



*Join us to make a difference*

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



## George R. "Smitty" Smith & Eva Thompson

Some may remember the heart wrenching unsolved homicides of George R. "Smitty" Smith and Eva Thompson. CAH featured their story (written by Granddaughter, JoAnn Holland) in our June 2003 Newsletter. I will recap a few excerpts in JoAnn's words:

"On Veteran's Day, November 11, 1991, our lives changed forever. On that quiet afternoon, my dear 80-year-old grandmother, Eva Thompson and my wonderful 67-year-old stepfather, George "Smitty" Smith were brutally murdered in their home. My mother, Ann, and Smitty owned a well-known lunch/dinner restaurant in Prunedale, CA near Salinas and Monterey. The restaurant building also functioned as home for all three family members. The restaurant was closed on Veteran's Day, so my mother went out to do some shopping. While my mother was out, a murderer cut the screen in the back door and entered their home/restaurant. Smitty was sitting at his desk...my grandmother confined to her hospital bed in her room. The murderer approached Smitty from behind and slashed his throat; then went to my grandmother's bedroom and slashed her throat as she fought for her life. The primary suspect knew the layout of the building and the motive was robbery.

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

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

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# CITIZENS AGAINST HOMICIDE

## About Us

The majority of our CAH Board Members have lost a loved one to murder. We will never “get over” our tremendous losses, but we do “get through” the grief. Becoming proactive; assisting/supporting families throughout the most difficult time of their lives and guiding them through the complicated criminal justice system. We have joined together to create a voice for families of homicide victims.

## CAH Objectives

- Assist families through the complicated criminal justice system;
- Act as Liaison between families and investigative law enforcement;
- Provide assistance with Parole Opposition Letters;
- Accompany families to parole suitability hearings (when possible);
- Provide trial and courtroom support (when possible);
- Facilitate Reward Billboards (when/where possible);
- Provide information on pending crime legislation

## Protecting Your Own Interests

We cannot prepare for the devastating event that changes our lives forever. We can only react. You will need to know how to deal with the subsequent trial, sentencing and (today) the unavoidable parole hearings. CAH will help you take action to protect your own interests.

If you know of a family or friend who may need our help, please share the information we have provided here.

## 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

I am sharing this from a good friend of mine. This was recently featured in his daily commentary—CHRISMAN COMMENTARY

Remember life is what you make of it and your outlook runs the show... think about this:

Today was the absolute worst day ever	True happiness can be obtained
And don't try to convince me that	Only if one's surroundings are good
There's something good in every day	It's not true that good exists
Because when you take a closer look,	I'm sure you can agree that
This world is a pretty evil place.	The reality
Even if	Creates
Some goodness does shine though once in a while	My attitude
Satisfaction and happiness don't last	It's all beyond my control
And it's not true that	And you'll never in a million years hear me say that
It's all in the mind and heart	Today was a good day
Because	Now read that from the bottom up.

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For advice regarding your individual murder case, 1-209-743-7033  
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# Parole & Clemency Hearings

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

*The family of LaSonia Quinetta Graham is requesting letters of opposition be sent to Governor Gavin Newsom. On August 15, 2024, the Board of Parole Hearings found convicted murderer Reginald Glover suitable for parole. Following is a sample letter which can be copied/pasted. Note: Letters can be emailed to: Parole@GOV.CA.GOV*

(DATE)

Parole Team  
Office of Governor Gavin Newsom  
1021 O Street, Suite 9000  
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: REGINALD GLOVER—  
CDCR #H-56475

Gavin Newsom, Governor,

I am earnestly requesting that you overturn the August 15, 2024, Parole Board decision to grant a parole date to convicted murderer Reginald Glover. On April 25, 1991, Glover senselessly and brutally shot LaSonia Quinetta Graham (age 25) in the back of the head during a robbery attempt, killing her instantly. He was sentenced to 25 years-to-life.

LaSonia was an only child. She was caring, fun-loving, outgoing and brightened the lives of everyone who knew her. She had so many wonderful plans for the future. Heaven only knows all she could have accomplished in her lifetime.



and must accept the consequences of his actions. LaSonia had so much to offer this world and she will never get the opportunity; she is gone forever. Therefore, Reginald Glover does not deserve a second chance or the privilege of freedom.

Please deny parole to convicted murderer Reginald Glover for the maximum time allowed by State of California law.

Thank you for your consideration.

(YOUR NAME)

Reginald Glover must be held accountable for his personal choice to execute an innocent young woman

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

The Office of Victim and Survivor Rights and Services has funds available through a federal grant which allows for reimbursement 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.



# 30th Annual Golf Tournament Fundraiser

On August 2, 2024, Citizens Against Homicide celebrated our 30th year of being in existence with our 30th Annual Fund-Raising Golf Tournament. What a success it was. For the first time EVER, we filled all 124 spots on the course. We sold every item in our Silent Auction, and we had some of the most amazing Foursome costumes.

We cannot thank each and every one of you enough for all your support and your continued support of Citizens Against Homicide. The energy and the love you bring to this event is what encourages us to keep moving in our cause to help family and friends of murder victims.

The beautiful weather topped off the event perfectly; not too hot, not too cold, no crazy winds, and very few airplanes taking off. The food was excellent and the bar tender was prepared!

I paused for a moment to reminisce about the foursomes who have participated in our annual golf tournament every single year since the

beginning, (and who, I am confident, will continue to join us in years to come). Many of us were much younger then and are now most likely enjoying retirement and spending time with family. Time flies, but the love of family and friends just grows and grows. All this love was very much apparent in the energy of the day's event.

- Our 1st place winners in A Flight were LC Collins, Kenin Johnson, Daniel Simpson and Ken Darnell.
- Our 2nd place winners in A Flight were Paul LaRocca, Nick La Rocca, Blake Robert and Kevin McGovern
- Our 3rd place winners in A Flight were David Perotti, Mickey Breen, Matt Jones and Rob Simkins.
- Our 1st place winners in B Flight were Andrew Jarmicki, Travis Cotalano, Mitch MacAdam and Nathan Smalligan.
- Our 2nd place winners in B Flight were Dennis Holmberg, Dennis Holmberg, Jr, Dave Kirtley and Jack Wingett
- Our 3rd place winners in B Flight were Harrison Turner, Will Kroncke, Colm Meenaghan and Sean Costello.

We will try to add some photos of the tournament in this edition of the Newsletter and all things being equal will plan to add all the photos to our website in the next couple of weeks.

A very special THANK YOU to all of our helpers. Some were new to the tournament (like the winner of the Veronica Perotti Memorial Scholarship and her Mom—what troopers they were), and others who have been working every year for 30 years and so many in between. Special recognition and a huge “thank you” goes to Sophia Rodriguez for being our Team Leader for this event. Unfortunately, due to unforeseen circumstances, Sophia had to leave the event before I could introduce her to everyone and offer a proper thank you. So, better a little late than never—“Sophia, thank you for all your hard work, great ideas and enthusiasm.”

We will see you all again next year!

—Hugs and love,  
Jan



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## George Smith & Eva Thompson

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### UPDATE— CHARGES BROUGHT IN 1991 COLD CASE MURDERS FOR STABBINGS AT SMITH'S RESTAURANT IN PRUNEDALE

Monterey County District Attorney Jeannine M. Pacioni announced on July 16, 2024, that Ira Ulyesses Bastian, age 85 and a current resident of Fresno, has been charged with the cold-case murders of 67-year-old George Smith and his 79-year-old mother-in-law, Eva Thompson.

In 1991, Mr. Smith and his wife Anna owned and lived at Smith's Restaurant, which was located on El Camino Real in Prunedale. Victim Mrs. Thompson was Anna Smith's mother who lived with the couple.

On November 11, 1991, Anna Smith returned home from running errands and discovered that her husband and mother had been brutally stabbed to death. Mrs. Thompson, who was unable to walk, was found slain in her hospital-style bed.

Bastian, then age 52, was a former employee of Smith's Restaurant. He was considered a suspect in the initial investigation, though no arrests were made at the time. The Monterey County Sheriff's Office diligently pursued the case for decades and continued to submit and re-submit items of evidence in the case for newer and more sophisticated DNA

testing. In 2024, an additional round of DNA testing yielded sufficient evidence to support the arrest and filing of criminal charges. Bastian was arrested without incident on July 15.

Bastian is charged with two counts of first-degree murder, with special circumstance allegations that he murdered the victims during the commission of a burglary and that he committed multiple murders. It is also alleged that he personally used a knife in the commission of the killings. If one or more of the special circumstances is found true by a jury, Bastian could potentially face the death penalty or life in prison without the possibility of parole.

In July 2020, District Attorney Jeannine M. Pacioni created the Monterey County District Attorney's Office Cold Case

Task Force, which represents the largest and most comprehensive county-wide effort to investigate, solve and prosecute cold-case homicides in Monterey County. Since the creation of the Cold Case Task Force, many cases have been solved. Funding from a U.S. Department of Justice grant enabled the Cold Case Task Force to seek justice in this case.

Anyone who has information about Ira Bastian or the murders of George Smith and Eva Thompson is encouraged to contact District Attorney Investigator Oliver Minnig.

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*Note: We are familiar of the quote "Justice delayed is justice denied." Today, after almost 33 years, we can now appreciate justice for George and Eva. —Shellie Cervantes*

## 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 CDCR toll free at 1-877-256-6877 or visit <https://unclaimedrestitution.cdcr.ca.gov/>.

### Spanish

Si usted fue víctima 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 1-877-256-6877 o visitar <https://unclaimedrestitution.cdcr.ca.gov/>.

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## More Golf Tournament Photos

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