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ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND



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## Anne Arundel Justice

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 March 2020 edition of Anne Arundel Justice!

We are truly facing challenging times as COVID-19 commonly known as the Coronavirus disease continues to upend life as we knew it. That includes the administration of criminal cases in our county in the Circuit and District Courts.

Pursuant to Court Order by Chief Judge Mary Ellen Barbera, all cases are postponed and only emergency hearings, arraignments and bail reviews are being heard from March 16 to April 3, 2020. Click [here](#) for updates. Our office will be operating in a limited capacity and can be contacted during normal business hours:

For Annapolis and Glen Burnie District Court inquiries regarding serious traffic and criminal cases, bail reviews and current limited court hearings, or to speak to the duty attorney: Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., at (410) 222-6085.

And, in the Circuit Court in Annapolis, inquiries regarding circuit court cases and current limited court hearings, or to speak to the duty attorney: Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., at (410) 222-1740.

If you have any questions, please email us at [saoquestions@aacounty.org](mailto:saoquestions@aacounty.org).

As we all navigate these trying times together, I encourage each of you to continue to follow the guidelines stated by the [Center of Disease Control](#), remain updated on any local changes from the [Maryland Department of Health](#) and most importantly, stay away from others as much as possible so we can curb the spread of this disease and protect the most vulnerable in our society. Looking for a way to help our county's citizens? The [Anne Arundel County Food Bank](#) has a great need.

Our office is operating remotely and our attorneys are appearing in court via telephone and video conferencing. Our victim-witness advocates continue to work with victims and witnesses and can be reached during business hours.

Be sure to follow us on our social media channels:

**AnneArundelSAO on Instagram and Twitter**

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

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## **Drugged Driver Receives Eight Years in Death of Pasadena Woman**

The Honorable J. Michael Wachs sentenced Kyle Heck, 34, of Severna Park to serve 10 years suspend all but eight years in the Maryland Department of Corrections followed by five years of supervised probation for negligent manslaughter in the death of Caron Tasker, 39, announced Anne Arundel County State's Attorney Anne Colt Leitess.

Heck entered a guilty plea to the charges on January 2, 2020 and was sentenced on March 10, 2020.

"Heck's selfish decision to get behind the wheel and drive while impaired by drugs caused the collision that cut short the life of Caron Tasker and further endangered the lives of other motorists," said Anne Arundel County State's Attorney Anne Colt Leitess. "This is truly a tragic event and it's my hope that the family will find some peace from this sentence in the loss of Ms. Tasker."

Click [here](#) to read more.

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## **Capital Gazette: Anne Arundel Releases More Than Two Dozen People Facing Minor Charges During Coronavirus Pandemic**

More than two dozen people have been or will be released from jail on various levels of supervision after prosecutors and public defenders in Anne Arundel County reviewed detention center records in an effort to release people awaiting trial on minor offenses during the spreading coronavirus pandemic.

On Thursday, public defenders met with prosecutors and looked at the records of 213 people being held at the Anne Arundel County Detention Center, said Tia Lewis, spokeswoman for the State's Attorney's Office.

They agreed to release 15 people on their own recognizance, to release 26 people on various levels of pretrial supervision and that 33 other will get another bail review hearing, where a judge will decide whether to release them and, if so, under what type of supervision.

Click [here](#) to read the article.

