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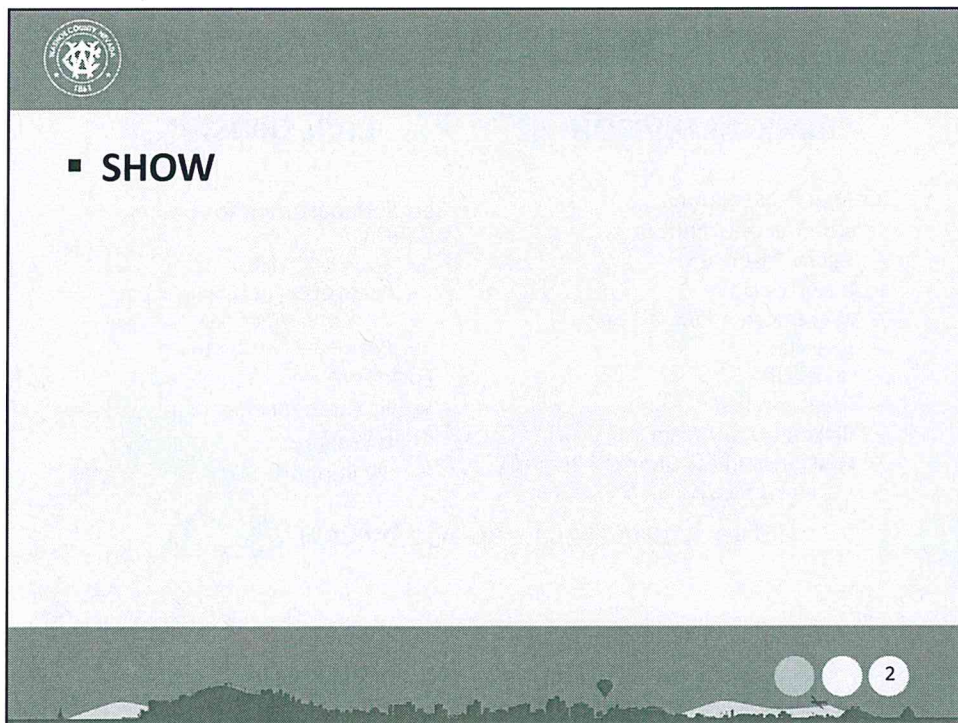
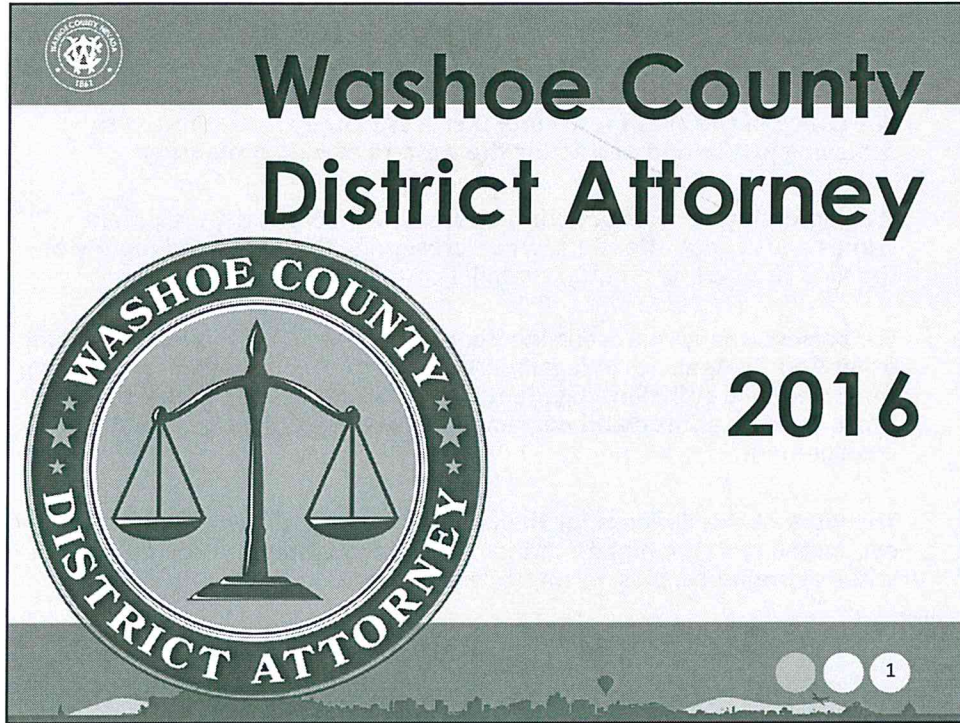
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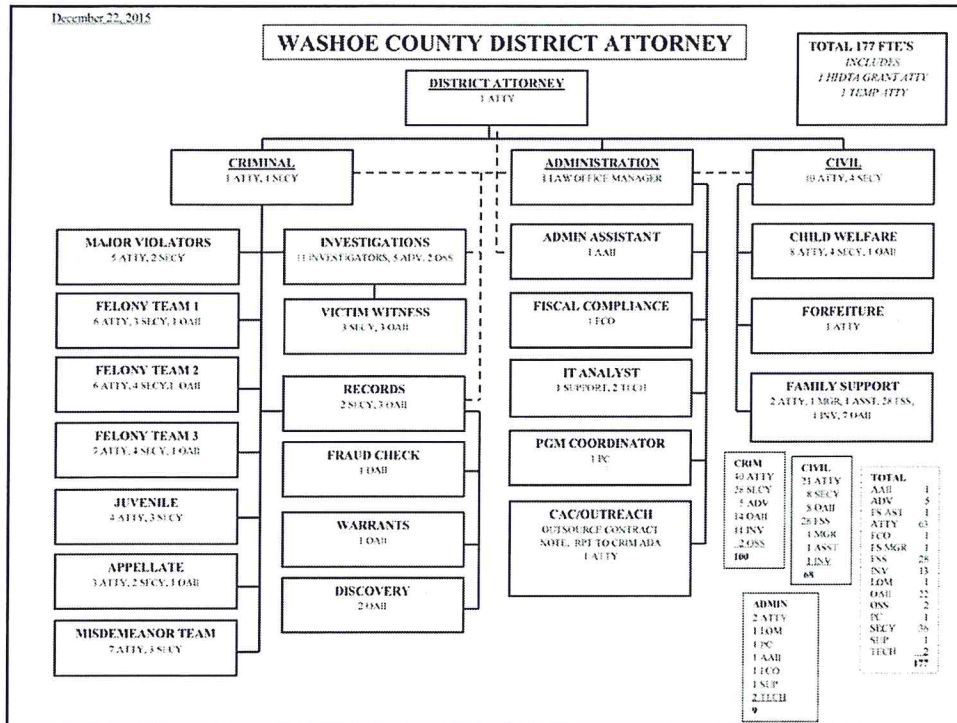
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Child Advocacy Center

The Washoe County Child Advocacy Center opened in 2014 and is comprised of a multi-disciplinary team of prosecutors, law enforcement, medical professionals, counselors, advocates and social workers.

2015


- 700+ Victim interviews conducted
- Prosecutions have increased
- Results have vastly improved
 - 30 life sentences have been handed down for child sexual predators!

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 Washoe County Sheriff's Office
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 Sparks Police Dept
 Washoe County Social Services
 Other local law enforcement agencies

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Pending Murder Charge Against Child Sex Predator Gets Three Life Terms in Prison

Posted: Mar 06, 2015 11:05 AM PST
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From the Washoe County Sheriff's Office

By Pat Thomas | Posted: Wed 12:47 PM, Nov 18, 2015 | Updated: Wed 4:52 PM, Nov 18, 2015









SPARKS, NV - A convicted child sex predator has been sentenced to the point where he will not be eligible for parole for at least 40 years.

55-year-old Craig Blodgett of Sparks was sentenced November 16, 2015 in Washoe County District Court to a three life terms for three counts of sexual offenses against children. Blodgett had pleaded guilty to one count of Sexual Assault of a Child, one count of Lewdness with a Minor Under the Age of 14 and one count of Unlawful Use of A Minor as the Subject of a Sexual Portrayal in a Performance. The sentences will run consecutively.


In announcing the sentence, the Honorable Patrick Flanagan quoted a passage from an impact statement one of the victims wrote: "You deserve to rot in your prison cell until the day you die."

The case began in June 2014 when a young woman reported to police that Blodgett had sexually abused her when she was a child. The incidents of abuse began when the victim was four years old and continued over 12 years. In addition to sexual abuse, Blodgett took pornographic pictures using several cameras he had secretly installed in her bathroom.




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Convicted Stockton Men Sentenced for Murder of Reno Tourist

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From Washoe County

On Wednesday, Feb. 4, Washoe District Judge Scott Freeman imposed a maximum life sentence without parole on Frank Smith for the May 2007 murder of 30-year-old Royce Riley III in downtown Reno. Co-defendant DeJuan Goodlow received a sentence of 40 years to life in prison for his role in Riley's murder.

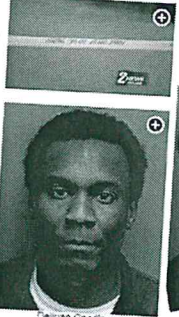

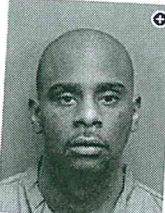
Smith, 36, and Goodlow, 37, were convicted of First Degree Murder, Home Invasion, and Burglary after a jury trial last September. Both men were previously tried and convicted for the same crimes in 2009, however, the convictions were reversed by the Nevada Supreme Court due to improper comments by the trial judge during jury selection. The case was later transferred to Judge Freeman's department for re-trial.


Riley was a tourist visiting Reno with his girlfriend, 23-year-old Caroline VanLoock, the couple was staying at the Lido Inn in Downtown Reno. Smith and Goodlow, both from Stockton, California, were returning to their room in the early morning hours of May 14, 2007, when Goodlow exchanged words with Riley, who was on the balcony of his second-story room. Smith and Goodlow armed themselves with pistols from Goodlow's vehicle and attempted to break into Riley's room, violently kicking the door and breaking the front window of the room.


While VanLoock retreated for cover in the bathroom, Riley—who was repeatedly crying out for help—used his own body to barricade the door against Smith and Goodlow's attack. Smith and Goodlow threatened Riley with their guns through the broken window and demanded that Riley open the door; when Riley failed to comply with their demands, Smith shot Riley in the chest with his .40 caliber pistol. Goodlow also fired his pistol at Riley, striking him in the leg. Smith and Goodlow fled the scene in Goodlow's car. Although VanLoock tried to summon help, Riley died from his chest wound shortly after Smith and Goodlow fled.

Goodlow, who initially eluded police after a short vehicle pursuit, was later apprehended near Downtown Reno. Smith was arrested the following day in Stockton on a murder warrant.

In a letter to the court, Royce's mother, Diane Riley, said her family had "unfairly been given a life sentence of pain, emptiness and grief," and wrote that the defendants "not only took the life of an innocent man, they stole pieces of Royce's loved one's hearts as well." Chief Deputy District Attorney Luke Frengaman argued that the attack on Riley and VanLoock by complete strangers represented "a law-abiding citizen's worst nightmare," and that Smith deserved a maximum sentence for terrorizing and murdering Riley. Smith and Goodlow both told the judge that they had remorse for the killing; their lawyers argued that both men should have the opportunity for parole in their 70s.


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Reno man sentenced in death of 4-month-old son

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Sun Valley Man Convicted of Sexually Assaulting Children

By Pat Thomas | Updated Wed 11:27 AM, Mar 11, 2015

RENO, NV - A Sun Valley man has been convicted of sexually assaulting children. After a seven-day trial in Second Judicial District Court, a Washoe County jury found Thomas Wray Herndon guilty of eight counts of sexual assault on a child under the age of 14 and two counts of lewdness with a child under the age of 14. The case involved three victims who reported the abuse in July 2013. One victim reported the abuse started as early as 2000. The case was investigated by the Washoe County Sheriff's Office Crimes Against Persons Unit. Herndon confessed to several of the crimes. Judge Jerome Polaha presided over the trial and will sentence Herndon Thursday, May 7, 2015. All ten counts carry life sentences.



Washoe County Sheriff's Office

March 01, 2015 9:00 am

RENO (AP) — A Reno man has been sentenced to life in prison for the death of his 4-month-old son.

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Advancements/Achievements

- **New Victim Programs**
 - Early Assignment
 - Domestic Violence Early Intervention
- **Specialty Court DDA**
- **Created PIO position**
 - Increased releases by 200%
- **Increased efficiencies**
- **Paws 4 Love – therapy dogs**
- **OIS public reporting**

