



# ON THE RECORD

NEWS from Pierce County Prosecuting Attorney Mark Lindquist

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## "Clemmons Seven" Face Multiple Charges for Assisting Murderer



"We will not rest until everyone who assisted the killer in any way is brought to justice. When you help a criminal, you become a criminal."

Photo by Carol Mockridge

Seven individuals were taken into custody in December on suspicion of aiding Maurice Clemmons, who murdered four Lakewood Police Officers on November 29th, 2009. Prosecutor Mark Lindquist charged Latanya Clemmons, Letrecia Nelson, Quiana Williams, Douglas Davis, Eddie Davis and Rickey Hinton with a total of 34 counts of Rendering Criminal Assistance in the First Degree and related charges.

While the investigation is ongoing, suspect Darcus Allen, the alleged getaway driver, is being held in the Pierce County Jail as a fugitive from Arkansas, where he is wanted for charges of Aggravated Robbery and Theft of Property, as well as probation violations. For more information go to [www.pierceprosecutor.org](http://www.pierceprosecutor.org).

## Gang Prosecutor Featured on History Channel

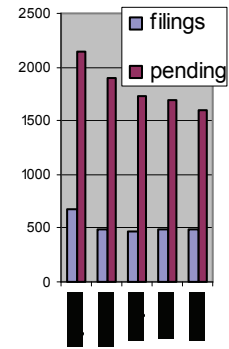


Gang prosecutor **Greg Greer** recently appeared in a History Channel special about Volksfront, a Portland-based neo-Nazi group. Greer spoke about his successful prosecution of four young white supremacists for the brutal beating death of Randall Townsend, a homeless, mentally ill man. The gang attacked the defenseless Townsend in the middle of the night in a homeless encampment under a downtown Tacoma bridge and beat him with baseball bats and a large rock. The victim suffered massive head trauma and later died of his injuries. The defendants were sentenced to between 11 and 30 years in prison for their respective roles in the beating death.

## Prosecutors Reduce Superior Court Backlog

In April the Prosecutor's Office launched a highly successful pilot project involving the pre-assignment of Special Assault Unit (SAU) cases, mostly sex crimes and child abuse, to designated courtrooms. Four judges agreed to participate in the project. In the first seven months of the project, the number of pending SAU cases decreased by 30%, from 589 to 413 cases, while the resolution rate increased dramatically. Immediate availability of courtrooms makes defendants choose to plead guilty or go to trial. Either way, the case is resolved sooner rather than later.

Prosecutor Lindquist hopes to expand the project to pre-assign all Class A felony and gang cases. *"For the sake of our community, we want to expand this project to reduce the backlog and make timely justice available for all of our citizens in criminal and civil cases."*



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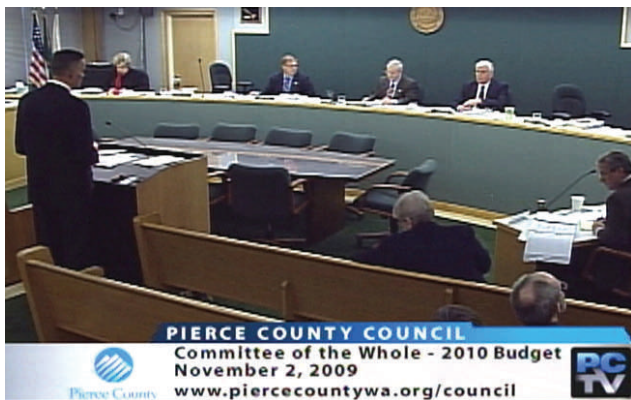
## Partners in Fighting Crime

Prosecuting Attorney **Mark Lindquist** chairs the Law & Justice Council, a committee comprised of Sheriff **Paul Pastor**, Lakewood Police Chief **Bret Farrar**, Tacoma Police Asst. Chief **Bob**



**Sheehan**, WA State senators **Debbie Regala** and **Mike Carroll**, State Representative **Jeannie Darnelle**, representatives from the Department of Corrections and many others who work in various capacities within or related to the criminal justice system. Members of the Law & Justice Council meet regularly to work on issues related to public safety and law and justice in Pierce County.

## Prosecutor Thanks Council for Prioritizing Public Safety



Mark Lindquist addressed the Pierce County Council in budget hearings on November 2nd. Lindquist highlighted the fact that employees in his office are continuing to work hard and "do more with less." Felony deputies in his office handle caseloads twice as large as King County deputies and support staff carry caseloads three times that of support staff in King County. Lindquist thanked the County Council for prioritizing public safety and "for understanding that it doesn't do any

good to put cops on the street if you don't have deputy prosecutors on the other end to hold the bad guys accountable." On November 10th the Council passed the budget, which included cuts to almost all departments but prioritized public safety and recognized the Prosecutor's Office as a key component.

## Mark Lindquist Sworn in as Prosecuting Attorney

On Wednesday, September 1st, the Pierce County Council unanimously voted to appoint Mark Lindquist as Pierce County Prosecutor. Lindquist, formerly the Chief Criminal Deputy, has been with the office for 14 years and has tried nearly every type of case, including domestic violence, rape, property crimes, child abuse, murder, and the Tacoma Mall shooter.

Lindquist told the Council that his top priorities were putting away violent criminals, carrying on the fight to stop the Department of Corrections from using Pierce County as a dumping ground for felons from other counties, reducing the felony case backlog, and "getting the most bang for the taxpayer's buck."



"I will run an office that is professional, non-partisan, and serves the public well."

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## Prosecuting Attorney Case Files

JERMAINE JERELLE HARRIS was convicted of assault of a child in the first degree for assaulting his two month old son in 2007. The infant suffered severe, permanent brain damage after Harris violently shook him. DPA **Lori Kooiman** prosecuted Harris, who was sentenced to over 10 years in prison.

ANN MARIE SILVAS was found guilty of 15 counts of Theft in the First Degree for stealing \$120,000 from a 92 year-old woman living in a retirement home. Silvas befriended the victim and over the course of a year persuaded the victim to write numerous checks to her. DPA **Rosie Martinelli** prosecuted Silvas, who was sentenced to over 14 years in prison.

JOSEPHUS OSBORN was sentenced to nine years, eight months in prison after a jury found him guilty of 28 counts of burglary, theft and trafficking in stolen property for a string of crimes committed in 2008. DPA **Dione Hauger** successfully prosecuted Osborn and four co-defendants.

JOSHUA ELIAS BOYD was sentenced to 28 years in prison for the attempted murder of his ex-girlfriend, who he stabbed multiple times in the neck, chest and leg. A jury found Boyd guilty of attempted murder in the first degree, assault in the first degree and domestic violence court order violation. DPA **Sven Nelson** prosecuted Boyd, a violent offender with extensive criminal history.

## Community Involvement



**Mark Lindquist**, Executive **Pat McCarthy** and Sheriff **Paul Pastor** kicked off Pierce County Government's annual United Way Campaign on November 16th. **Becky Stover**, Human Resources & Communications Director for the Prosecutor's Office, led the campaign, which raised over \$106,000.

Justice Services Manager **Michelle Walker** was sworn in as a council member for the City of Roy on September 28th.

DPA **Grant Blinn** was recently elected Commissioner of Fire District #3 by an overwhelming majority. Blinn leads the Special Assault Unit.

DPA **Sue Sholin** and Legal Assistant **Theresa Brown** organized a Christmas gift drive for children at the Lakewood Area Shelter Association. Prosecutor's Office employees donated gifts and cash worth over \$6,000 to give 93 parents and children a happy holiday. Sholin and DPA **Kate Oliver** also led a food drive for the Emergency Food Network in October that netted over \$3,000 in cash and 3,000 pounds of food.

**Jared Ausserer**, DPA in the Robbery/Assault Unit, was recently appointed to the Board of Directors of the Safe Streets Campaign.

## Speaking Engagements

Mark Lindquist enjoys attending and speaking at community events. In January, Mark spoke at the 25th District, Puyallup Elks Club, the Gig Harbor Chamber of Commerce, Safe Streets, and the Public Safety Committee, Washington State House of Representatives. In February Mark will speak at the local chapter of the Alliance for Retired Americans and still has dates and times available.

If you would like to invite Mark or someone from the Prosecuting Attorney's Office to speak to your group, please contact us at [pcprosatty@co.pierce.wa.us](mailto:pcprosatty@co.pierce.wa.us).