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A Monthly News Digest from the Office of the State's Attorney for Anne Arundel County

A Message from Anne Arundel County State's Attorney Anne Colt Leitess

Welcome to the August edition of Anne Arundel Justice!

In this month's digest, you'll learn more about National Night Out, the successful prosecution of a Pasadena man, a jury's conviction of a Davidsonville man and lastly, opportunities for a representative from the Office of the State's Attorney to speak at your event.

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As always, thank you for allowing me to serve as your State's Attorney!

Office of the State's Attorney Participates in National Night Out



On Tuesday, August 6, the Office of the State's Attorney for Anne Arundel County participated in National Night Out, an annual community event which encourages partnership and promotes camaraderie between the community and public safety

agencies.

This year, the Office of the State's Attorney was located in five locations throughout the county. And what a treat! Employees were onsite to provide attendees with informative brochures which highlighted services and resources, answer questions and give each person who visited the table a sweet snack.

"Each year, I look forward to National Night Out as it's a great way to meet with the community and learn more about their needs," said State's Attorney Anne Colt Leitess. "I would like to thank the many employees who volunteered and the Anne Arundel County Police Department and the other public safety agencies for spearheading another successful National Night Out."

Click [here](#) to learn more about National Night Out and it's positive impact on communities throughout the United States since August 1984.



Pasadena Man Pleads Guilty to Assaults, Felony Drug Possession in Riviera Beach Home Invasion, Sentenced to 26 Years

Anne Arundel County State's Attorney Anne Colt Leitess announced that Philip L. Koletty, 31, of Pasadena was sentenced on July 10, 2019 for three counts of second degree assault and one count of possession with the intent to distribute narcotics. The Honorable J. Wachs presided and imposed an active 26 year period of incarceration.

"The family that was victimized in this terrifying incident had no connection to Mr. Koletty who broke into their home and violently attacked them," said Anne Arundel County State's Attorney Anne Colt Leitess. "I hope his sentence provides a sense of peace to the family as they continue to recover and move forward from such a senseless and horrific crime. Mr. Koletty's abuse of dangerous drugs was clearly a



Jury Convicts Davidsonville Man of Child Sex Abuse of Three-Year-Old Child

Anne Arundel County State's Attorney Anne Colt Leitess announced that a jury convicted Joseph E. Carter, 33, of Davidsonville of sexual abuse of a minor, second degree rape and lesser included charges and will be sentenced on September 10, 2019 by the Honorable Glenn L. Klavans.

"It's truly unconscionable for any person to violate a child moreover for that person to be a family member the child trusted," said Anne Arundel County State's Attorney Anne Colt Leitess. "We will seek the maximum penalty for Mr. Carter's crimes in the hope that we can protect the community as a whole as well as the victim and her family. This case reminds us that as parents we can and should talk with our children from a very young age and reinforce their knowledge that no one is allowed to touch them and that

contributing factor to his violent attack."

On July 11, 2018, the Anne Arundel County Police Department responded to the 8600 block of Gambier Harbour in Riviera Beach for a report of a residential burglary in progress. Upon entering the home, police officers encountered the male homeowner, bleeding heavily from large lacerations to his neck and abdominal area. The female homeowner suffered a serious laceration to her hand. The police officers quickly applied pressure to the wounds to restrict rapid bleeding until Emergency Medical Services arrived. The couple's teenage daughter called 911, and fortunately, was not harmed.

Investigation revealed that at approximately 2 a.m., the victims' family dog alerted them by barking incessantly. As the male victim walked out of his bedroom to investigate, he saw an unknown white male, later identified as Philip L. Koletty, crouched and waiting on the top of the staircase. Koletty was naked and had a butcher knife in his right hand. The victim yelled at Mr. Koletty, who screamed and sprang, slashing the butcher knife into the left side of victim's torso at least twice. A desperate altercation ensued and the female victim attempted to intervene. She grabbed the butcher knife in Mr. Koletty's hand, cutting herself in the process. Mr. Koletty eventually fell back down the stairs and fled the house.

The suspect suffered substantial injuries. Officers were able to follow his blood trail from the home to a nearby 2005 black BMW X5 owned by Koletty. The door had blood on it and police followed a blood trail to a nearby wooded area, located Koletty and placed him under arrest. Subsequently, a search warrant was executed on the BMW and officers found three cell phones, \$757 in cash and numerous pills including Oxycodone indicating the sale and distribution of narcotics.

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they should come forward and tell a trusted adult if that happens."

On August 16, 2018, Anne Arundel County Police were called to Anne Arundel Medical Center for a report of child sexual abuse. At the hospital, the three-year-old victim reported that her Uncle Earl had committed sexually abusive acts against her. The child also relayed the incident to a specially trained forensic interviewer at the Child Advocacy Center during a videotaped statement.

Police learned that Mr. Carter offered to watch the child while his wife, the child's aunt, took a nap. Mr. Carter told police he was never alone with the child, a fact contradicted by his wife, who told police that he offered to care for the child while she slept.

During the three day trial, the victim, now four years old, took the witness stand and was qualified to testify in court. Under Maryland Law, the child's forensic interview could be introduced as substantive evidence at trial under the so-called "Tender Years" statute. The jury had the opportunity to see and hear the child recount to a specially trained social worker the details of her abuse. Additionally, the jury heard testimony from the emergency room physician who treated the child, the lead detective who investigated the case and family members who described the behavioral and emotional changes in the child after the sexual abuse.

The jury convicted the defendant of all five counts in the indictment. At sentencing, the defendant will face a potential maximum penalty of 45 years and a mandatory minimum sentence of 20 years due to his status as a repeat, violent offender for a previous child sexual assault conviction.

Assistant State's Attorney Kathy Aguiar of the Special Victim's Unit prosecuted the case on behalf of the citizens of Anne Arundel County.

Do you have a club, community group or civic organization who would like to learn ways to deter crime?

The Office of the State's Attorney for Anne Arundel County remains committed to providing preventive and educational programs to the citizen of our community in an effort to proactively address problem areas, solve public safety issues and improve public confidence in the justice system. With those focuses in mind, we've created presentations on a variety of topics which include:

- Online Safety: Keeping Children Safe In A High Tech World
- Forensic Evidence in the 21st Century
- Dating Violence: Awareness and Prevention
- Avoiding Identity Theft: How to Deter, Detect and Defend Against It
- Distracted Driving

If you would like a representative from the Office of the State's Attorney to speak at your event, contact us at 410-222-7686 or via email at tialewis@aacounty.org.

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