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"The real significance of crime is in its being a breach of faith with the community of mankind."

~ Joseph Conrad

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Husband Convicted in Murder of Lori Moon Kastner

Prosecutors called it a Trial about Truth. Lori Moon Kastner was a devoted wife, mother and held a prestigious job as attorney for the Oklahoma Supreme Court. She and husband John Kastner, a teacher and coach at Webster High School, regularly entertained faculty at their home after events at the school. To outsiders, it seemed that the couple, who met at the University of Tulsa and married 24 years earlier, were happy with their modest lifestyle and enjoyed the small-town atmosphere of their West Tulsa neighborhood. In fact, Coach "K" later told police, he was something of a "folk hero" at Webster.

In the spring of 2008, friends, co-workers and relatives were told by Kastner that the family's lives were all about to change drastically. That much was true, but almost nothing else he said was.

In fact, Assistant District Attorney Steve Kunzweiler called Kastner a "bald-faced liar" who lied to his wife, his father and friends for 20 years. Assistant DA Doug Drummond told jurors "Kastner was a ticking time bomb" whose world was unraveling.

Kastner had told everyone he was coming into money – millions inherited from his father, he told some, even though the man was not dead. He told others the money was a reward for his heroic efforts in the Israeli Defense Forces, claiming he saved a government official in a bus bombing.

After a five-week family trip to Israel, he said Lori would be paid millions to run an Israeli company – the 713 Corporation which he had founded. It would be easy work she could do from home and the family would never need to worry about finances again, according to Kastner.



Lori Moon Kastner, 44, was shot to death June 25, 2008

In May, Lori quit her \$87,000-a-year job, which "bewildered" her boss, Supreme Court Justice Thomas Colbert. The justice described Lori as "brilliant" and said he tried to discourage her from quitting. He told jurors he was certain that Lori sincerely believed her husband and all his fantastic tales.

In mid-May, Kastner gave a "farewell speech" at Webster's athletic banquet, announcing he would share his wealth, promising to donate millions to the school, principal and coaches as incentives to improve. But his rambling speech publicly lambasted school administrators and announced that his friend and fellow coach Jim Harper would resign if he didn't win a certain amount of games the next year. "I went numb, when I heard that," Harper testified.

May 15: Principal admonishes him for speech.
 June 17: Kastner buys gun.
 June 20: Job in jeopardy.
 June 22: Kastner writes: "Wow. Intense pressure. She was right. I do put things off hoping

that problems will cure themselves. Unfortunately, time has not slowed, stopped or gone backward. There is no next week."

June 22 or 23: Kastner test-fires gun outside house at 3 am.
 June 23: Meeting to sign "contracts" with coaches to purchase equipment for Webster cancelled; Coach "K" ill.
 June 24: Meeting with coaches cancelled again, rescheduled for morning of June 25.
 June 24: Lori and children pack for next day's trip on private jet to Israel.

June 25: Kastner calls police at 4 am. Lori shot twice in the head – while in bed. Tells police an intruder came into the house and shot her - with the gun he bought eight days earlier, and left with \$5,000 cash he had left on a dining room table. Kastner was shot in the hand. He said he was injured while struggling with the intruder over the gun.

The truth, Assistant DAs Drummond and Kunzweiler told jurors:

- There never was an Israel trip
- He was never in the military
- 713 Corporation did not exist
- Kastner was \$150,000 in debt
- There was no "intruder."

The "Legend" of Webster was about to be exposed as a fraud. With his all-important reputation ruined and his world collapsing, he executed the woman who had sacrificed everything for him, as she lay sleeping in bed. In one sense, Kastner's prognostication had come true: the whole family's lives would never be the same again.

A jury convicted **KASTNER** of **FIRST-DEGREE MURDER** in September and sentenced him to **LIFE WITHOUT PAROLE.**

Working in DA's Office Similar To Battlefield?

Assistant District Attorney Michael English says working as a felony prosecutor in Tulsa County is a lot like working in a war zone. And he should know. His alter ego, First Lieutenant Michael English, is currently serving a tour of duty in Iraq with the United States Army Reserve.

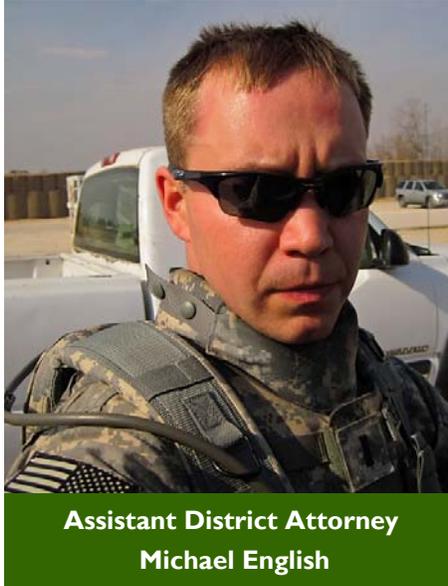
"As a soldier," English said, "I have seen a real similarity between fighting in a war and working at the DA's office. In a war, you fight for something you believe in. The most effective place you can fight is right there on the front lines, where the battle rages the strongest. "In Tulsa, the real battle, whether people realize it or not, is for the safety of each person and each family," English said. "There is a war going on all around us. I believe that the front lines of that war run right through the Tulsa County Courthouse. What do I like about being a prosecutor? Being right there on those front lines every single day, and working shoulder to shoulder with a group of people who are fighting for the same cause."

English said he also enjoys working beside others in the U.S. military. "I am so impressed by the courage and character of the young men and women that I meet in Iraq wearing our country's uniform. I wish everybody back home could see these guys in action for just one day representing us and defending our freedoms. They truly are the best and brightest of our nation, and serving alongside them is such a tremendous honor.

As an assistant DA in Tulsa, English works to hold criminals accountable and ensure that our legal system effectively protects each of us from crime, delinquency, abuse and other threats to the peace and safety of society.

As 1st Lt. Michael English, he works with the U.S. Army Reserve's 486th Civil Affairs Battalion to help Iraqis build a fair and strong criminal justice system capable of holding major criminals and terrorists accountable in order to protect the peace and safety of their society.

"This is part of the larger American mission to improve stability in Iraq and promote fair, effective and democratic government. The work includes giving assistance to the Iraqi judiciary, modernizing courthouse infrastructure, training and equipping Iraqi police and making sure the human rights of all detainees are safe-guarded," he said.



**Assistant District Attorney
Michael English**

As a "Rule of Law" advisor, English has had his fair share of Black Hawk flights and armored truck rides in Iraq, but said he prefers going outside the wire to a courthouse or police station to sitting at a desk on an Army base.

"The Rule of Law effort is fairly broad, and can take many forms," English said.

"Sometimes it takes the form of traditional bricks and mortar civil affairs work, like building a new courthouse or renovating a jail. More often it means partnering with the Iraqis to fight corruption in their police forces or encouraging police and judicial investigators to use forensic evidence in their criminal investigations instead of relying so heavily on confessions," he said.

"Democratic progress and economic growth in Iraq will depend in large part on a stable security situation which in turn requires a fair and strong criminal justice system capable of holding major criminals and terrorists accountable." English said.

While he serves in Iraq, English said he "misses being in a courtroom and advocating for what I believe is a just outcome." English said his experiences in Iraq will have a positive effect on the work he does in the Tulsa County DA's office. "I have an even greater appreciation for the American criminal justice system than before," he said.



First Lieutenant Michael English on duty in Iraq

Major Case Convictions June—September 2010



Gericho Griffin, 1, died after he was shaken and had blunt trauma to the head in 2009

IN JUNE:

A Tulsa County jury convicted **RICO D. GREEN** of **FIRST-DEGREE MURDER** in the February 2009 death of **GERICHO GRIFFIN, 1**. Green was sentenced to **LIFE IN PRISON**. He must serve 38 years before he is eligible for release. Green was babysitting when the 13-month-old child was injured. Green admitted to police he picked the child up and shook him because he was handling the toilet plunger in the bathroom. Green called 911 after the boy became unconscious and the child was taken to a hospital where he died the next day. Medical evidence indicated the child's head had sustained "impact" injuries as well as being shaken violently. Assistant DA Jake Cain prosecuted.

KEVIN DUANE BARNARD, was convicted by a jury of **MAKING A LEWD OR INDECENT PROPOSAL TO A CHILD** and sentenced to **LIFE IN PRISON**. In 2007, Barnard handed a note to a fifth grade girl at a Tulsa library. It listed his name, phone and email and said that she had a friend if she wanted one. A police officer later sent emails to the address, portraying himself as a 12-year-old girl. Barnard suggested meeting and dating and asked whether they could engage in specific sex activities. Assistant DA Christina Wolfram prosecuted. Barnard was convicted in 1998 of lewd molestation in Washington County and received a 7-year suspended sentence.

DONNIE JOHNSON pled guilty in June of raping an 11-year-old girl in a bathroom at Tulsa's Dove Science Academy in December 2008. District Judge William Kellough sentenced Johnson to **7 YEARS IN PRISON** and **5 YEARS SUSPENDED SENTENCE**. Assistant DA Jack Thorp prosecuted.

DOMINIC PATRICK BUTCHER was convicted by a jury in June on two counts of **SECOND-DEGREE RAPE**. He was sentenced to **TWO 30-YEAR PRISON** terms, ordered to run consecutively by District Judge Tom Gillert. Butcher operated a tattoo parlor in Owasso and police recovered a computer disk during a search of the business. The disk showed a video of Butcher raping an unconscious woman. The woman appeared to be in her 20s. Police were never able to learn the identity of the woman, but Butcher's former girlfriend testified that she recognized the setting of the video was her own Tulsa apartment. She said tape on the dresser drawers indicted the video was made shortly after she moved into the apartment in 2007. Butcher had prior felony convictions in Tulsa County and in Mississippi. Assistant DA Jack Thorp prosecuted.

ROSHAWN LEROY pled guilty to a **FIRST-DEGREE FELONY MURDER** charge in the shooting death of **ROBERT MARSHALL, 19**, at Tulsa's Lacy Park in June 2009. Leroy was sentenced to **LIFE IN PRISON** for the murder and **20 YEARS** for **ASSAULT AND BATTERY WITH A DEADLY WEAPON** linked to the wounding of **KYLE DENTON JOHNSON, 21**. Police found Marshall in the driver's seat of his car at the park with a fatal gunshot wound to the head. Johnson told police that a drug transaction resulted in Marshall's death. A co-defendant, **RONNIE LEON DAVIS**, is awaiting trial in the murder. The case was prosecuted by Assistant DA Jack Thorp.

Robert Marshall, 19, was shot to death in his car at Tulsa's Lacy Park in June 2009.



District Judge Carlos Chappelle denied **MARICO L. TURNER'S** motion to withdraw a guilty plea in a lewd molestation case. Turner pled **NO CONTEST** in May to two counts of **LEWD MOLESTATION** for molesting two **SISTERS, AGES 8 AND 9**, in July 2008 while he was babysitting. He was sentenced to **25 YEARS IN PRISON**. Assistant DA Kristin Fulton prosecuted.

LYNDELL DABNEY pled **NO CONTEST** to **CONSPIRACY TO COMMIT MURDER** in the July 2007 shooting of **MARK WILLIAMS, 22**. Dabney was sentenced to **30 YEARS IN PRISON**. Williams was found dead in a home in north Tulsa. Prosecutors allege that Dabney delivered a message to gang associates while he was in jail to arrange the murder of Williams because Williams was to be a witness in another murder case against Dabney. In March 2008, Dabney pleaded **NO CONTEST** to **SECOND-DEGREE MURDER** in the March 2007 shooting death of **DEMONZO WASHINGTON**. He was sentenced to **10 YEARS IN PRISON**. Assistant DA Tony Evans prosecuted.

A jury convicted **QUENTIN T. CARRELL** of **ENDEAVORING TO MANUFACTURE METHAMPHETAMINE**. He was sentenced to **27 YEARS IN PRISON**. Carrell was stopped by police officers with a meth lab in the car. Assistant DA Paul Gouge prosecuted.

IN JULY:

NELLIE GUILLORY pled guilty to **SECOND-DEGREE MURDER** in the January 2009 shooting death of **ANTOINE "TONY" GUILLORY, 49**. She was sentenced to **10 YEARS IN PRISON**. Guillory fired the fatal shot through a door. She said she was trying to "ward off" her husband, who she believed intended to enter the room and choke her. The couple had a history of domestic violence. District Judge Tom Gillert scheduled a six-month judicial review. Assistant DA Courtney Cain prosecuted.

IN AUGUST:

TOMMIE MAURICE EWANS was convicted by a jury in August of three counts of **FIRST-DEGREE RAPE** and two counts of **SEXUALLY ABUSING A CHILD**. The jury sentenced Ewans to **FOUR LIFE IN PRISON** terms in the assaults on four girls between June 2004 and October 2007. The girls at the time were between 10 and 13 years old. Assistant DA Jack Thorp prosecuted.

GARY KEEFER and **MITCHELL SEBASTIAN KEITH** pled **NO CONTEST** in August to **ATTEMPTED KIDNAPPING** and were sentenced to **5 YEARS IN PRISON**. The mother of a 3-year-old boy told police that the two men sat next to her at a Tulsa park in July. She said both men talked about killing the child and one man grabbed the boy. She said she grabbed him back and was able to run away with her son. Assistant DA Michael Fisher prosecuted.

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DA:SDU - Special Dog Unit

Trained Therapy Dogs Assist Abuse Victims in Court

...His head on my knee can heal my human hurts. His presence by my side is protection against my fears of dark and unknown things...

The Tulsa County District Attorney's Office unleashed its Special Dog Unit in September, when therapy dog Boo accompanied three girls, ages 6 and 9, into court to testify against the man accused of molesting them. They met and played with Boo on an earlier visit to the DA's office, when a prosecutor interviewed and prepared them for trial.

The 17-pound Bichon Frise sat next to them as they testified. As difficult questions were posed, each girl stroked the dog's soft white fur as she answered. What a powerful thing for an abused child or adult to have an ally in court!

"We are excited and enthusiastic about this new program and tool for preparing and helping children to testify in court," said Assistant DA Steve Kunzweiler, the first prosecutor to use a dog in a court hearing with abuse victims. "It was obvious the dog helped the girls relax and provided a sense of security so that they could talk about traumatic incidents," Kunzweiler said. Special Judge Allen Klein allowed the dog to provide support to the girls as they testified in his courtroom.

When children have suffered physical or emotional trauma, it is often difficult for them to speak of their experiences. Incorporating therapy dogs into courtroom settings for children who have been abused or neglected or have witnessed violence can help a child open up and promote the healing process. The child may simply feel safer to recall past events, even with an audience of strange adults, and testimony is improved.

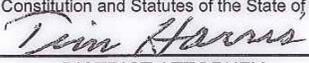


Studies have shown that therapy dogs can help a child relax, talk about traumatic events and heal.



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Therapy Dog Boo and handler Leon Mullis work with the DA's office to assist abuse victims



When a child witness is accompanied to court by a dog that he or she has bonded with in pretrial preparations, the effects are immediate and profound. The trust, acceptance, and tactile comfort of a friendly dog change the physiology of the nervous child. Studies have shown that the human heart rate decreases and blood pressure falls in the presence of companion animals.

The bond between children and animals is undeniable. An animal can bring a withdrawn child out of his or her shell, and when a child has been abused or traumatized, the nonjudgmental comfort an animal provides can help the child heal. Boo is one of four dogs trained as therapy dogs that will be used in future cases. Boo's handler, Leon Mullis, has seen the effect his and other dogs have on children in stressful situations. He volunteers to work with Boo at children's hospitals, schools and libraries, but said the court program is especially important to him.

Years ago, Mullis served as a juror in a Tulsa County murder trial, and said it was a case in which several children witnessed a brutal beating and murder. He said the memory of observing and learning of the pain and trauma the children experienced is something he hasn't forgotten. "If Boo can help a child in court," Mullis said, "it's something

After Two Decades, Child Rape Victim Finds Justice

He was working at a rental car business in Wichita, Kan. last year when he recognized the customer who stood before him. And somehow he kept his cool. She was the sister of the man he'd been searching for since Christmas Eve 1987: the man who raped his 10-year-old sister in Tulsa.

He asked the woman if she had lived in Tulsa, saying he thought he knew her kinfolk, explaining they had played together as children. Then he asked what he had wanted to know for two decades: Where was her brother? She told him he lived in Wichita and named the cross streets near his home.

He called the Tulsa County District Attorney's Office, and by happenstance, DA Tim Harris answered the phone. Harris was the only prosecutor left in the office who had worked there in 1988 when **SYLVESTER LATHAM** was charged with raping the girl. A warrant for his arrest was still outstanding.

Harris called the victim — the girl was now 33 and living in Georgia. He asked if she wanted to pursue the charges after all these years. She began to cry and said yes, that the assault had changed her life and haunted her. She said she struggled as a child and needed counseling to function as a normal adult. "It changes who you are. I believe that it must have been God at work, and it was time for him to pay for this," she said.



The victim was only 10 years old

Latham was arrested and tried in August. The jury convicted him of **RAPE** and sentenced him to **25 YEARS IN PRISON**. DA Tim Harris and Assistant DA Meredith Stanton prosecuted. "She's been waiting for justice all these years. Today, she got it," Harris said after the trial.

Latham began living with the victim's mother when the girl was 5. Her brothers were 3 and 11. Within weeks of his moving in, the girl said she would wake with her mother gone to work and Latham touching her vaginal area. She said she was confused, embarrassed and felt it was "nasty."

The molestation continued for five years. On Christmas Eve 1987, when her mother was working an all-night job, Latham's

"touching" turned into a painful rape. She said she ran, barricaded herself in her bedroom and told Latham she was going to tell her mother. She said he told her "nothing happened" and said she was going to ruin everyone's Christmas. "Well, you ruined mine," she told him.

When she told her mother, she said her mother "lost it," screaming and crying. That's when the 16-year-old brother came home and learned what had happened. "I ran my fist through the wall and ran out of the house, looking for him," he testified. "But you never found him, did you?" Harris asked at trial.

"If I had, we wouldn't be here now," the brother said.

The girl was taken to the hospital for an exam. On the way, the family saw Latham driving in the opposite direction and then never saw him again.

Jurors reviewed the doctor's report of a vaginal tear and a video interview of the girl describing the assault shortly after it happened. The little pink jogging pants and white turtleneck she wore when she was raped were still in an evidence bag. "At the time, that was my favorite outfit," she said.

After the trial, the victim said she felt "relief — just relief. And gratefulness that he has to pay for what he did."

Major Case Convictions August—September 2010

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TRAVIS LUDWIG pled guilty in August to **POSSESSION OF A CONTROLLED DRUG**. Ludwig, a former Tulsa police officer, was arrested in September 2009, and resigned from the police department in February 2010. District Judge Kurt Glassco will sentence Ludwig Nov. 10. Assistant DA Tony Evans said he will object to a deferred sentence and will request that Ludwig be ordered to serve prison time.

IN SEPTEMBER:

DENNIS RODRIGUEZ was convicted by a jury of **FIRST-DEGREE MURDER** in the September 2009 shooting of **CHARLES WATSON, 51**, at an apartment in east Tulsa. He was sentenced to **LIFE IN PRISON**. Assistant DA Erik Grayless prosecuted.

JEREMY FINCH was convicted by a jury of **FIRST-DEGREE MURDER** in the July 2007 shooting of **MARK WILLIAMS, 22**. He was sentenced to **LIFE IN PRISON**. Prosecutors contend Williams was shot by gang members because he was scheduled to testify in another murder trial. **DARRELL KING** and **VON CHRISTOPHER BUTLER** are awaiting trial on charges of murdering Williams. Assistant DAs Tony Evans and Stephanie Milburn prosecuted.

JEREMY WILSON was convicted by a jury of **RAPE BY INSTRUMENTATION** and sentenced to **20 YEARS IN PRISON**. He had three prior felony convictions. Assistant DAs Ben Fu and Steve Kunzweiler prosecuted.

CHRISTOPHER MOERLES was convicted by a jury of the July 2009 **SEXUAL ABUSE** of a 13-year-old girl and sentenced to **6 YEARS IN PRISON**. Assistant DA

Erik Grayless prosecuted.

JONATHAN WAYNE NEAL was convicted of **INDECENT EXPOSURE AND PUBLIC INTOXICATION**. The crime occurred in February 2010. The jury sentenced him to **12 YEARS IN PRISON**, 3 Years probation. Neal had **FIVE PRIOR** convictions for **AGGRAVATED ASSAULT AND BATTERY, ASSAULT WITH A DANGEROUS WEAPON, ROBBERY WITH A WEAPON** and two convictions for **DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE**. Assistant DAs Corey Tisdale-Warren and Paul Gouge prosecuted.

LAMARR TERRELL WASHINGTON was convicted of **SECOND-DEGREE ROBBERY** and sentenced to **35 YEARS IN PRISON** for the September 2009 robbery of the Tulsa Federal Credit Union. Assistant DA Meredith Stanton prosecuted. He had four prior felony convictions and three pending

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In This Red River Rivalry, Texas Won

Prosecutors Jake Cain and Courtney Smith met, fell in love and married while working in the Tulsa County District Attorney's Office. All in six years. They worked their way up – Courtney started as an intern and then prosecuted misdemeanors and Jake started in the Juvenile Division. Both eventually prosecuted major felony crimes, murders, and child abuse cases. Jake is Director of Crimes Against Children.

Now the couple is leaving Tulsa and the prosecutor's life, moving to Courtney's home state of Texas where Jake will work in her family's oil and gas field service company, and Courtney will practice civil law.

It sounds like a whirlwind romance and quick climb up the career ladder. But prosecutors sometimes joke that working in the fast-paced, high stress DA's office should be counted like dog years – one year is equal to about seven.

"We're going to give our new life in Texas a judicial review in a year and see if it's the right fit for us," said Jake, referring to the practice where judges review a convict's prison sentence after a year and often modify it downward.

"Only a prosecutor would describe it that way," Courtney said, laughing. "We are sad to leave the DA's office, Tulsa and our friends, said Jake, "but we are excited about new opportunities."

Jake grew up in Ada and attended the University of Oklahoma, and Courtney is from Madisonville, Texas and a University of Texas graduate. "OU-Texas weekend is always fun," she smiled.



District Attorney Tim Harris and Assistant DAs Jake and Courtney Cain prepare a case for prosecution.

"People always ask us what we talk about at the dinner table," Courtney said, "and yes, it's work and our cases. They also ask us, 'How can you work in the same office with your spouse?' The truth is, we seldom see each other there, and that tells you something about the pace of work in this office," she said.

Jake said the decision to leave was hard for both of them. "I came to the DA's office in November 2003 wanting to be a tough, but fair, prosecutor, and to guide victims and their families through this maze that we call the judicial process," Jake said.

"I wanted to bring victims justice and hold wrongdoers accountable. I hope I accomplished that or did the best I could. What I know for a fact is that I have loved every day that I have been a prosecutor, and I thank Tim and my victims and their families for allowing me to do my job and trusting me and our office to help bring them justice and some sense of closure. It truly is a team effort!"

"During my time here I was blessed to meet a girl by the name of Miss Courtney Smith, who started in the DA's office as an intern in 2004-2005. Over time, she not only became my coworker and a darn fine prosecutor,

but she also stole my heart and became my best friend and my wife. Since we've been together, very little time has passed without us discussing either her cases, my cases, or someone else's cases. The Tulsa County DA's office has been a HUGE part of our lives, but now we are moving on. While we are excited to be moving on together and hopefully start a family, we will miss our DA family and our other friends and family in Tulsa."



Courtney Smith and Jake Cain married July 11, 2009

District Attorney Tim Harris said, "Jake Cain and Courtney Smith Cain represent the standard of excellence we have in our prosecutors in the Tulsa County District Attorney's office."

"They met in our high pressure environment, fell in love and got married. It was a challenge to accommodate this employment situation but their professionalism and independence assisted in making their continued prosecution of criminals a dynamic one, two punch not seen previously within our prosecution staff.

"As they both matured in their prosecution skills, they took on many complex, difficult and high-profile prosecutions. They have always risen to the occasion, often stretching to accomplish more than they thought they were capable of accomplishing.

"The people of Tulsa County have been served well by two of the very best prosecutors who truly understand what it means to be 'ministers of justice' seeking to be a voice for citizens victimized by criminals," Harris said.

Driver Pleads Guilty in Drunken Crash That Killed Two Bicyclists, Injured One Other

TAUSHA BORLAND pled guilty in September to two counts of **FIRST-DEGREE MANSLAUGHTER** in the June 2009 deaths of bicyclists **MATTHEW EDMONDS, 34**, of Tulsa, and **CHRISTA VOSS, 33**, of Owasso. Borland was driving drunk when she plowed into Edmonds, Voss and **JOHN MOORE**, who was injured, but survived. The cyclists were hit from behind while riding on the shoulder of Oklahoma Highway 51 near 161st West Avenue in Sand Springs.

Borland entered a "blind plea" without agreement for punishment from prosecutors. Her sentence will be determined October 28 by District Judge William Kellogg. She also pleaded guilty to **DUI** and pled **NO CONTEST** to **LEAVING THE SCENE OF A FATAL ACCIDENT**. First-Degree Manslaughter carries a punishment of **FOUR YEARS TO LIFE IN PRISON**. Assistant District Attorney Jack Thorp will present evidence at the sentencing hearing to show the impact the deaths had on family members and seek a stiff prison term.

CHRISTA VOSS was an animal lover and dreamed of being a veterinarian as a child. She earned a degree in biology and found a specialty in nutrition. She worked for the Tulsa Zoo, and later as professor of anatomy at Tulsa Community College.

She enjoyed outdoor activities, including skydiving and running in marathons all over the country. She won several medals but



Memorial along Oklahoma Highway 51 in Sand Springs where Matthew Edmonds and Christa Voss were hit from behind by a drunken driver

foot and ankle problems forced her to cut back on running and she began cycling. As a member of Bicycles of Tulsa's amateur racing team, she quickly became a Cat Two cyclist and a top woman cyclist in the country. She was adventurous, and took bagpipe lessons just because it looked like fun. Christa was a scholar and teacher with a true concern to see people achieve their

goals in life. She is remembered most for her enticing smile and happy outlook on life that mesmerized all she met.

Matthew Edmonds grew up in Arkansas, exploring the outdoors with six younger siblings, finding adventures in the woods, stream beds and meadows. Most explorations would end with a pocketful of rocks for his mom - treasures from his heart.

Matthew loved camping and ski trips with siblings and dad. He always loved to ride a bicycle, and in his early teens took the sport seriously, riding at every opportunity. He worked his way through college at the University of Arkansas, receiving a Master's degree in Geology.

Matthew was a determined, focused, intelligent young man, devoted to God, his education, his job, his friends, family and his dog, Stella. But anyone who knew him well knows his love was his bike(s). He had a passion for riding and racing with Team Tyson in Arkansas and Bicycles of Tulsa. Matthew is best remembered for his love of cycling, coffee shops, his funny laugh, smiling eyes and sweet, shy ways.



Christa Voss, 33, and Mathew Edmonds, 34, were members of a racing team



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Trust Betrayed?



Tim Harris

The federal investigation of corruption in the Tulsa Police Department and indictment of police officers is of great concern to me. The investigation by the United States Attorney has a ripple effect on this office and prosecution in the Tulsa County District Courts.

I take my ethical responsibility as a "minister of justice" seriously, as do all the prosecutors who work in this office. We do not know all the details or the scope of this investigation, but the initial reports are very troubling.

When an allegation of lying or fabricated evidence is leveled at law enforcement officers, people's trust is shaken to its very core. We convict with truth or suspects of crime go free. It's what gives us all confi-

dence in our criminal justice system and those who work in it. We must convict by the book. What that means to me, is prosecution of criminals by the rights set down by our Constitution. Prosecutors have a responsibility to assure due process of law is afforded to all defendants or they go free. This role is one that forces me to independently respond to allegations of wrongdoing to protect the rights of all citizens.

This office is reviewing drug cases prosecuted that have involvement by any of the law enforcement officers indicted in U.S. District Court and the officers who have been identified as cooperating in the investigation. We have devised a procedure in which we will review cases both independently and those that are brought to our attention.

We are placing the highest priorities for review on those cases where defendants continually maintained their innocence and were convicted at trial, and those in which defendants are currently in prison. When reviewing cases, our initial question is whether there is indication of potential officer misconduct in the case at issue. We also are focusing on whether the officer(s) in question was the sole witness or a significant witness in the case. These reviews will be done on a case-by-case basis.

If we receive credible information regarding the alleged misconduct of any police officer in a case, we will certainly look into it. The more officers that are implicated, the more cases and defendants are potentially impacted. Ultimately, we will take the necessary steps that the law and fairness require.

IN PURSUIT OF JUSTICE