



## Garland Atkinson

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By Shellie Cervantes

During the almost 20 years of our victim advocacy journey, Gene and I have had the blessed opportunity to assist and become friends with countless families of homicide victims. Rarely do we speak of these special friendships, however, today will be the exception.

Gene and I “met” Garland Atkinson the beginning of 2010. He reached out to us regarding the unsolved double homicide of his son, Andy and girlfriend, Cheryl Henry (the “Lovers Lane Killings”). Citizens Against Homicide featured their tragic story in our CAH October 2010 Newsletter. There was an instant connection with Garland; his strong, friendly North Carolina accent, stellar sense of humor and an unrelenting determination for justice—something he wanted so badly before “leaving this earth.”

On October 17, 2024, our friend Garland passed away and sadly justice for Andy and Cheryl was not realized. Garland, Denny Griffin (Retired Police Officer and celebrated Author) and Gene made numerous contacts over the years with law enforcement agencies and individuals who they had hoped would help with the investigation. However, they were always confronted with local investigative roadblocks. These three men wholeheartedly believed this case was (and still is) solvable.

Gene reminisces often about the many conversations he had with Garland, which covered a variety of subject matter; sports, politics, etc. Garland often referred to Gene as his “Brother from the West Coast” and the feeling was mutual. We will continue his quest for justice.

In his honor, we are once again featuring Garland’s last article about his son’s case.

Our Next Meeting  
will be on Saturday,  
March 8th  
9:30 a.m.

Meetings will be held on the  
second Saturday every other  
month at Contempo Marin

Community Center,  
400 Yosemite Rd.,  
San Rafael, CA 94901

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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

A very big and heartfelt HELLO to all our CAH members and readers.

The new year is in full swing and I am feeling more energized than I have been in many years. My goal is to share with you some of what has energized me and hopefully then you will also want to get involved.

Let's start with our 2024 Golf Tournament. As I previously shared, we sold out the course and made enough money to take care of CAH's yearly expense for another year. That was the good news! The unfortunate news is that we literally broke even on the cost of the tournament. As a board, we decided NOT to raise the fee for the tournament. Thus, the profit came from the auction, the grand prize, other prizes and sponsorships. At the end of last year's tournament, we received an unexpected donation of stock that was an immediate Godsend to one of our projects. A special THANK YOU!

Let's talk about our 2025 Golf Tournament

## SAVE THE DATE

FRIDAY, AUGUST 1ST AT ROOSTER RUN GOLF CLUB, PETALUMA

Our costs have continued to increase; however, we are again choosing not to raise prices. This means we will be depending heavily on profits from the auction, grand prize, other prizes and sponsorships to keep CAH moving forward smoothly. I encourage all of you, and your friends and family to purchase opportunity tickets and to become sponsors. We offer a wide range of sponsorship amounts. The opportunity ticket purchases are most successful when we have a large variety of unique and wonderful items to offer.

I am hoping you will all take my words to heart. The most creative and imaginative baskets/items will contribute to the success of this fundraiser. For example, if you have a vacation rental or holiday home near a popular vacation destination and would be willing to donate an extended weekend/week stay to CAH as an auction or grand

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## Officers

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E-Mail: vctmsmurdr@aol.com  
Website: www.citizensagainsthomicide.org

## CAH Victim Advocate:

For advice regarding your individual murder case, 1-209-743-7033  
cahadvocate@yahoo.com

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# Parole & Clemency Hearings

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

*The family of Aron Hagan is requesting our help in keeping his murderer (Dexter Terrell Coleman) in prison where he belongs. Following is a sample parole opposition letter for copy/paste/signature purposes. Please email letters to: BPH. CorrespondenceUnit@cdcr.ca.gov*

*Thank you for your support.*

(DATE)

Board of Parole Hearings  
P.O. Box 4036  
Sacramento, CA 95812-4036  
Email: B  
PH.CorrespondenceUnit@cdcr.ca.gov

ATTN: Pre-Hearing Correspondence  
RE: Dexter Terrell Coleman—  
CDCR# E48016  
Parole Hearing Date: March 25, 2025

Dear Chairman  
and Parole Board Member,

Please DO NOT grant a parole date to convicted murderer, Dexter Terrell Coleman. On September 20, 1988, Coleman brutally murdered Aron Hagan,



while in the commission of robbing him of his vehicle. Coleman shot Aron three (3) times; once in the head, once in the neck and once in the back. Coleman then left his lifeless body slumped in the front seat, bleeding to death.

On March 25, 2025, Aron Hagan's family must, once again, relive the tremendously painful events that led to his brutal and senseless murder. Coleman's violent and heinous actions not only took Aron's life, but changed the lives of his family forever. Due to his complete disregard for human life, lack of conscience/remorse and sense of entitlement, justice demands this convicted murderer be denied parole. Coleman made a personal

choice to execute an innocent young man for personal gain and must continue to accept the consequences of his actions. Aron Hagan does not get a second chance to live; he is gone forever at the hands of Dexter Coleman. Therefore, Dexter Coleman does not deserve a second chance or the privilege of freedom. He must remain in prison, so that he can never again harm another innocent human being.

I respectfully request you review this matter and come to the same conclusion that Aron Hagan's family has maintained since his brutal and senseless murder. One cannot help but question, what kind of a person would murder a man for his car? Today, the only people serving life sentences are those who have lost loved ones to murder. Please deny parole to convicted murderer, Dexter Terrell Coleman, for the maximum time allowed by State of California law.

Thank you for your consideration.

(NAME/SIGNATURE)

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prize item —this would be amazing. Last week one of our members offered a round of golf at the Olympic Club (this will be a very HOT item). We also received a donation of golf lessons from a very inspiring young lady. I will share these items on our website as inspiration for donation ideas, as well as to generate interest in our fundraiser.

I would like to share with you what we are currently working on at CAH. By the very nature of our existence, our efforts focus on assisting families of murder victims by advocating for truth in sentencing and parole oppositions, as well as working with law enforcement/DA offices as liaisons for the families.

We are working on different avenues to promote our domestic violence documentary, "Left in the Dark."

Since domestic violence, in too many cases, is a precursor to murder, it is of utmost importance that we get this documentary moving forward. "Left in the Dark" can save lives.

We are also working with Retired Homicide Detective, Steve Nash on some of his unsolved DNA cases in California and Nevada. We will keep you posted on the progress of this endeavor.

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# Help Cheryl and Andy

By Andy's Father, Garland Atkinson

On June 20, 1990, this suspect (see composite sketch below) brutally raped a woman returning to her boyfriend's house on Terra Cotta in Northwest Houston after working at GiGi's that night.

The man wore a fishnet stocking over his face, black gloves, a dark shirt and pants that matched, possibly a uniform. He held a long-barreled handgun in his left hand.

The man taunted her, putting the gun to her head and cocking it. He bound her hands behind her back with gray duct tape before taking cash from her purse. Then he duct-taped her eyes and mouth shut, threw her on the bed and shoved a bag or pillowcase over her head.

He became very vulgar with her while he was raping her, and he told her she



wasn't very observant, that he had a military uniform, which was probably him trying to throw her off the fact that he might have had a security guard uniform on.

After he finished, the man ordered the woman to lie on the floor and not move. "I may be in the house for an hour or for five minutes," he said.

The woman later discovered he had disconnected the phone and put the receiver under the mattress.

When Sgt. Mike Miller of the Houston Police Department tracked the woman down in Galveston County, she still remembered her attacker's features through the fishnet stocking. In 2008, she described him for Lois Gibson, HPD's forensic artist.

She said he was a white man in his late 20's to mid-30's, about 6 feet tall and 180 pounds with brown hair, brown eyes a possible mustache and olive skin.

On August 22, 1990, just off of Eldridge and Enclave in West Houston, known to local high

schoolers as "Lovers Lane", the same suspect used rope to tie up Cheryl Henry (age 22). He brutally raped and murdered her and bound 21-year-old Andy Atkinson's hands around a tree nearby and cut his head almost completely off.

The composite sketch shows what he looked like in 1990 on the left and age progression on the right from 2008. We know there are other victims. I still think he's out there and he is who he is—a rapist and killer. He still could be doing this today.

Someone out there recognizes this murderer/rapist. Someone out there worked with him, went to school with him, is related to him and may even be known by the Houston Police Department. PLEASE SHARE!

Any tips are confidential and should be directed to Citizens Against Homicide at [cahadvocate@yahoo.com](mailto:cahadvocate@yahoo.com).

The families of Cheryl Henry and Andy Atkinson, in addition to the other victims and their families, will not stop seeking justice.



## Quote of the Month



*Be the things you loved most about the people who are gone.*

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ATTN: Pre-Hearing Correspondence  
P.O. Box 4036  
Sacramento, CA 95812-4036  
Email:  
bph.correspondenceunit@cdcr.ca.gov

RE: Joseph Lee Daily—CDC# K-06244  
Parole Hearing Date: March 26, 2025

Dear Chairman  
and Parole Board Member,

Please DO NOT grant a parole date to convicted murderer, Joseph Lee Daily. On May 5, 1995, Joseph Daily brutally and senselessly beat his own infant son, Tristan Thomas Daily, seven (7) weeks old. Little Tristan died a terribly slow and horrific death as the result of head trauma, when his father repeatedly slammed his head against the wall. He then deserted Tristan's unconscious little body on the floor. A neighbor called 911 and when paramedics arrived, they had to search for Joseph Daily who had fled the family home. According to medical staff at Children's Hospital in San Diego, CA, the blows sustained by Tristan were equivalent to a fall from at least a three-story building. The baby's injuries consisted of multiple fractures; to include the skull, with severe head trauma and brain damage. Tristan remained in the hospital for five (5) days until he succumbed from his injuries on May 9, 1995.

Joseph Daily immediately fled the state, as the coward he is, and was harbored by his family until arrested and extradited back to California for trial. He was convicted of Second Degree Murder and Felony Assault



Against a Child and was sentenced to 15 Years To Life. It was only during his first Parole Suitability Hearing in 2007, that this convicted murderer admitted to being responsible for the death of his infant son; that Tristan was being "punished" for wetting on him during a diaper change.

On March 26, 2025, Tristan Daily's family must, once again, relive the horrendous events that led to his brutal death. Given Joseph Daily's complete disregard for human life, lack of remorse and conscience for brutally beating and killing his own infant son, justice demands this convicted murderer be denied parole. This senseless act of violence, in the murderer's own words, "a punishment", was a personal choice made by Joseph Lee Daily and he must continue to accept the consequences of his actions.

Tristan never had the opportunity to grow, thrive and enjoy life. His beautiful, innocent seven (7) week-old life was brutally snuffed out by the hand of a man who chose brutal violence in lieu of nurturing love and diaper. Therefore, Joseph Daily does not deserve a second chance or the privilege of freedom.

I respectfully request you review this matter and come to the same conclusion that Tristan Daily's family has maintained

since his brutal and senseless murder. One cannot help but question, "what kind of a man could murder his own baby?" Anymore today, the only people serving life sentences are those who have lost loved ones to murder. Please deny parole to convicted murderer, Joseph Lee Daily, for the maximum time allowed by State of California law.

Thank you for your consideration.

(YOUR NAME)

Please send a copy to the victim's family:  
campbell.carri@gmail.com

## Notice of Release Inmate Reginald Glover H56475

Members of Citizens Against  
Homicide:

The Board of Parole granted Reginald  
Glover parole on August 15, 2024.

After serving 32 years for the murder,  
of my daughter, La Sonia Q. Graham,  
Reginald Glover was released from  
prison on January 15, 2025.

I thank you all for your support and  
love you have shown me throughout  
these years.

I thank you all for the opposition  
letters and petitions you have sent  
to the Parole Board throughout  
these years.

God Bless you,  
Pearl Graham  
Mother of LaSonia Q. Graham

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## Words From Jan

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Last, but certainly not least, I would like to share some words of healing I recently came upon. I had heard these words before but was emotionally not in a place where I was able to share them. These words were written by my grandson on the one-year anniversary of the death of his mom from cancer.

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“Today marks one year since I lost the most wonderful person I’ve ever known. Some of those days I ran as fast as I could to stay busy, and the grief was only a fleeting whisper in my mind. Other days it consumed me to a point of paralysis, uselessness. But I found over time that confronting the pain actually left my soul more content. It was only recently that I

found a quote which I was able to put those feelings into words:

*I got some good news, and I got some bad news. Bad news is you're never gonna be the same. You're never gonna be whole, not ever again. You lost her. Nothing's ever going to replace that. Now the good news is, as soon as you accept that, and you let yourself suffer... you allow yourself to visit her in your mind, and you'll remember all the love she gave you, all the joy she knew. Point is, you can't steer from the pain. If you do, you'll rob yourself... You'll rob yourself of every memory of her. Every last one. From her first to her last smile... Just take the pain, you hear me? You take it. It's the only way you'll keep her with you.*

So today, I let those tears flow freely as I reflect on each memory of you:

squeezing us tightly with every goodbye and hello. Singing at the top of our lungs every morning as we drove to school. Scolding us when we'd done something wrong, only to crack a smile as your unconditional love broke through the tough love. You were loved by so many, for so many reasons. And to the many who grieve over loved ones, I only ask that you too take the time to confront grief and open your heart to the pain waiting where those memories lie.

Love you always Mama”

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I hope my grandson's words help you as much as they have helped me.

—Hugs and love coming your way.

Jan