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DA Dumanis Decides Against Charges In Skateboard Case

Family Relieved At Decision

After months of investigation, DA Dumanis decided that it would be in the best interest of all that her office enters into an agreement with 21 year old Patrick Soltero, the driver of a vehicle involved in a fatal skateboarding accident.

Patrick was towing his brother Cecilio on a skateboard on February 8, 2005, when Cecilio fell under the vehicle's wheel and was fatal injured.

"The impact of this event on the Soltero family was devastating. They have had to live with the loss of a family member and the fact that another family member was involved in the death," DA Dumanis said. "There is no way to arrive at a good ending to this story.



DA Dumanis and the Soltero family

We can only hope to avoid such a serious accident in the future." said DA Dumanis.

After reviewing all of the evidence and talking to the Soltero brothers' parents, it was determined that a diversion program would be more suitable than prosecution to resolve this case.

Patrick Soltero has put together a program to educate other young people about his experience.

He's planning to visit skate parks and youth centers throughout the county this summer to present a skateboard safety program.

The DA's Office is allowing Soltero to engage in community service while any further action on this case is suspended. The case will be reviewed at the end of the teaching program to determine if the any further action is needed.

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DA Dumanis

THE "MASTER" GETS FOUR YEARS

Sometimes truth is stranger than fiction and this is a case in point.

Allmighty Master Supreme Mayo, 26, (his real name) was recently sentenced for one count of pimping and eight counts of money laundering.

"The defendant was the ringleader of a very sophisticated and elaborate criminal enterprise," said DA Dumanis.

Mayo was accused of running an out-call escort service from March 2001 until his arrest in December 2003. During that time bank records showed that Mayo deposited about \$300,000 into an account in one year, all with no legitimate source of income. Mayo's lavish spending included jewelry, a Mercedes-Benz and taking his prostitutes on expensive vacations to New York and Las Vegas. During the trial one of his prostitutes testified that she earned \$50,000 during a six-month period.

On June 9, 2005, over the objections of the prosecutor's plea for an 11 year prison term, the Judge sentenced Mayo to four years in state prison.

"Collaboration among local law enforcement is what led to the break in this case..."said DA Dumanis.



Gale Lynn Mason, 35, was arrested after a sting operation conducted by San Diego Police and the DA's CATCH

LOCAL SCAMMER CAUGHT AT OWN GAME

The San Diego Padres notified the DA's Computer and Technology Crimes High-Tech Response Team they discovered someone had been using the internet and purchasing blocks of Padre game tickets with several stolen credit card numbers. Padres management identified over 100 fraudulently purchased tickets for games.

A few days later, four people showed up for the game with tickets purchased over the internet and printed on a home printers. When the tickets were put into the booth scanner, gate agents noticed there was a problem.

"Collaboration among local law enforcement is what led to the break in this case. Once the Padres management found out they were the victims of a high tech crime they knew where to turn and within 24 hours CATCH had the suspect," said DA Dumanis.

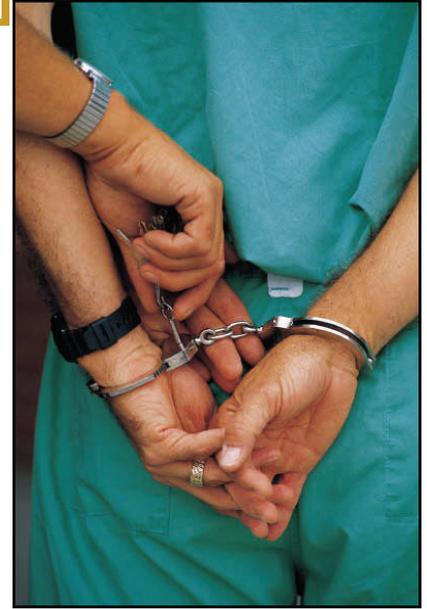
CATCH and SDPD set up a sting operation the next day and arrested Gale Lynn Mason for fraud, identity theft charges and drugs.

DA'S OFFICE TARGETS VISTA GANG

A Vista Court Judge has issued a gang injunction against a criminal street gang in the City of Vista. It involves 89 individuals of the gang, which is the largest injunction in County history.

"The purpose of this injunction is to make the neighborhood safer for law-abiding citizens who have been harassed, intimidated and victimized by gang members on a regular basis," said DA Dumanis.

The order prohibits certain activities within the designated "Safety Zones." The key provision of the injunction prohibits the defendants from associating with other gang members. This will be the twelfth injunction obtained by the DA's Office. This was a collaborative effort between the Sheriff's Department, the City of Vista and the DA's Office.



Gang Injunction Information

www.sdcca.org/protecting/gang.php

SUSPECT WHO ALLEGEDLY POSES AS COP GETS CAUGHT

A former San Diego security guard who posed as a police officer has pleaded not guilty to charges he brought a loaded gun to the downtown courthouse.

Timothy David Higley, 29, has also been accused of stopping a motorist although he had no legal authority to do so.

Authorities say Higley was driving his personal car during the stop, which he had made to look similar to a police cruiser, which had California exempt license plates. In a separate and unrelated incident, Higley showed up to testify as a witness in a court hearing.

Higley called a DA secretary asking if it was okay to come in uniform, however, he never made any mention that he was going to come armed with a gun.

Higley made it through the court security entrance and into the courtroom. He now faces additional charges in connection with this case. His next court date is mid August.

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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.

Bennette Lee Douglas, 21, was convicted of murdering his 19-year-old girlfriend and her 18-year-old friend and burying their bodies in shallow graves in Escondido. He's facing life in prison without the possibility of parole since the jury also found the special circumstance allegation of multiple murders to be true.

Gary Paredes Jr. 31, was sentenced to 25 years to life in prison for after pleading guilty to the baseball bat bludgeoning murder of his mother in their Spring Valley home. He had gotten into an argument with the victim over his use of metham-

Theodore Matthew Morris II, 30, was sentenced to 15 years, 8 months to life in prison for pleading guilty to the hit-and-run drunk driving death of a 14-year-old Spring Valley boy. The defendant said he began drinking at age 16 and had consumed at least a six-pack of beer every day since then.

Shannin Marsh, 35, described as one of the most prolific female bank robbers in San Diego County, was sentenced to six years, eight months in prison. She had pleaded guilty to seven felony charges including second degree robbery, attempted robbery, second degree burglary and assault with a deadly weapon for crimes she committed over a one-year period.

Victor Leroy Freeman, 54, pleaded guilty to felony child abuse for having his 9-year-old son drive a car because he was too drunk. The car had only gone a few hundred feet before being pulled over by a police officer.

Apollo Huhn, 24, was convicted of murder and conspiracy to commit robbery and burglary in the death of Cajon Speedway owner Stephen Brucker. The jury also found a special circumstance allegation true that makes the defendant eligible for a life in prison without the possibility parole sentence.

Bernabe Chacon, 24, pleaded guilty to domestic violence and animal cruelty and was sentenced to three years probation. He was also ordered to enroll in domestic violence counseling and stay away from all pets for injuring a puppy.

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