



*Bonnie M. Dumanis*

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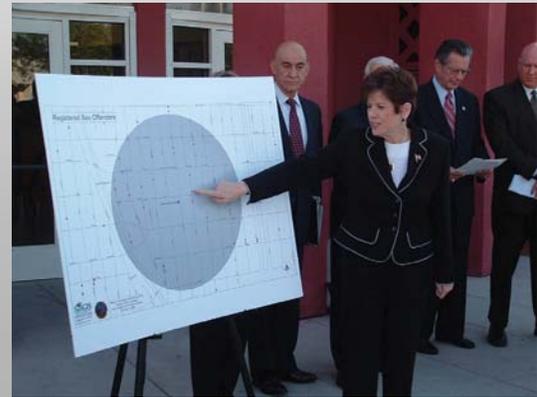
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### **DA Dumanis Leads Charge To Stiffen Law To Protect Children From Sexual Predators**

District Attorney Bonnie M. Dumanis has taken a pro-active stand by joining forces with State Assembly leaders, County Supervisors, Sheriff Bill Kolen-der and Phil Thalheimer to get Jessica's Law on the November ballot.

During one of many news conferences held during the past weeks, DA Dumanis led local leaders in a push to get the petitions to the public and get signatures.

At a recent news conference, DA Dumanis showed the media a display of how many sex offenders lived within just a few short blocks of Edison Elementary school, which would be prohibited under the new Jessica's Law. There turned out to be more than 30 sex offenders living in the area.



**DA Dumanis at Edison Elementary School**

The law would require that all sex offenders live beyond the 2,000 foot radius of all school and recreational centers. "It would make child pornography a felony," which, says Dumanis, "is what it should be in the first place. There is no reason in the world anyone should have child pornography. A child has been harmed to make that photo."

The law would also make all sex offenders wear electronic anklets (GPS) tracking devices for life. The California petition was co-written by San Diego Deputy District Attorney Chuck Nickel.

**“Operation Deep Impact” Puts Brakes on La Mesa Auto Theft Ring**

District Attorney Bonnie M. Dumanis announced the indictment of 23 defendants following a massive RATT investigation in La Mesa.

Operation Deep Impact got underway in July 2005, but most of the suspects were arrested in early December during a coordinated sweep. The sweep involved the Regional Auto Theft Task Force (RATT), California Highway Patrol, ATF, La Mesa Police, California Department of Insurance, El Cajon Police, Chula Vista Police, San Diego Police, San Diego County Probation, the Sheriff’s Department and the California State Parole.

Forty-two vehicles worth \$422,000 were recovered, 16 firearms were seized and several thousands of dollars worth of illegal

drugs were confiscated as a result of the long-term, undercover operation.

Six children were also taken into protective custody due to the dangerous conditions inside their homes. Also arrested, eight parolees-at-large.

“A lot of dangerous criminals are off the streets thanks to this coordinated law enforcement effort,” DA Dumanis said. “Many of these defendants are repeat offenders and will be going to prison for a long time.”

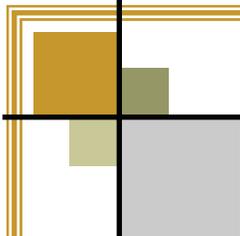
Those arrested have been charged with auto theft, illegal possession of firearms, sales of controlled substances and a residential burglary.



DA Dumanis, Sheriff Bill Kolender, SDCPD Chief Bill Lansdowne and other law enforcement officials at RATT news conference.



Standing in the front row from left to the podium is, Assistant District Attorney Jesse Rodriguez, Insurance Fraud Division Chief Dominic Dugo, Chief Deputy John Massucco and Deputy District Attorney Mary-Ellen Barrett, who prosecuted this case.



Regional Auto Theft  
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***Convicted La Mesa Doctor Still On the Run***

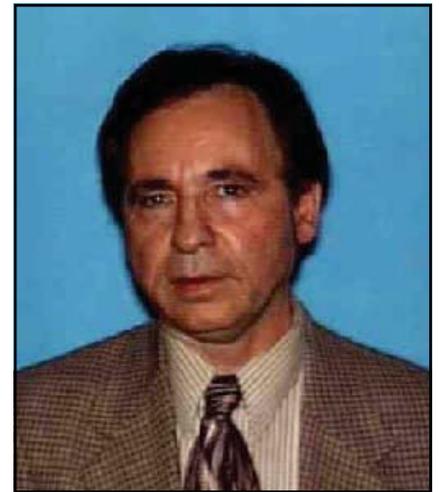
La Mesa Dr. Nasser Alavi, 60, was convicted in September of 2005 of sexual assault and battery charges for molesting one of his patients. The doctor had been treating the 22-year-old woman for anxiety and depression. He was taken into custody after being found guilty of one count of rape by digital penetration and six counts of sexual assault.

Although Alavi was remanded into custody at the time of his conviction, the judge lowered his bail to \$100,000, despite objections by our office. Alavi bailed out four hours later and has not been seen since.

Alavi was twice featured in January on the Fox television show "America's Most Wanted." Authorities believe he may be in New York, possibly in Canada or in his native Iran.

If you have information on Alavi's whereabouts, please contact the District Attorney's Office at 619-531-4040.

***Have You Seen  
This Man?***



**WANTED:  
DR. NASSER ALAVI**



**District Attorney Bonnie M. Dumanis  
Goes Back To Drug Court**

Proving that when it comes to getting the job done she's not afraid to roll up her sleeves and do it herself, DA Dumanis is now the North County prosecutor for Drug Court.

In January, there was an opening for a deputy district attorney, once a week, in drug court. DA Dumanis decided it was the perfect way to get back involved in the program that she helped start in 1997.

The purpose of Drug Court is to take non-violent offenders, get them clean and sober through treatment and make them productive members of society. Ultimately, the goal is to stop the vicious cycle of addiction and crime and increase public safety.

# DA CASE FILES

*In the past couple of months, we have had some very good results in the courtroom. The following is a snapshot of some of our cases.*

**Manuel Bracamontes**, 42, was sentenced to death in December for the kidnapping, sexual assault and murder of 9-year-old Laura Arroyo in 1991. The girl's body was found the day after she was abducted. She had been raped, stabbed numerous times, hacked with a gardening tool and strangled. The DA's Cold Homicide Division cracked the case in 2003 thanks to evidence collected by Chula Vista Police at the scene of the body. It took more than two years from the time of the defendant's arrest until his death sentence, thanks to a lot of hard work by Deputy DA Garland Peed and his team of investigators and legal support staff.

**Dennis Michael McKeown**, 42, of La Mesa, was sentenced in December to 10 years in prison for molesting a young boy he baby-sat over a two-year period. The defendant was a popular principal of the King-Chavez Academy of Excellence, a Barrio Logan charter school. He pleaded guilty to three counts of child molestation. The victim was molested between the ages of six and nine years old. More than two dozen supporters of the defendant appeared in court at sentencing.

**Matthew Hedge**, 42, a sexually violent predator who had been released from a state mental hospital to live in a trailer home on the grounds of the Donovan State Prison, was ordered back to Atascadero in January. The contractor hired by the State to monitor Hedge said he was not adhering to the strict conditions of his release. Hedge was the first SVP released back into the community in San Diego County.

**Thomas Earl Johnson**, 57, of Carlsbad, was sentenced in January to 16 years-to-life in prison for the stabbing murder of his elderly father and attack of his mother and grand-nephew in the townhouse they shared. The defendant is a diagnosed schizophrenic who fled the scene in February 2004 and was captured 12 days later after being featured on TV's "America's Most Wanted" program. He went on a rampage after being asked to take the grand-nephew to school on what turned out to be a school holiday.

**Arthur Torres**, 48, was found guilty in December of 16 felony charges including kidnapping to commit robbery and extortion for his role in the Mexican Mafia prison gang. **Francisco Gongora**, 38, was convicted of five charges and **Julio Contreras**, 26, was found guilty of six counts, all by the same jury. The remainder of the 35 defendants charged in the 52-count indictment had previously pleaded guilty.

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