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A non-profit, public benefits organization serving families and friends of homicide victims.



LACEY CLAIRE GAINES

www.LaceyGaines.com

By Lacey's Aunt Cherry Gaines Simpson

This is my beloved niece Lacey Gaines. She was murdered just 6 days after her 20th birthday on Dec 7, 2009 in her apartment in Justice, IL. She was strangled with a cord and her throat was cut with a 10" kitchen knife. No forced entry, no robbery, no sexual assault, no defensive wounds. Her murder left her infant son without a mother and her family in possible danger. There have been no arrests in her case.

Lacey grew up among the cornfields of Grant Park, IL. She was a polite and kindhearted little girl with a sense of humor. She attended a Lutheran Day School and went to France as part of a student exchange program. She spoke fluent Spanish.

When she was 15 yrs old (under the legal age of consent) she met and began a sexual relationship with a Latino man who was 10 years older than she. A baby was born and she lived with the father for a time. But then Lacey began calling me and telling me she was being abused. I advised her to go to the shelter, see a therapist, get an order of protection, and make police reports. She did all these things.

She met and began a relationship with another Latino man. She moved to the Sunset Apt in Justice in the spring of 2009. Just a short time prior to her murder she asked her father if she could move back home. Unfortunately she was found

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Our
Next Meeting
will be on
Sunday,
July 12,
2015

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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 monthly meetings on the second Sunday of each month at 302 4th Street, San Rafael, CA. The monthly meeting starts at 10:00 a.m. We encourage anyone interested to attend meetings.

A Few Words From Jan

We are half way through 2015 and, as I reflect on my expectations, I realize many things simply did not happen in the first part of the year. My plan was to simplify things in my personal life. As we grow older, we find ourselves asking... is this/that needed; is there an easier way of record-keeping; how can I get better organized; how can I be more efficient; how can I eat healthier; how can CAH reach more victims; how can we develop more ways for getting our CAH message across? What has actually happened is that I have experienced the loss of too many friends who personally have meant so much to me. Some I have written about in prior newsletters and others I have not mentioned. The latter have lived wonderful and fulfilling lives and I always wish I had had one more conversation or had taken some notes when the subject of their younger years came up. Some were my peers and I wonder why we did not spend more time together. The answer is easy... we believed we had more time.

Each loss was a personal loss for my family. Ordinary people who did many

notable things that were not written about, but are etched in our memories. They were good people who made the lives of others better in some way or another.

The people who make the world a worse place by the terrible things they do make headlines in our newspapers and are the lead story on the evening news. It seems the more power one has, the more he/she is allowed to get away with. The lack of consequences for wrongdoing is epidemic. There are hundreds of you reading this newsletter who lost a family member or friend to murder. How much press did this generate? Was there extensive television coverage? Our governors and mayors of our states and cities have stopped investigations of hundreds of cases... why? The stories and lies given as answers simply do not make sense.

Today, when someone kills, they do not say "He murdered those people, he must pay the price of life in prison or death". No, rather they look to some other cause, then the crazy talk starts. Guns are bad, a

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A Few Words from Jan—*cont. from page 2*

flag is bad, his education was not enough, he was misunderstood, he did not have a job, someone bullied him. The real question should be... did he commit the murders? Yes, there were many witnesses to this act of murder. If guilty, he needs to go to prison forever or be put to death, whichever is determined by the judge or jury. This is what is known as TRUTH IN SENTENCING.

Only photos of victims should be shown and only the voices of the victims' families should be heard. The crazy talk on television and radio, as well as the print in newspapers should stop placing blame where it does not belong. Look to that murderer and accept who he became and the choices he made. Did he have

religion in his life, was he raised with values and taught respect for God, family and his fellow man? Was he taught to be responsible for himself, was he aware that there are consequences for illegal behavior?

As I write these words, the 31st anniversary of the murder of my daughter is upon us. A case that is still unsolved in spite of veteran homicide detectives, who say "If given the time and money, it could be solved". This case, my case, is one of thousands in the United States that is left unsolved due to bad politics. We need to find a way to put people into public office who care about victim rights and who are willing to do the right thing. I have been preaching this same message for

many years and clearly only a few are hearing me. I will continue to write that someday soon the "right thing" will be done. The right thing is to replace convicted murderers as a focal point with victims and victim rights. Victims must be given greater priority by our governors and legislature.

I hope and pray the remaining months of 2015 end on a much happier note. I want to reconnect with many friends and family, even if it is "just to say hi".

I will keep fighting the fight through the efforts of CAH... please stand with me.

—Hugs, Jan



Help Save the Next Girl

July 2015 Missing Person Case • Carol Ann Smith

Age 37 at Disappearance
White Female; 5'7"; 119 lbs.
Brown, short, cropped hair
Green eyes; Pierced ears

Investigating Agency:
Roanoke County Police Department

Missing since June 6, 1994—Roanoke, Virginia (Roanoke County)

Carol was last seen watering the flowers at her home in Roanoke, Virginia on the morning of June 6, 1994. Her family has not heard from her since. What happened to Carol?

Carol would not have willingly left her two young children. There has been no activity on her bank account since she was last seen.

Carol wears a plain, gold wedding band. She has no known physical marks, scars, birthmarks or tattoos.



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MISSING

Carol Ann Smith

37 Years Old
Richards Blvd.
Roanoke, VA
since
June 6, 1994
Please Contact
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<https://www.facebook.com/missingcarolannsmith?fref=ts>

Lacey Claire Gaines—cont. from page 1



murdered shortly after making that request. My mother called and told me Lacey had been found murdered. It was a horrible shock.

Lacey was a treasured daughter, a close sister, a tender mother, an unforgettable niece, a generous cousin, and a forever friend. She was unique, full of life and laughter, she had a spirit which could not be broken, it was a light she let shine brightly. She still shines ever brighter in our hearts and in Heaven.

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By Lacey's cousin Adam Oestmann

Trust me when I tell you that my cousin Lacey was different from you and I. Most of us funnel through life operating every aspect our daily routine taking for granted the people we love. We usually never think, until it's too late, that at any moment somebody we care about could be taken away from us. We tend to not always say what's in our hearts and we procrastinate because we naturally assume that we have all the time in the world...

When I first heard the news that Lacey was killed my mind went blank. I didn't know what to think, how to react or how to feel. I was in shock. A short time later the reality of what had happened and the sadness in my heart was all too present. I immediately began to think of all the times I was supposed to call Lacey and didn't; the time I was supposed to take her to that concert and canceled; the times I argued with her and never apologized...

Lacey, on the other hand, always seemed to say what was on her mind. She was a REAL person. If Lacey liked you, you knew it. If Lacey didn't like you, you knew it. She was not afraid to be herself and I loved that about her.

I remember the first time Lacey met my wife. We were just dating at the time and the first thing Lacey said to her was, "...that is my cousin Adam, you better not do anything to hurt him!" Here was my little cousin, 7 years younger than me, being protective of me. It made me laugh but in my heart I admired her ability to be so honest. For a moment, I found myself looking up to her. The truth is Lacey was just joking but that memory always stuck with me and it certainly made an impression on my wife.

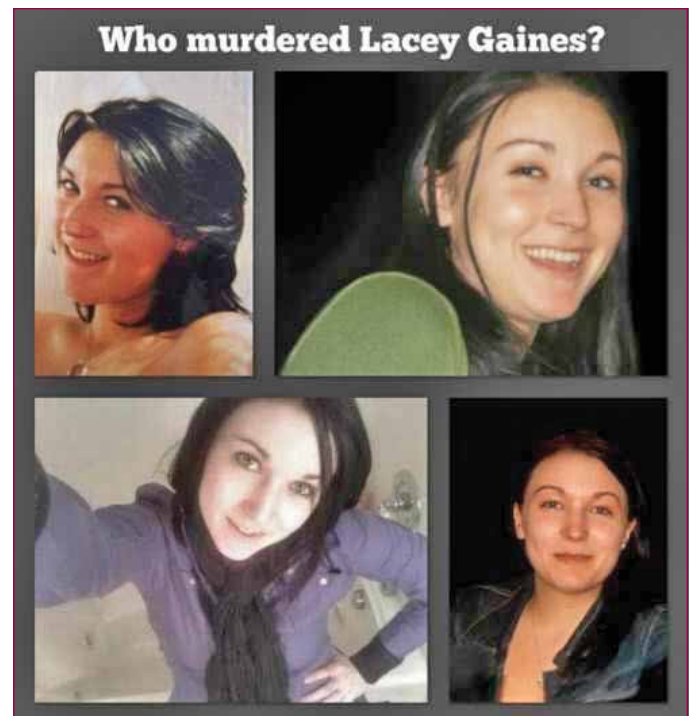
Lacey had a tremendous heart, and an infectious smile. She put everyone around her before herself and often times neglected her own needs to help the people she loved. She had the ability to live her life with more sincerity than most of us ever will. She was true to herself, true to her family and true to her faith.

I don't think about my regrets anymore because I know Lacey wouldn't want me to. I just remember the friend that I lost for who she was. I pray for justice and peace for my family. I know that Lacey has that peace where she is now.

Lacey had the ability to bring joy to my heart and a smile to my face. She still does...

To learn more about Lacey go to: <http://www.LaceyGaines.com>.

If anyone has information about the murder of Lacey Gaines, please contact the Justice Police Department—Investigations Unit at (708) 458-2191.



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Remember together we CAN make a difference

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Win a one-week stay at one of these beautiful resorts:

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pools (one heated), an activities
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CAH GRAND PRIZE DRAWING AUGUST 7, 2015

Drawing to be held at our Charity
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Note: Date and location of these
one-week vacations cannot be changed for
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You need not be present to win.

Suggested Donation \$5.00

CAH Special Grand Prize Drawing • August 7, 2015

SEDONA, AZ: 2/5/2016–2/12/2016 • HILTON HEAD, SC: 5/7/2016–5/14/2016
BREWSTER, MA: 5/6/2016–5/13/2016

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Suggested Donation: \$5.00 each or 5 tickets for \$20.00

Tickets must be received at the CAH address by no later than August 1, 2015

Return tickets and/or donation to: CAH The UPS Store • 369-B Third Street, Box 303 • San Rafael, CA 94901

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Citizens Against Homicide Charity Golf Tournament
PMB #321
Mail Box Etc.
336 Bon Air Center
Greenbrae, CA 94904

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Craig Simpson, Convicted Murderer, Paroled!

To: CAH

You ran my daughter, Jacquelyn Pages Simpson's story several times in your newsletter back in the 90's. And I don't recall if I let you know, but Craig Simpson, who in 1992, beat my daughter, Jacquelyn Simpson to death with a claw hammer while she was sleeping, was paroled on 4/30/15.

He served only 21 years of a 15-to-life sentence. Both Elizabeth Egan (former Fresno D.A.) and the current D.A., Lisa Smittcamp, wrote Gov. Brown asking him NOT TO PAROLE Simpson, since he has never taken responsibility for what he did and they consider him a danger to society, especially to women.

I totally agree with that, especially since women may be taken in by his mild manner, good looks and college education.

He will report to a parole officer in L.A. County once a month and is not allowed to contact me or even come to Fresno County, but who keeps track of that I wonder and what's to prevent him from coming anyway??

The justice system in CA is definitely broken when killers have more rights than victims! I was told by a member of the parole board that the law has changed and it no longer matters what he did to get into prison, it only matters if he "behaves" while he's in there. How ridiculous is that?! Of course he's going to behave, he's a killer but he's not stupid!!!!

Anyway, maybe you could publish this letter so other families can be prepared for what may happen to killers of their family members.

And, in spite of it, I will continue to live my life as I have for the past 20+ years without letting him ruin it or me in spite of his terrible brutal act!

And to all who may be going through this ordeal, stay strong and carry on!
YOU CAN DO IT!

Marilyn Pages

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CAH Response

Good Morning, Marilyn,

So very good to hear from you, but so very disappointed with the news that Craig Keith Simpson was actually granted a parole date. Every day, we find ourselves desperately fighting a battle to keep convicted murderers in prison where they belong; a battle of which victims' families should not be subjected. You are correct, commitment offense, no matter how heinous the act, can no longer be a consideration for parole suitability. As a result, we find ourselves desperately grasping for any shred of justice. The justice victims' families once recognized, now sits in the laps of convicted killers. How could this ever happen? Because of California's current administration, victim rights is admittedly on a slippery slope.

CAH remains committed and more determined than ever. We will never give up the fight for the rights of victims.

Thanks so much for contacting CAH, Marilyn. Your letter will definitely be featured in our July 2015 Newsletter.

—Warmest Hugs,
Shellie

Parole Denied for Convicted Murderer, Raymond Culp

From the family of Kandy Sue VanDyke

Just received word that Raymond Culp was DENIED PAROLE!

The family of Kandy Sue VanDyke would like to send a Big Thank You from the bottom of our hearts. This really means a lot to us that he has been denied and not eligible again until 2020! Your moment you took out of your day to sign this petition helped and made a difference!

Thank you all again from her children & grandchildren
Melissa, Curtis, Tonya
Lacey, Curtis, Angela, David,
and Amber

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.

Sacramento Violent Crime Rises Nearly 25 Percent in 2015

By Richard Chang and Phillip Reeserchang@sacbee.com

A spike in assaults and robberies caused violent crime in Sacramento to increase nearly 25 percent during the first five months of the year.

But the increase—which follows a historic low number of homicides in 2014—doesn't necessarily point to a yearlong trend for the city, law enforcement officials and experts say.

Crime data from the Sacramento Police Department shows aggravated assaults rose by 177 to 958, an increase of 23 percent in the first five months of 2015 compared with the same period in 2014. Robberies rose to 482 from 391 during the same period last year, an increase of 23 percent. Reported rapes increased to 46, up from 29, a 59 percent increase over the same period last year. There were 19 homicides in the city, compared to 15 in 2014, a 27 percent increase.

Sgt. Doug Morse, a Sacramento police spokesman, cautioned that the small sample provides only a snapshot of crime in the city. Violent crime in the

city has fallen during six of the last seven years and, at the end of 2014, stood at the lowest level in decades.

He joins others in law enforcement advising against alarm at the early increase.

“It’s not statistically significant to zoom in on that first few months,” Morse said. “If we get along throughout the year, we’re going to see the percentage drop.”

Because the numbers are small, the percentage gains can be misleading, Morse said, noting that the four additional homicides this year represent an outsized percentage when accounting for the 15 total homicides during the same period in 2014. William Vizzard, professor emeritus of criminal justice at Sacramento State, agrees that any increase, at this point, can be considered negligible.

“Don’t draw any great conclusions from five months,” he said. “You may be chasing ghosts. Crime rates are indicative over the long run.”

Vizzard said the rise in robberies is probably most significant, even in the small data set. Robberies involving commercial business owners are seen as a reliable indicator of crime, given the high reporting rates.

Morse said the crimes are not limited to particular neighborhoods. He said the department is using social media websites like Nextdoor.com to spread the word about crime and prevention techniques. The agency also allows residents to use the William J. Kinney police station for Craigslist transactions in a bid to prevent robberies.

“They’ve subsided a lot due to our community engagement,” Morse said of robberies involving sellers and buyers who use the sales website.

Crime data collected by the Sacramento County Sheriff’s Department for the first four months of 2015 present a similar picture. While rapes and murders are down, robberies and aggravated assaults edged up slightly.

Robberies in areas policed by the Sheriff’s Department increased to 338 from 276, while assaults hit 718, up from 634. Data for the month of May were not yet available.

Former Sacramento County Sheriff John McGinness attributed the growth in crime to Proposition 47 and the policy of realignment. Passed by voters in 2014, Proposition 47 changed certain offenses from felonies to misdemeanors, including shoplifting and grand theft. Realignment has resulted in the release of inmates because of overcrowding in county jails.

Crime Trending Up

Violent crime in the city of Sacramento increased by almost 25 percent during the first five months of the year as compared to the same period of 2014.

Violent Crime	Jan. to May		Change	
	2014	2015		
Homicide	15	19	27%	
Rape	29	46	59%	
Robbery	391	482	23%	
Aggravated Assault	781	958	23%	
Property Crime				
Burglary	1,315	1,460	11%	
Larceny	4,087	4,050	-1%	
Motor Vehicle Theft	923	1,156	25%	

Source: Sacramento Police Department

WE DID IT!!!!

Justice for Mike Morganti



Jun 27, 2015—Governor Brown issued his decision to BLOCK PAROLE for the murderer of Mike Morganti! Because of you! Because of your calls,

letters, emails and your hearts! Mike and his family will rest easier tonight because you cared enough to get involved. Thank you doesn't seem enough. But THANK YOU!! Here is the conclusion of Governor Brown's decision:

Brown's Decision: Conclusion

I have considered the evidence in the record that is relevant to whether Mr. Weidert is currently dangerous. When considered as a whole, I find the evidence shows that he currently poses an unreasonable danger to society if released from prison. Therefore, I reverse the decision to parole Mr. Weidert.

Decision Date: June 26, 2015

Edmund G. Brown Jr.
Governor, State of California

Quote of the Month



"We must reject the idea that every time a law is broken, society is guilty rather than the law breaker. It is time to restore the American precept that each individual is accountable for his actions."

—Ronald Reagan

Unclaimed Restitution

English

Were you the victim of a crime and the court ordered you restitution? The California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation may have collected money for you. Contact the Office of Victim and Survivor Rights and Services to inquire if you have unclaimed money from a direct order of restitution. To update your address or to obtain additional information, call us toll free at I-877-256-6877.

Spanish

Si usted fue victima de un crimen y la corte le otorgo restitucion, es posible que el Departamento de Correcciones y Rehabilitacion haya recibido dinero a su favor. Llame a la oficina de Victimas y Sobrevivientes para preguntar si usted tiene restitucion que no se haya reclamado. Para obtener mas informacion, llame gratis al I-877-256-6877

The Loss of a Very Dear Friend—

Marilyn Day Kiernan

By Jan Miller

It is with tremendous sadness that I share with you the loss of a very dear and personal friend, Marilyn Day Kiernan. She was a long-time advocate and dedicated member of our Citizens Against Homicide family. She was committed to our cause and freely volunteered her time when and where ever needed. Marilyn was our official greeter at CAH meetings; no one was a stranger and everyone was welcomed with open arms. She contributed many special thoughts and sound ideas that resulted in positive changes for CAH. She had a heart of gold; kind, loving... a perfect example of Humanitarian.



Marilyn and her husband, Patrick, have been neighbors of my husband and me for many years. We stood with them when they married in our home. Marilyn and Patrick were very much a part of my family; sharing in holidays, good times and sad. They watched our children and grandchildren grow.

I speak from my heart (and from the heart of CAH) when I say, “Marilyn, thank you for your love, friendship, dedication and for being an integral part of all our lives. We will always love you and will never forget you”.