



Philadelphia Launches Crime Victim Notification Network

On May 14, 2008, The District Attorney's Office and the Philadelphia Prison System [unveiled](#) a new automated victim notification system to help victims of crime track the status of an offender housed in the Philadelphia Prison System. Known as Pennsylvania Statewide Automated Victim Information and Notification (PA SAVIN), the notification enhancement to local victim services is part of a new statewide system that is expected to be available in the 63 counties with jails by October 2008. Philadelphia is the 23rd county to be integrated into the SAVIN network.

The automated network allows Pennsylvania residents to receive real-time information about the custody status of offenders. They can register to be notified of an offender's release, transfer, or escape from a county or state facility either by telephone or e-mail, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Users can call a toll free number 1-866-972-7284 for live, operator assistance or log on [here](#). Technical support professionals monitor and maintain the network to ensure high reliability and availability of this service, which is free to the public.

Philadelphia is the largest local government in the Commonwealth to implement PA SAVIN. The [Philadelphia Prison System](#) houses 23% of all county incarcerated inmates in Pennsylvania. Under Philadelphia's current manual notification system, an average of over 200 victims of crime choose to receive notifications each month that their offender has been released, transferred, or, in the rare case, escaped.

The implementation of PA SAVIN is a joint project of the [Pennsylvania District Attorneys Institute](#) (PDAI) and the [Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency](#) (PCCD). Pennsylvania is one of 13 states to receive funding from the [Bureau of Justice Assistance](#) (BJA) within the [U.S. Department of Justice](#) to launch a statewide program.

Assistant District Attorney File Markings

Nathaniel Jones, 39, was convicted by a jury of sexually assaulting two teenage girls, both known to him, in his North Philadelphia home. **ADA Bob Foster** was the prosecutor. The defendant had previously served a sentence in state prison for sexual assault. He was sentenced on March 7, 2008 to thirty-one to sixty-two years in state prison.

Darnell Wilkins, age 39, was sentenced on March 17, 2008 to fifteen years to thirty years incarceration for five robberies, committed at knifepoint, of commercial establishments along North Broad Street. Wilkins was apprehended due to the courage of a security guard who interrupted the robbery of a restaurant. Wilkins was prosecuted by **ADA Lauren Baraldi**.

Daniel Garrison, 40, was sentenced on March 26, 2008 to ten years to twenty years in state prison for the burglaries of two homes in Fairmount. The victims, who were young families on vacation at the time of the incidents, testified at sentencing as to the severe impact defendant's crimes had on their lives. Garrison, a career burglar, was prosecuted by **ADA Vince Regan**.

Calvin Harris, 41, deceived the victim, a North Philadelphia homeowner, into believing that he worked for a nonprofit organization that renovated homes. He then stole approximately \$40,000 from the victim, purportedly to pay for the renovations -- which were never done. **ADA Rob Frantz** secured a conviction and defendant was

sentenced on April 4, 2008 to two years to four years in state prison, plus three years probation and the payment of restitution.

Donte Rollins, 21, and **Chris Powell**, 20, were convicted by a jury of attempted murder, aggravated assault and related offenses for their role in the shooting of a six-year-old boy in the neck as the boy rode with three family members in his grandparents' car in the Strawberry Mansion section. As a result, the boy is paralyzed below his neck. **ADA Deborah Nixon** tried the case to a jury. On April 17, 2008 each defendant was sentenced to sixty-two and one-half years to one hundred and twenty-five years in prison. A third codefendant will be sentenced later this month.

Robert Fowler, 40, called the deceased, whom he knew, to his South Philadelphia home to do drugs. After a dispute, apparently over money, the defendant murdered the victim by repeatedly hitting him with a pipe. He then dismembered the victim's body and wrapped it in plastic trash bags. Defendant was convicted of first degree murder and sentenced to life imprisonment on April 21, 2008 in a prosecution by **ADA Mike Barry**.

Omar Payne, 29, shot the victim three times, killing him, outside of a West Philadelphia grocery store. **ADA Jacqui Coelho** convinced the jury that he was guilty of first degree murder, and he was sentenced to life in prison on April 25, 2008.

Alexis Parilla, 27, was convicted of attempted murder and illegal possession of a firearm for the shooting and wounding of a man outside a North Philadelphia bar. He was sentenced to eleven years to twenty-two years incarceration on May 1, 2008. **ADA Erica Wilson** prosecuted the case.

Kevin Rice, 31, entered a bakery in North Philadelphia. While the defendant was in line at the counter, a civilian "Good Samaritan" observed a handgun in the defendant's pocket. The civilian left the bakery and immediately called police. Minutes later, police arrived and recovered a nine millimeter handgun with an obliterated serial number from the defendant's pocket. He was convicted of illegal possession of a firearm by a convict and sentenced of two years to four years in state prison on May 6, 2008. **ADA Matt Glazer** was the prosecutor.

Raymond Weise, 22, was prosecuted by **ADA Bill Davis** for the sexual assault of a six year old girl, known to him, inside a restroom in a Center City food court. He was convicted of involuntary deviate sexual intercourse. The defendant was sentenced on May 8, 2008 to five years to ten years in state prison, followed by fifteen years sex offender probation and lifetime registration under Megan's Law registration.

Philadelphia Coalition for Victim Advocacy Honors ADA Kalli Agelakis

The [Philadelphia Coalition for Victim Advocacy](#) (PCVA) recently presented its Prosecutors Award to Assistant District Attorney Kalli Agelakis for her work with child victims of sexual and physical abuse. The award presentation was made at PCVA's annual luncheon during Victims Rights Week.

Kalli Agelakis came to the United States from Greece at the age of four. She was raised in Brooklyn, New York. She received a B.S. in Social Work from The State University of New York at Albany in 1993 and graduated from Temple Law School in 1996. She has the distinction of not only being the first in her family to get her college and graduate degrees, but also the first to finish high school.

She has been in the District Attorney's Office since 1996. After her initial rotations in the [Municipal Court Unit](#), the [Juvenile Unit](#) and the [Felony Waiver Unit](#), she was assigned to the [Family Violence and Sexual Assault Unit](#) for over three years where she prosecuted hundreds of child abuse, adult rape, and domestic violence cases. She then went on to work in the [Major Trials Unit](#) for almost three years and prosecuted gun point robbery and shooting cases and major drug dealing cases. For the last four years, she has served as an Assistant Chief in the Municipal Court Unit, the incoming unit where virtually all newly hired attorneys begin their career in the Office. In that capacity, she has been directly involved with the hiring, training, and supervision of over 120 new attorneys and over 300 interns who come through the office during that time period. She has also participated in many ongoing projects to improve the functioning of our criminal justice system for every victim in the City of Philadelphia.

Kalli has handled many high profile cases and is proud to serve the Commonwealth in pursuing justice for all the victims but she is most proud and recognized for her work with child victims of sexual and physical abuse. She was always drawn to the most vulnerable of victims and fiercely fought for justice on their behalf such as the 12 year old girl who was abandoned by her drug addicted parents. This girl, on her own, found a neighbor to take her in so she didn't have to live on the streets only to find her self at the hands of the neighbor's boyfriend who

sexually assaulted her repeatedly. There was also the 19 year old mentally challenged young girl brought to the United States by her uncle from Puerto Rico at the age of 11 for a better life who then sexually assaulted for 8 years and ultimately impregnating her. He was 71 years old at the time of her pregnancy. The victim's mental capacity was so limited she didn't know how to use a telephone to dial 911. She also handled the case of a 10 year old Muslim girl who was raped by her mother's boyfriend, a convicted murderer who found his way into their home. This child was cross examined by the defendant because he was representing himself. And most recently, Kalli handled a homicide case in which the only eyewitnesses to the brutal execution of a young man were 10 year old children at a playground. Each of the perpetrators mentioned above are serving the remainder of their lives in jail and in the end that is some justice for these child victims by one advocate on their behalf.

DA Calls for State Legislative Hearings Regarding Laws Against Child Molesters

On May 12, 2008 District Attorney Lynne Abraham spoke at a [news conference](#) in the Harrisburg Capitol Rotunda calling for Legislative Hearings on House Bill 1137: The Child Victim's Act of Pennsylvania. The DA appeared with the bill's sponsor State Representative Lisa Bennington (D, Allegheny), John Salvesson, the founder of the Foundation To Abolish Child Sex Abuse as well as several other advocates for this Act and survivors of childhood sexual abuse to make the point why hearings are necessary to raise the awareness of this important legislation.

House Bill 1137: The Child Victim's Act of Pennsylvania would accomplish three goals:

- 1 - Make the civil statute of limitations consistent with the criminal statute which is until the victim's 50th birthday (currently it is until their 30th birthday);
- 2 - Close the loophole that allowed child sex abusers to remain unidentified by suspending the civil statute of limitations for 2 years in child sex abuse cases in which the statute has expired; and
- 3 - Allow the filing of such actions against child sex abusers and their enablers in both public and private institutions.

Juvenile Offender Paints Mural and Makes Most of Second Chance

The Imani Charter School recently [unveiled](#) a mural painted by a reformed juvenile graffiti vandal during his participation in our [Youth Aid Panel Program](#). The program, which utilizes trained community volunteer panelists, is open to select first-time juvenile offenders charged with misdemeanors or felonies that would otherwise be heard by a judge in Juvenile Court. Juvenile offenders are given a chance to have their criminal record expunged as well as to understand the seriousness of their actions and its impact on victims and neighborhoods.

Alexander Centeno, 17, was arrested and charged with criminal mischief/vandalism after being caught spray painting graffiti in his neighborhood. Since Centeno was a first time juvenile offender he was offered the option to participate in the program. "I am glad I got caught painting graffiti," said Centeno. "When I was arrested, I was worried that I would look like a common criminal to my family and society. But I am not that kind of person. Dr. Fulton and the Youth Aid Panel have given me a great opportunity to not only give back to society, but to learn a lot about myself, my talents, and my abilities."

To participate in the program the offending juvenile must first admit guilt in the incident at hand, and then is required to enter into a contract with the Youth Aid Panel. The contract, which is constructed by volunteer panelists, could include community service projects, written essays or reports, counseling, drug testing, and restitution. Last year more than 6,000 hours of community service were performed by participating juveniles.

One community volunteer panel member is assigned to monitor each juvenile's progress and adherence to the contract until all terms of the contract have been fulfilled. If the juvenile fulfills all terms of the contract their record will be expunged. If the juvenile fails to fulfill the terms of the contract they will return to Juvenile Court to be heard in front of a judge and if found delinquent at this stage, he or she will have a criminal record. If you would like to volunteer on a neighborhood panel, please click [here](#).

New Court Provides Quick Resolution, Treatment and Aims to Reduce Recidivism

President Judge Louis J. Presenza of the First Judicial District and the District Attorney's Office [announced](#) on May 20, 2008 a new pre-trial diversion program, the Linda Anderson Alternative Treatment for Misdemeanants (ATM). The ATM Program is modeled on the highly successful Drug Treatment court for drug offenders, which

provides appropriate treatment as determined by the Probation Department and aims to prevent further recidivism. In a fitting tribute, the new program has been named in honor of the late Judge Linda Anderson, who passed way in November 2007. Judge Anderson identified the necessity of such action years ago.

The new program targets offenders who are charged with drug possession, prostitution and retail theft. To be eligible for the Anderson ATM Program, defendants must not have been on probation or parole for any violent crimes within the past 10 years or non-violent crimes within the past 5 years. Eligible defendants will be put on one year probation with drug, alcohol, and mental health treatment as well as job training arranged by the Probation Department. If the defendant complies with treatment and remains arrest-free for one year, the case will be withdrawn. Thirty-two defendants have entered the program since it began on March 25, 2008.

The Anderson ATM Program targets lower level offenders and is only offered in the Municipal Court Pre-Trial Room where all defendants go within four-six weeks of their arrest. Defendants are assessed by the Probation Department and referred to the appropriate program depending on the assessment. If a defendant does not comply with the treatment program or gets arrested on new charges, the defendant is found guilty and can be sentenced to jail.

[Gun Violence Task Force Seizes Hummer and Arrests Two](#)

District Attorney Lynne Abraham, Attorney General Tom Corbett and Police Commissioner Charles H. Ramsey announced on May 21, 2008 that the [Gun Violence Task Force](#) has seized and intends to seek forfeiture of a 2003 Hummer owned by Gary Jackson. Jackson and a co-conspirator, Ronald McBeth, were recently arrested by the Task Force in connection with a straw purchase conspiracy in which Mc Beth is accused of straw purchasing a handgun for Jackson, a convicted felon on parole. It is alleged that Jackson used the Hummer to drive the pair to and from a gun store outside of Philadelphia where McBeth purchased two handguns, one for Jackson, along with ammunition.

“We intend to make straw purchasing as costly as possible to deter those who would otherwise involve themselves in this type of scheme. We will use every available enforcement tool to reduce gun violence” said Abraham.

As a convicted felon, Jackson is prohibited from possessing a handgun. Task Force agents followed the pair from the gun store, and Jackson was subsequently arrested in possession of the weapon. Both are charged with Illegal Transfer of Firearms, a felony of the 3rd degree; Unsworn Falsification, a misdemeanor of the 2nd degree; Tampering with Public Records or Information, a felony of the 3rd degree; and Conspiracy, a felony of the 3rd degree. Jackson is also charged with Person not to Possess Firearm, a felony of the 2nd degree.

“In attempting to illegally purchase a handgun, Jackson, a convicted felon, has not only lost his freedom, but also his high-priced vehicle,” said Corbett. “The Gun Violence Task Force is actively using all laws available to rein in gun violence in Philadelphia.”

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