

# Mendocino County District Attorney NEWSLETTER

## NEWS:

### TIMOTHY SLADE ELLIOTT CONVICTED OF 2<sup>ND</sup> DEGREE MURDER

After 6 days of trial, the jury returned a guilty verdict on a charge of Second Degree Murder against Timothy Elliott. The jury also found Elliott personally used a knife in the commission of the murder.

Elliott encountered the victim, Samuel Billy, during a party at Shanel Drive on the Hopland Rancheria during the early morning hours of September 26, 2008. After an earlier fight involving Elliott and other subjects, Elliott and Billy engaged in an altercation during which Elliott was observed delivering a blow to Billy's abdomen. Billy staggered off a few feet and collapsed in the parking lot with an apparent stab wound. Elliott fled the scene. After the stabbing Elliott arrived at the home of an acquaintance where he changed into some dirty clothes belonging to the acquaintance, leaving behind his own clothing and a knife. After police and medical personnel arrived Billy was flown to Santa Rosa Memorial Hospital where he died of the stab wound after emergency surgery.

Elliott will be sentenced on October 08, 2010. He faces a sentence of 16 years to life. Elliott was prosecuted by Deputy District Attorney Raymond Killion.

### COREY WAKE SENTENCED TO PRISON FOR 8 YEARS

COREY DAVID WAKE was sentenced to 8 years in State prison for the molestation of 2 young girls who were in his care in 2005 and 2006. The case originated in the Willits area of Mendocino County when one family initially reported the possible molestation of their daughter, age 6, by a family friend, Mr. Wake. While that matter was being investigated by the Mendocino County Sheriff's office, a second family came forward to report the possible molestation of their daughter, age 7, by Mr. Wake.

After the second report, the Mendocino County District Attorneys' investigative unit assisted with the investigation, and soon obtained a confession by Mr. Wake to the molestation of both girls. *(continued next page)*

### MENDOCINO COUNTY DA'S INVESTIGATIVE BUREAU

Over the last month the Investigative Bureau has been tasked with the investigation of two officer involved shootings. The first shooting took place on 7/27/2010 in a remote area northeast of Covelo. The second shooting took place on 8/18/2010 in a remote area west of Laytonville. Both shootings involved the illegal cultivation of marijuana. In addition to the complex crime scenes located in remote wilderness areas; both shootings also required multiple interviews of witnessing law enforcement personnel. The Investigative Bureau is still awaiting DOJ analysis before completing their investigation.



### **continued COREY WAKE SENTENCED TO PRISON FOR 8 YEARS**

The case was filed in 2006, and preceded through preliminary hearings with Deputy District Attorney Norman in 2007. Shortly after that, the defendant was found to be incompetent to proceed with the matter, and was held at Napa State Hospital for several years, before being found competent to return to Mendocino County for prosecution.

After his return in late 2009, pleas were entered, with the defendant admitting the molestation of each girl, separately. The District Attorney's office argued for the maximum term allowed for the charges, 10 years state prison, but based on the defendant's lack of violent history, and possible mental issues, a middle term of 8 years was imposed.

The District Attorney's office anticipates that the defendant will be evaluated for Sexual Violent Predator status at the completion of his term in state prison, and intends to cooperate with the state prison system in that evaluation and possible commitment at that time.

Prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Elizabeth Norman.

#### **PAROLE HEARINGS:**

- September 16<sup>th</sup> —Manuel Granados
- September 23<sup>rd</sup> —Charles Spain
- November 8<sup>th</sup> — Alissa Moore

### **CASE OUTCOMES ♦ GUILTY PLEAS ♦ TRIALS**

- Jessica Bauer pled nolo contendere on June 21<sup>st</sup> to a felony possession of a controlled substance for sale and was sentenced to 16 months state prison on August 12<sup>th</sup>. *(Prosecuted by DDA Houston)*
- Dustin Bruce was sentenced on August 20<sup>th</sup> to state prison for 2 years on a felony conviction of possession of a controlled substance. *(Prosecuted by DDA Hubley)*
- Jeremy Korhummel was sentenced on August 9<sup>th</sup> to state prison for 3 years 6 months for a felony charge of evading an officer and resisting arrest. *(Prosecuted by DDA Stoen)*
- Juan Nava pled guilty to a felony DUI with prison priors and sentenced on August 27<sup>th</sup> to 3 years state prison. *(Prosecuted by DDA Larson)*
- Lewis Dishman was sentenced on August 13<sup>th</sup> to state prison for 2 years. Dishman pled guilty to a felony charge of petty theft with priors which included prison priors. *(Prosecuted by DDA Hubley)*
- Jerome Montgomery was found guilty by a jury on August 16<sup>th</sup> for intimidation of a witness and dissuading a witness by threat. Montgomery will be sentenced on September 15<sup>th</sup>. *(Prosecuted by DDA Jackson)*

#### **SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:**

- *Coming Soon* – Asset Forfeiture application for funds will be available on-line for organizations to apply for funds.
- *September 10<sup>th</sup>* – Boys & Girls Club will be hosting the annual chili cook off contest.
- *September 8<sup>th</sup>* – “Day of Caring”. Give back to your community through volunteering with United Way. More information is available through [www.unitedwaywinecountry.org](http://www.unitedwaywinecountry.org).

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