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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 September edition of Anne Arundel Justice!

In this month's newsletter, we'll highlight an employee's 50 years of service to the Office of the State's Attorney for Anne Arundel County; learn about a Gambrills woman who pled guilty to theft and a Pasadena man who pled guilty to first degree murder and second degree rape and lastly, an invitation to attend our upcoming Cyber Security presentation at the Anne Arundel County Public Library, Maryland City at Russett Branch.

Be sure to follow us on our social media channels: AnneArundeISAO on Instagram and Twitter and Anne Arundel County State's Attorney's Office on Facebook.

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

Deborah Price '50 Years of Service' in the Office of the State's Attorney for Anne Arundel County



On Tuesday, September 3, the Office of the State's Attorney for Anne Arundel County celebrated Deborah Price's 50 years of service to the office and Anne Arundel County community .

Deborah began her career in the SAO in 1960 as a clerk typist where she prepared criminal trial schedules for 25 attorneys, served as a liaison between the SAO and outside departments and

prepared daily dockets, among her many duties. She has been the go-to person for many problems either inside or outside of the office. Because of this, over the years, her initial job title was reclassified to reflect her many contributions to the office which included Senior Legal Stenographer to Indictment Clerk and to now, Senior Management Assistant.

"Deborah Price is truly an institutional treasure who continuously serves as a strong advocate for the SAO," said Anne Arundel County State's Attorney Anne Colt Leitess. "As documented in her evaluations, Deborah is truly a quiet force for change. I would like to thank Deborah for her many years of dedicated service. Her work ethic shows us all that it's not where you start in a job, but how you travel along the way and serve others that truly measures your success."

The SAO is grateful for her contributions and many years of dedicated service!

Gambrills Woman Pleads Guilty to Stealing from Waugh Chapel Swim Club

Anne Arundel County State's Attorney Anne Colt Leitess announced that Kimberly R. Champagne, 48, of Gambrills entered a plea of guilty to one count of a felony theft scheme for making unauthorized purchases with the Waugh Chapel Swim Club's credit card. She was sentenced to five years suspend all but 90 days in jail and ordered to pay restitution of \$11,880 to the club. The Honorable Donna M. Schaeffer was the presiding judge.

"Ms. Champagne abused her privilege and position as an employee and board member by stealing money from the Waugh Chapel Swim Club in order to finance her lifestyle," said State's Attorney Anne Colt Leitess. "With this plea, Ms. Champagne will be held accountable for her criminal actions and be required to restore the swim club's stolen funds."

In March 2018, the Anne Arundel County Police Department were contacted after the club's new treasurer had uncovered evidence that Ms. Champagne, the club's dive instructor, had been using the club's credit card to make personal purchases.

The credit card was only to be used for purposes as the dive team representative or to otherwise serve the membership. A joint investigation by the Anne Arundel County Police Department and the Office of the State's Attorney for Anne Arundel County uncovered that between June 2016 and December 2017, Ms.

Champagne purchased more than 480 items from Amazon. The items purchased included clothing, makeup, hair products,

Pasadena Man Pleads Guilty to First Degree Murder and Second Degree Rape

Anne Arundel County State's Attorney Anne Colt Leitess announced today that Edgar Franklin Manning IV, 27, of Pasadena pled guilty to first degree murder and second degree rape. He will be sentenced by the Honorable Cathleen M. Vitale on December 18, 2019

"Megan Burdeaux didn't deserve to lose her life in such a tragic manner at the hands of Edgar Manning, who violently stole her future. His cruel and senseless acts against a person he supposedly cared for will forever hurt Ms. Burdeaux's family and friends," said Anne Arundel County State's Attorney Anne Colt Leitess. "I would like to thank the Prince George's County and Anne Arundel County Police Departments for their diligent work investigating this case."

On September 25, 2018, Prince George's County police received a call from the parents of the defendant, later identified as Edgar Franklin Manning IV, who told them that he had killed his girlfriend, later identified as Megan Burdeaux. Manning told his parents he was driving his vehicle, a red colored Chevrolet Astro van, in the Bowie area of Maryland.

Prince George's County police began tracking Mr. Manning's cellphone. The vehicle was located and later determined to have traveled to the Odenton area of Anne Arundel County. During this time, the Anne Arundel County police began actively searching for Mr. Manning as well.

The next day, on September 26, 2018, Anne Arundel County police found Mr. Manning's vehicle on Burns Crossing

Christmas decorations, children's toys and clothing, pet beds and food, computer tablets, jewelry, baby items, groceries, a vacuum, outdoor landscape lighting, small furniture and sports equipment. The total loss was assessed at \$11,880. Ms. Champagne, as the dive team representative and member of the Board of Directors, was never given permission to use the credit card for her own use during this time.

Assistant State's Attorney Colleen Elizabeth McGuinn from the Economic Crimes Unit prosecuted the case on behalf of the citizens of Anne Arundel County.

Road in Gambrills. Officers found Mr. Manning inside the vehicle and saw Ms. Burdeaux's body in the back. Mr. Manning was arrested.

Mr. Manning admitted to police that during an argument he strangled Ms. Burdeaux to death in the parking lot of Walmart in 8100 block of Ritchie Highway. An autopsy conducted by the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner determined Ms. Burdeaux had also been sexually assaulted before she died.

Assistant State's Attorney James Tuomey prosecuted the case on behalf of the citizens of Anne Arundel County.

For those suffering from domestic violence, please reach out for help to the Anne Arundel County domestic violence hotline at 410-222-6800 to speak to a trained advocate.

Cyber Security Awareness Presentation:
Anne Arundel County Public Library
Maryland City at Russett Branch

On Wednesday, October 30 at 6:30 p.m., join the SAO in partnership with the Anne Arundel County Public Library for an informative presentation on Cyber Security. Attendees will learn how to protect themselves against identification theft, fraud, scams and exploitation online.

During the presentation, we'll share tools for improving cyber security including:

- Online safety basics
- Avoiding internet fraud
- Securing key accounts and devices
- Managing privacy settings

To RSVP for the event, contact the Anne Arundel County Public Library, Maryland City at Russett Branch, at <https://www.aacpl.net/location/marylandcity> or 410-222-1070.

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