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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

Greetings!

Welcome to the latest edition of Anne Arundel Justice!

Last month, our Office had the pleasure of participating in National Night Out.

This year, the annual community building event was held at seven locations throughout Annapolis and Anne Arundel County aiming to enhance law enforcement and community partnerships with an evening of food, fun, entertainment and demonstrations from many local agencies.

During the event, our Office met and shared with community members the many services and resources we provide victims and witnesses in our county. It is our continued goal to build relationships with the community as their involvement is key for successful prosecutions and in turn, keeping Anne Arundel County safe.

It's always great to connect with the community and I hope to see you next year at National Night Out!





In this month's newsletter, you'll meet our newest Assistant State's Attorneys and learn about the successful prosecution of a man convicted of two counts each of second-degree rape and assault, a Circuit Court judge's ruling a man criminally responsible for the first-degree murder of his mother at their Tracy's Landing home, and a man ordered to serve 35-years for violating probation for his 2009 sex offense conviction.

For the latest information, be sure to follow our Facebook and Twitter pages and click [here](#) to receive our newsletter, Anne Arundel Justice.

As always, thank you for your continued support!

Welcome to Our Newest Assistant State's Attorneys!

Earlier this month, we welcomed Victor Francis, Nia Lesesne and Emily McGowan as our newest Assistant State's Attorneys! All three attorneys served as law clerks to Circuit Court judges from Baltimore City, Montgomery County and Anne Arundel County.

Please give them a warm welcome. We are excited to see these three work on behalf of the citizens of Anne Arundel County.



of Woman at Linthicum Motel

Following a four-day trial, an Anne Arundel County jury found Davon Ferguson, 41, guilty of the first-degree rape of a woman at a Linthicum motel last winter, State's Attorney Anne Colt Leitess announced.

In addition, Ferguson was convicted of two counts of second-degree rape and two counts of assault. Prosecutors will seek life in prison without the possibility of parole at sentencing, scheduled for October 2, 2023 in Anne Arundel County Circuit Court in Annapolis.

"The defendant has a history of this violent behavior, having been found guilty of first-degree rape in a 2010 case in Baltimore," Leitess said. "He obviously learned nothing from his previous sentence, once again preying on women through online ads. It is clear the defendant is a dangerous man who would likely repeat these attacks if allowed. This verdict gives justice to the victim and will hopefully result in a lifetime of incarceration."

Assistant State's Attorney Sean Fox and Assistant State's Attorney Kathryn Gravely prosecuted the case on the behalf of the citizens of Anne Arundel County, with the Honorable Mark W. Crooks presiding.

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Judge Finds Man Criminally Responsible for Murder of His Mother in Tracy's Landing Home

An Anne Arundel County judge found 25-year-old Andrew Beavers criminally responsible for the first-degree murder of his mother, Juanita Koilpillai, at their Tracy's Landing home in 2021, State's Attorney Anne Colt Leitess announced. Beavers had claimed that due to a mental disorder, he couldn't conform his conduct or appreciate the criminality of his acts. The judge ruled that Beavers and his attorney had not met their burden in persuading her that was the case.

The finding came just days after the Honorable Stacy W. McCormack found Beavers guilty of First-Degree Murder and Weapons Offenses following a weeklong trial in Annapolis.

He faces life in prison at sentencing, scheduled for November 30, 2023.

"The defendant had a history of assaulting his mother, and on this terrible day, it led to her loss of life," Leitess said. "It is unimaginable that a person could do this to their mother, and I am thankful he will be held accountable."

Assistant State's Attorney David Russell and Assistant State's Attorney Nancy Jeffein Olin prosecuted this case on behalf of the citizens of Anne Arundel County.

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Man Ordered to Serve 35-Year Sentence for Violating Probation in 2009 Sex Offense

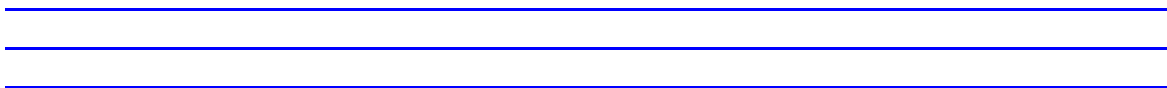
After serving years in prison for sexually assaulting a young girl in 2009, Dubree Lane, age 57, was sentenced to serve the additional 35 years of his previously suspended term for violating probation for possessing child pornography. State's Attorney Anne Colt Leitess prosecuted Lane at a hearing held before the Honorable Pamela Alban.

"The outcome of this case is the result of the dedication of both law enforcement and the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) in holding child abusers accountable, I am thankful that this defendant was removed from the community as he has proven he is a danger to children and needs to be imprisoned for the foreseeable future," said Leitess.

"This case also highlights the importance of being vigilant in protecting children from adults who can use their proximity and access to abuse them. It is all too common that child predators befriend unsuspecting relatives in order to gain access to our young children. They look for opportunities to be alone with a child in the guise of babysitting. We must also be proactive with children and teach them what good touches and bad touches are so they can recognize when they are being exploited."

At his Violation of Probation hearing, Lane admitted he had possessed child pornography on his computer after he had been released from prison. Leitess argued that Lane should serve out the remainder of his sentence and the judge agreed, sentencing Lane to 35 years in prison.

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