

Upcoming Dates

Jan. 1st: Happy New Year!

Jan 18th: Martin Luther King day



DA Lintott swears in our two new Deputy District Attorneys Wendy Skillman and Grant Hughes.

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- ◆ *Welcome to the DA's office.* New hires—Wendy Skillman and Grant Hughes have joined our office as Deputy District Attorneys. Christie O'Ferral has joined the staff of Victim Witness as a Staff Assistant.
- ◆ Congratulations to Chief Investigator Tim Kiely for 25 years of service and Legal Secretary Colleen Thornhill for 20 years of service.

NEWS

Marcos Escareno, age 17, pleads no-contest to voluntary manslaughter and admits personally using a firearm in the killing.

Escareno was 14 years old when he shot and killed Enoch Cruz while he was sitting in his van on the Manchester reservation. Cruz was pronounced dead at the scene. After an extensive competency battle by Escareno's attorney, he was found competent and a jury trial was set.

On December 7, 2009, Escareno plead no-contest to a Felony PC 192 (a) Voluntary Manslaughter and second special allegation of PC 12022.5(a) personal use of a firearm. The sentencing is scheduled for January 27th. *(Prosecuted by DDA Newman)*

CASE OUTCOMES GUILTY PLEAS & TRIALS

- ◆ Michael Berry plead guilty on October 26th to a felony charge of marijuana for sale. Berry received 3 years formal probation with 180 days in jail. *(Prosecuted by DDA Cox)*
- ◆ Luke Gutman was sentenced to 15 years in state prison for attempted murder and first degree robbery. *(Prosecuted by DDA Killion)*
- ◆ Nancy Henthorne was found guilty of being armed with a firearm while in possession of methamphetamine for sale as well as a money laundering charged based on \$29,010 found in her bank safe deposit box. Henthorne faces a possible 9 years in state prison. Sentencing is scheduled for February 19th. *(Prosecuted by DDA Houston)*
- ◆ Mario Nunez was sentenced on November 19th to 32 months in state prison for a felony possession for sale of methamphetamine. *(Prosecuted by DDA McConnell)*
- ◆ Jose Mendoza was found guilty on December 29th of a felony violation of assault by means of force likely to produce great bodily injury and a felony violation of criminal threat. Sentencing is scheduled for January 29th. *(Prosecuted by DDA Jackson)*
- ◆ Tim Taber was sentenced to 4 years state prison for assault with a deadly weapon and being associated with a gang. *(Prosecuted by CDA Ravitch)*

- ◆ **HOMICIDE PAROLE HEARINGS:**
 - Jan 11th: Cupertino Solano
 - Jan 21st: Daniel McGuire
- Feb. 1st: James Meinecke
- March 3rd: Steven Crump
- April 7th: William Mayfield

