

Solano County District Attorney's Office

Newsletter

Krishna A. Abrams, District Attorney

VICTIM WITNESS ADVOCATE SUSANNE PERTHES RETIRES AFTER 34 YEARS OF PUBLIC SERVICE



Congratulations to Susanne Perthes, who has had a long and successful career in public service. Susanne Perthes was first hired as the Victim Witness Coordinator of the Solano County District Attorney's Office in 1990. She continued to serve Solano County and advocate for victims, their rights, and their voice for the next 34

years. She was a true champion for victims throughout her career. She worked around the clock by putting the interests of victims above her own to ensure they were always informed and supported while navigating the criminal justice system. For those of us that had the privilege to work alongside Susanne, she always showed great empathy, compassion and kindness. Thank you to Susanne for all the lives you have touched and the difference you have made in Solano County. We wish you and your family much fun and adventure in the next chapter of your lives.



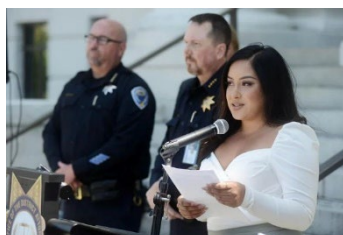
2024 PUBLIC SAFETY INITIATIVE

Solano County Sheriff Thomas Ferrara and District Attorney Krishna Abrams have been meeting with community leaders and local organizations to discuss the 2024 Public Safety Initiative, "Homelessness, Drug Addiction, and Theft Reduction Act." This initiative seeks to increase the penalties for repeat drug and theft offenders and help correct some unintended consequences of Prop 47. If you wish to learn more about the initiative, please see

<https://casafecommunities.com/join-the-coalition/>. If you or your organization wishes to hear more about the initiative from Sheriff Ferrara and DA Abrams, please contact the DA's office at 707-784-6883.



VICTIMS RIGHTS WEEK (APRIL 21-27, 2024) "OPTIONS, SERVICES, AND HOPE FOR CRIME SURVIVORS. HOW WOULD YOU HELP?"



On April 25, 2024, in recognition of National Crimes Victims' Rights Week, the Solano County District Attorney's Office joined forces with Vacaville and Fairfield Police Departments for a Moment of

Reflection. District Attorney Krishna Abrams praised victims and survivors for the ongoing strength, bravery, and courage they exhibit through the toughest of times. "Victims are truly the untold story of a prosecutor. There is so much talk about defendants and their rights that we often lose sight of those whose lives have been impacted by these defendants' actions, and these are the people whose voices must be heard," said District Attorney Abrams. Arlena Moran, now an advocate for victims, shared a heartbreaking story of her life as a domestic violence victim and how she and her young children overcame the many challenges they faced. She credited Fairfield Police Department Domestic Violence Program Manager Lilia Breaux for helping her get out of the abusive situation she was in and inspiring her to become a successful advocate for other victims.

UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS (UAS)

We are pleased to announce the introduction of two Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) to enhance our crime scene reconstruction and evidence collection capabilities, particularly for environmental impact investigations and officer involved shooting investigations. This cutting-edge technology will significantly aid our criminal investigations and prosecutions by allowing this precise and comprehensive information during courtroom proceedings. We are excited to implement these advanced tools, as they will contribute to the pursuit of justice in our community.



FENTANYL AWARENESS **“ONE PILL CAN KILL”**



The Solano County District Attorney’s Office is trying to combat the fentanyl crisis on many fronts by confiscating illegal drugs, prosecuting those who sell and furnish illegal drugs, and bringing public awareness to the dangers of fentanyl.

Our investigators, together with all of our law enforcement partners are actively working to disrupt the surge of counterfeit drug production and seize any contraband coming into Solano County.

Our office is also actively engaged in a fentanyl awareness campaign to help prevent fentanyl related deaths throughout our county. We want to thank our partners, Public Health Officer Dr. Bela Matyas, Fairfield Fire Dept., Benicia Fire Dept., Vallejo Fire Dept., and Danielle Manno, who have joined our efforts in bringing awareness to our local high schools about the dangers of fentanyl. Thank you to all of the schools who have participated in our campaign. We are grateful to have special guest Danielle Manno, who courageously shares her story of losing her son to fentanyl in an effort to save the lives of others. We will be back in the schools this fall. If your school is interested in participating in the program, please e-mail us to schedule.



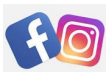
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MISDEMEANOR TEAM

We want to recognize our dedicated prosecutors on the Misdemeanor Team. Although the ultimate consequences in misdemeanor cases can be far less than felony cases, the amount of work involved for the prosecutors is still significant. Every prosecutor on our misdemeanor team works long and extended hours handling a voluminous caseload. Over the last 5 months, in addition to reviewing and filing cases, attending court for arraignment, calendar, and evidentiary hearings, our misdemeanor team conducted 35 jury trials. A majority of those jury trials (24) were for driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs. It’s important to remember that driving under the influence endangers the lives of all those who use our roadways. Our office believes in accountability for those who commit crimes in our county from misdemeanors to murders. We are grateful to have such dedicated and hardworking prosecutors who seek to do justice every day.



2024 KINDNESS CAMPAIGN

On Monday, May 6th we had a great red-carpet event honoring all of the students who participated in our 2024 Power of Kindness Campaign. The finalists in our anti-bullying campaign included students from the Public Safety Academy, Rodriguez High School, Fairfield High School, and Benicia High School. It was an unforgettable evening watching the students’ videos shown on the big screen. The videos were very creative, inspirational, and artistic and showcased how being kind on campus can truly make a difference.



1st Place Winners
Andrew Dinh, Christopher Shon, Landon Pace