



Where is the Justice? HENRY L. WALKER, JR. April 17, 1965–May 21, 2017

Henry was a good, kind person and loving man, who always put his family first. All who knew him were blessed to be part of his life. He worked tirelessly in the construction industry to help make ends meet for his family. He had a passion for music and, at the age of sixteen (16), began performing on the drums and singing with different bands. He loved music so much that he eventually built his own "Jam Room", where he would often entertain his family and friends. It is very unfortunate that his favorite Jam Room would be the last room he was in during the early morning hours of May 17, 2017, when he was brutally attacked and beaten within inches of his life. Henry was later transported to the hospital after he was found lying on the back porch, bloody and broken. It is unclear the exact details of what happened to Henry that night, but he survived long enough to tell his sister and mother that several people were involved in the altercation, including his ex-girlfriend, Jesi Hayden. This legal, binding dying declaration* by the victim, Henry L. Walker, Jr. was dismissed by local law enforcement, who chose to take the easy way out by accepting inaccurate details provided by the perpetrators (murderers) as follows:

Jesi Hayden claims she (and a male friend) stole Henry's truck earlier in the day and when they returned, Henry jumped into the pickup bed in an attempt to stop them. She then fled and crashed the truck, causing critical injuries to Henry. According to Jesi, Henry then walked back to his house.

Henry Walker sustained life-threatening injuries, including: Broken Back, neck, ribs and liver damage. Injuries which would leave the victim incapable of standing, let alone walking. Henry's Jam Room clearly showed signs of a crime scene; broken guitars, broken pool sticks and blood.

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*Our Next Meeting
will be on Sunday,
November 11,
2018
10:00 a.m.*

*Loch Lomond Yacht Club
95 Loch Lomond Drive,
San Rafael, CA*

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CITIZENS AGAINST HOMICIDE

Who We Are

The majority of the board members of Citizens Against Homicide have had a family member murdered. They are surviving the devastating loss of a loved one and still suffer the continued emotional trauma of coping with our criminal justice system. We have joined together to create a voice for the survivors and friends of murder victims.

CAH Objectives

- Assist families through the complicated criminal justice system.
- Provide trial and courtroom support to victims.
- Accompany victims to parole hearings in their endeavor to keep the convicted murderer in prison.
- Provide information on pending crime legislation.

Protecting Your Own Interests

You can't prepare for the event that makes you a victim. You can only react. You need to know how to deal with the subsequent trial, sentencing and unavoidable parole hearings. CAH helps you take action to protect your own interests.

If you have friends or family who may be in need of our assistance, please pass along the information regarding our organization.

Location for Meetings

We hold bi-monthly meetings on the second Sunday of the month at Loch Lomond Yacht Club - 95 Loch Lomond Drive, San Rafael, CA.

The meeting starts at 10:00 a.m. We encourage anyone interested to attend.

A Few Words From Jan What an exciting year this has been—25 years!!

Citizens Against Homicide recently celebrated 25 years of assisting families and friends of murder victims during our annual fund-raising golf tournament. Special invites were extended to honor those who have supported us all these years. A sincere and heartfelt "thank you" to you 'honorees'. We could not successfully conduct our work without you. We had a full golf course; some special gifts for our golfers; and a "25 years of Memorabilia" display—some of these photos from 25 years ago brought a smile to many.

How quickly these years have passed and still today, we continue to push that rock up hill. Many of us still struggle with the worst pain one can experience in this world. Nonetheless, we continue to help each other along the way. Remember our motto is still *"together we can make a difference"*.

Included in this newsletter is a page from our program outlining most of the events of the last 25 years. (If you remember something we missed, please feel free to let us know).

Now, CAH is looking ahead to our future; creating another 25 years that is even more helpful to families and friends of murder victims. Your continued support is encouraged and so very much appreciated.

It is imperative all of you vote in November.

I know my words may offend at times, but my passion for victim rights will never waiver. Politics aside, this is our reality! We (families of homicide victims) have endured eight (8) miserable years of Jerry Brown. A governor who stands on the steps of the capitol every year pledging his support for victims of crime and then, during his next breath, speaks "redemption" and "second chances" for murderers. Murderers have been paroled at a record rate since Governor Jerry Brown took office in January 2011. So many families devastated and in complete disbelief that the murderer of their loved ones are, once again, enjoying the privilege of freedom. Since taking office, he has yet

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Parole & Clemency Hearings

These parole hearings are imminent. Send letters in support of these families today.

(DATE)

Board of Parole Hearings
ATTN: Pre-Hearing Correspondence
P.O. Box 4036
Sacramento, CA 95812-4036

RE: Victor Castillo Perea—
CDCR #E28486
Parole Hearing Date: December 20, 2018

Dear Chairman and Parole Board Member,

Please DO NOT grant a parole date to convicted murderer, Victor Perea. On November 21, 1988, Perea (a “murder for hire” killer) entered the home of Harold “Skeeter” Lyerla and brutally stabbed him to death. Skeeter’s body was discovered two days later lying on his kitchen floor with a dish cloth over his face. He had been stabbed four (4) times; twice in the back and twice in the front. The fatal thrust from the back cut through the liver and diaphragm before piercing his heart. Police found a kitchen knife with traces of blood in the kitchen sink and a single fingerprint on the faucet.

Just prior to his murder, Skeeter had shared a grave concern with family and friends. He had heard that his wife’s boyfriend, John Litchfield (a wealthy ranch owner in nearby Agoura Hills), had threatened to hire someone to kill him. His fear became a reality.

Victor Perea was a landscaping contractor who worked for Litchfield and lived in a house on Litchfield’s property. His fingerprint matched the print left on the faucet and he was arrested and charged with the murder of Skeeter Lyerla. Perea was convicted of first degree murder on May 20,



1989 and sentenced to 26 years to Life. Perea’s claim that he was brainwashed by Litchfield and paid \$4000 to murder Lyerla does not justify brutally taking this young man’s life.

On December 20, 2018, Harold “Skeeter” Lyerla’s family must, once again, relive the horrific events that led to his brutal murder. Once again, they must endure the trauma and uncertainty of his murderer’s parole hearing. One can only imagine how difficult it is to share the same space with the monster who ripped him from their lives.

Victor Perea, without any regard for human life, made a personal choice to execute Skeeter Lyerla for financial gain and he must continue to accept the

consequences of his actions. It is hoped the Board will think about Skeeter and the brutality he had to suffer before dying from his injuries. Skeeter does not get a second chance to live; he is gone forever by the hand of a hired killer. Therefore, Perea does not deserve a second chance or the privilege of freedom.

Please deny parole to convicted murderer, Victor Castillo Perea for the maximum time allowed by State of California law.

Thank you for your consideration.

(NAME/SIGNATURE)

(For your confidentiality, do NOT post your return address on this letter /envelope.)



Words From Jan—*cont. from page 2*

to sign one Governor’s Proclamation of Reward, completely ignoring the numerous requests for his help by law enforcement. All previous Governors; Pete Wilson, Gray Davis and Arnold Schwarzenegger were eager to sign Reward (for information) Proclamations. California needs a governor who genuinely cares about victims of crime (and their families). We do not want a clone of Jerry Brown.

Your vote counts. Simply put, we need to replace those currently in office who do not support victim rights. We need your help so that we can, once again, work with our state government ensuring public safety of the people of the State of California.

Please Vote!—for a safe future of California and this country.

—Jan

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RE: Larry Banks—CDCR #C31107
Parole Hearing Date: October 30, 2018

Dear Chairman
and Parole Board Member,

Please DO NOT grant a parole date to convicted murderer, Larry Banks. On May 10, 1977, Susan Vallin (age 20) was walking through her Central Fresno, CA neighborhood when she was forced into an ally, sexually assaulted and murdered. She was found lying in a pool of blood, partially nude and had received numerous stab wounds to her neck. Fresno Police Department investigation produced no leads/suspects. However, preserving the clothing Susan was wearing that night later led them to the suspect (Larry Banks).



In 1999, after advances were made in DNA technology, Fresno Police detectives turned over Susan Vallin's clothing to the Department of Justice. Almost ten (10) years later, federal investigators found a match. Larry Banks was currently serving a 30-year sentence for a 1993 robbery.

In September 2009, (32 years after Susan's murder), a Fresno County jury

convicted Larry Banks of the 1977 murder of Susan Vallin. He is to remain behind bars for the rest of his miserable life.

It is a crime and a terrible lack of justice that this convicted murderer is entitled to a parole hearing at all. Per the United States Supreme Court decision, "State prisoners have no constitutional right to parole".

Although commitment offense is now rarely considered by the Board during parole hearings (inmate population seems more of a concern), it is hoped you will think about this murderer's victim, 20-year-old Susan Vallin and take into consideration Banks' brutal and unconscionable act of violence. Banks' personal choice to rape and execute an innocent young woman cannot be ignored by this Board. It took 32 years for her family to see justice. Does it seem right that nine (9) years later this convicted murderer has been granted a parole hearing?

Please show your support for Susan Vallin's family and friends by keeping her rapist/murderer behind bars where he belongs. Deny parole to convicted murderer, Larry Banks for the maximum time allowed (which is LIFE) by State of California law.

Your consideration is sincerely appreciated.

(NAME/SIGNATURE)

(For your confidentiality, do NOT post your return address on this letter and envelope).

Henry L. Walker—cont. from page 1

Henry L. Walker, Jr. and his family deserve answers and justice. We are formally requesting the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office conduct a fair and proper investigation into his death. Someone knows the details of what occurred during the early morning hours of May 17, 2017. Please do the right thing and come forward. Contact the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office in Ailey, Georgia—(912) 583-2321.

**Please help bring justice for
Henry L. Walker, Jr. and his family.**

**Dying Declaration—Under the Federal Rules of Evidence, a dying declaration is defined as a statement made by a declarant, who is now unavailable, who made the statement under a belief of certain or impending death, and the statement concerns the causes or circumstances of impending death*

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RE: David E. Archer—
CDC# D-54803
Parole Hearing Date:
October 11, 2018 (TBD)

Dear Chairman
and Parole Board Member,

Please DO NOT grant a parole date to convicted murderer, David E. Archer. On April 30, 1986, Raymond H. Podell was hired by a real estate agency to do repairs in a vacant house. On April 28, 1986, Ray Podell discovered David Archer hiding in the house where Archer had committed rape and battery on a woman. Ray Podell went to the street to ask for help. David Archer went out to the driveway, came within 7–10 feet of Ray Podell (44 years old) then aimed his sawed-off shotgun and shot him in the chest. He then purposely drove over Mr. Podell, dragging his body 120 feet down the street.

Two people desperately motioned to David Archer that he was dragging a man under his vehicle. Archer stopped his car, shifted into reverse, dislodging Ray Podell's body and then fled the scene. While a statewide search was under way to find David Archer, he met a woman and convinced her that he could help her obtain alimony from her ex-husband in Canada. After five days, David Archer was caught during

a police pursuit, with the woman, while en-route to Los Angeles International Airport. David Archer was subsequently detained at gunpoint and arrested.

David E. Archer has had a long history of violent behavior:

- At 14 years old, he beat his uncle unconscious with a hammer (reported by a Monterey County Police investigator during the murder investigation);
- On April 18, 1973, he assaulted a woman and was convicted (Santa Cruz Police Department Report #73-02569);
- On March 13, 1978, he assaulted another woman and was convicted (Santa Cruz Police Department Report #211992);
- On April 28, 1986, he assaulted another woman. The victim decided not to press charges, because of the murder charges for killing Raymond Podell (Carmel Police Department Report #860478).

On October 11, 2018 (TBD), Raymond Podell's family will have to relive the horrendous events that led to his brutal and senseless murder. Their lives have never been the same and now they are having to face the uncertainty of another parole hearing. Mr. Podell's sister lives in constant fear of a possible release, as she has been proactive in keeping Archer behind bars where he belongs. Common sense dictates that David Archer is not capable of remaining free of criminal behavior. There is every reason to believe he will re-offend and, once again, pose a significant threat to

the life of another human being. Because of his complete disregard for human life, lack of conscience/remorse and past criminal history, justice demands that this convicted murderer be denied parole. David Archer made a personal choice to execute an innocent man and must continue to accept the consequences of his actions.

Please deny parole to convicted murderer, David E. Archer, for the maximum time allowed by State of California law.

Thank you for your consideration,

(YOUR NAME/SIGNATURE)

For your confidentiality, please do NOT post your return address on the letter; only on the outer mailing envelope.

How can you request compensation for travel costs to a parole hearing?

As of May 2010, the Office of Victim and Survivor Rights and Services has funds available through a federal grant which allows for reimbursement, up to \$200, to victims and next-of-kin for costs associated with travel to parole hearings. For information on how to apply for travel reimbursement contact OVSRS at 1-877-256-6877.

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ATTN: Pre-Hearing Correspondence
RE: Francisco Eric Rubio—
CDC #T-89385
Parole Hearing Date: October 9, 2018

Dear Chairman
and Parole Board Member:

Please DO NOT grant a parole date to convicted murderer, Francisco Eric Rubio, CDC #T-89385.

This convicted killer agreed to a plea agreement to obtain a lesser sentence and is guilty of a murder. He brutally

bludgeoned and tortured Lora Ann Sinner, age 18, in early 1998 (the specific date of which the family has never known). She suffered excruciating pain for a very long and inhumane duration before being killed, dragged and buried in a shallow grave.

It is a crime and a terrible lack of justice that this convicted killer is entitled to a parole hearing at all. Convicted killers who strike plea agreements should have to serve out the full sentence handed down. Per the United States Supreme Court decision, "State prisoners have no constitutional right to parole". Because of his complete disregard for human life, sense of entitlement, and heinous nature of this crime, this convicted murderer poses a great risk to society and does not deserve the right to freedom.

Although commitment offense is now rarely considered by the Board during parole hearings, it is hoped you will think about this murderer's victim, Lora Ann Sinner, and take into consideration Rubio's unconscionable act of violence.

Please help Lora Sinner's family and friends from being victimized again by keeping her murderer behind bars where he belongs. Deny parole to convicted murderer, Francisco Eric Rubio, for the *maximum time* allowed by State of California law.

Your consideration is sincerely appreciated.

(NAME/SIGNATURE)

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Quote of the Month



"Elections belong to the people. It's their decision. If they decide to turn their back on the fire and burn their behinds, then they will just have to sit on their blisters."

—Abraham Lincoln

Silence is Not Golden

California voters will once again be facing critical choices this November. Jerry Brown's term as Governor is ending. The reckless and dangerous legislation he has engineered can only be corrected by electing representatives who will act in our best interest. No longer can we accept passive representatives who complain behind closed doors and then neglect to **publicly** voice opposition to legislation that is harmful and dangerous to the citizens of our great state.

Do you know who your elected California State Assemblymen and California State Senators are? (**Google: www.assembly.ca.gov and www.senate.ca.gov**). Visit their office, write letters, telephone their office and demand they represent your district and do not blindly follow the

current governor's "soft on crime" agenda. Demand they **publicly voice opposition** to legislation that is not in the best interest of the district he/she represents. Make it known that standing on the sidelines is no longer acceptable. Remind them you have a vote, your family has a vote, your friends have a vote, your fellow members of the Moose Lodge have a vote, Rotary has a vote, PTA has a vote and victim advocacy organizations, i.e., Citizens Against Homicide also have a vote.

California politicians are elected to represent "**WE THE PEOPLE**". If they are failing in this regard, it is our responsibility to employ their replacements with our votes.

No longer will SILENCE be acceptable. SILENCE IS NOT GOLDEN.

HISTORY of CAH



1994

- **April:** Jan and Jane file papers to start CAH with the seed money from CCPOA by way of Don Novey.
- **CAH's first case.** The murder of Lee Sansum's sister (Abby Niebauer) was initially ruled an "accident". With our help, COD was changed to "murder". There was an arrest and a First Degree Murder conviction. The murderer (James Niebauer) died in prison.
- **July:** Jan works with Dan Lungren and Senator Bob Dole on Victims issues.
- **December:** CAH's first billboard was for the murder of Jacque MacDonald's daughter, Debi Whitlock. Because of this billboard, a tip resulted in the murderer being extradited, tried and convicted. The murderer remains incarcerated today.

1997

- **June:** Jane receives the Witness of the Year Award.
- **October:** Jan receives the Doris Tate Award for Outstanding Service for Crime Victims.

1999

- **March:** The book *Citizen Jane* is written by James Dalessandro with David Mehnert and published by Penguin Books.

2003

- **June:** CAH hosts a fund-raising cruise to Russia.
- **August:** David Hines speaks to CAH sharing information about his victims group in England.

2006

- Jane received the Minerva Award presented by Maria Shriver during Arnold Schwarzenegger's term as Governor.
- **October:** CAH facilitates the first full color reward billboards (12) installed throughout Fresno County featuring a \$50,000 Governor's Reward for the unsolved homicides of Gene and Shellie's Cousin and husband - Angie and Roy Woodley.
- **December:** Phillip Woodley is arrested for the murders of his father and stepmother (Roy and Angie Woodley). He is convicted of first degree murder and receives two consecutive life sentences without parole.

2011

- **January:** CAH facilitates *America's Most Wanted* airing of "The Lovers Lane Killings" (the 1990 unsolved homicides of Andy Atkinson and Cheryl Henry - Houston, TX).
- **October:** Shellie, Gene, Eryn and Jan attend a conference in Colorado Springs hosted by the Families of Homicide Victims and Missing Persons.
- **October:** CAH attends a cruise with fiction and nonfiction mystery writers.

2017

- **January:** Jan receives a Jefferson award.
- **March:** Multiple reward billboards (28) were put up all over the State of CA for the Veronica Perotti (Butte County) and Michele Kirkoven (Oroville Police Dept.) cases.

2018 cont.

- **May:** Kick off for CAH's Domestic Violence Documentary with the first of many interviews to come. Demaris Learson is the Videographer/Photographer.

1995

- **February:** The billboard for Jackie McDonald's daughter was publicized on the Pathway bus company in Modesto.
- **March:** The billboard for the reward of Robbin Brandley was distributed by Pizza Hut through 67,000 deliveries in Southern California.
- **April:** CAH held a local North Bay Victims Memorial at St Sylvester's Church in San Rafael.

1996

- **March:** CAH cohosted a three day cruise of victims groups.
- **August:** Thomas O'Donnell is found guilty of the murder of Jane's aunt, finally!

1998

- **April:** The Victims Voice, originated and hosted by Jacque MacDonald, is expanded to multiple counties. She had her own radio and TV show until 2013.

2001

- Jane and Jan host a fund-raising cruise on the Mexican Riviera.

2002

- CAH hosts a fund-raising cruise to Hawaii.

2004

- **June:** Jane and Jan speak at the N.E.V.A conference in England as the guests of David Hines.

2008

- The book *Citizen Jane* is reprinted by James Dalessandro and CAH.

2009

- **August:** The unsolved homicide case of Steven Watkins is solved as a result of CAH's involvement with Hallmark during the production stages of *Citizen Jane*. Media/Social pressure resulted in local law enforcement conducting a long overdue thorough investigation. Shirley Skinner (ex-wife's grandmother) is convicted of first degree Murder in 2010.

2010

- The movie *Citizen Jane* is produced by Hallmark Channel Original starring Ally Sheedy and Meat Loaf Adary. Hallmark also reprints the book *Citizen Jane* at the time of the release of the movie.
- Jan receives award from Governor Pete Wilson.

2013

- **April:** CAH holds a Victims Awareness Conference in Las Vegas.

2016

- **April:** Jan speaks at the "Intro to Law Enforcement" class at local Indian Valley Campus, College of Marin.

2018

- **February:** Arrow Media of London interviews Gene Cervantes. As a result of the CAH reward billboard program the solved homicide of Angie and Roy Woodley will be featured in the documentary *The Devil Speaks*, airing September 2018.

The Time to Act is Now!

With November fast approaching, the need to act is becoming more and more critical. Jerry Brown, Governor of California, commuted sentences for twenty (20) convicted murderers serving Life Without Parole sentences. He has previously commuted the life sentences of 62 convicted felons and pardoned over eleven hundred criminals. “The sad reality is, California is not a VICTIM-friendly state. It’s an offender-friendly state”, Patricia Wenskunas, founder of Crime Survivors Resource Center, told the Washington Post. Jerry Brown is the final decision maker on all Board of Parole Hearings rulings and sadly he has approved parole for over 2,300 convicted MURDERERS serving a life sentence.

There are those who praise Brown for what he has done. They believe “there is wisdom in having the possibility of hope (of being

released). Unfortunately, these supporters fail to recognize, or simply don’t care, that the victims of these convicted murderers no longer have hope for LIFE again; they are dead forever. Dead forever because someone made a personal choice to commit murder. Fortunately, for the Brown agenda proponents, they have not had to walk a mile in a murder victim’s shoes—perhaps, then we would have the justice we so rightly deserve. Perhaps then policy decisions would be more balanced and not so blatantly in favor of the offender.

California is in grave peril of self-destruction unless our elected representatives resist Jerry Brown’s (and his followers alike) “soft on crime” philosophy. The time for change is now. November gives us the opportunity to use our vote wisely. It is time to make the safety of our communities a priority over

the unprecedented and perpetual release of convicted murderers. Gavin Newsom has shown a propensity not only to follow in Brown’s footsteps, but a drive to further bolster the “soft on crime” agenda.

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Parole Hearing Results

Gregory Coates—Parole Hearing Date—May 2018

Denied! Governor Brown reversed parole decision

Edward Preciado-Nuno—Parole Hearing Date—July 19, 2018

Parole denied!