal education and talents on behalf of people who are suffering and to give back to my community by securing public safety and justice for families so that they may work, play, worship, raise a family and live in a peaceful community."

The Wisconsin native came to Tulsa in 1980 to attend ORU's O.W. Coburn School of Law. Harris had planned to attend law school at the University of Wisconsin, where he earned his undergraduate degree, and had a girlfriend whose father had a law firm. But Harris' mother picked up a brochure about ORU's law school when she passed through Tulsa on a trip and gave it to her son when she returned home.



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"I thought it was just Mom's wishful thinking, but I flipped through the brochure and was intrigued by the university's whole-man educational concept," Harris said.

He had just graduated from a very liberal university, had long hair and a beard, but felt God's call on his life to attend ORU. Not the direction he originally intended on pursuing.

"I probably looked like the Wild Man of Borneo," Harris said, laughing. A student stopped him on campus, explained the dress code and sent him down Lewis Avenue "where I got a haircut, my first barbershop shave and new clothes," he said.

Shortly after he started law school, his father became seriously ill. Harris contemplated dropping out of school and went to visit his ailing father.

"My father told me, 'I'm not afraid of dying. What would kill me is if you don't get back down to that ORU law school and succeed in a dream I vicariously live through you.'" Harris returned to Tulsa and shortly thereafter, his brother, a Catholic priest, gave their father his last rites.

Harris said his father's example led him to worry less about financial rewards and worldly attachments in order to serve as a public advocate.

"No regrets," he said. "I'm still excited to serve every day in this job."