

## **From the President**

## October 2007

Welcome to MACPO members and friends -

I am so excited to be MAPCO President. I thank you for the opportunity to lead such a progressive and professional organization. I look forward to the next year helping MACPO become even stronger.

I attended APPA in Philadelphia and met many professionals in probation, learned lots, and am now 100% sure MAPCO is a leader in Corrections – nationally. Many of the programs and processes we have implemented in Minnesota are way ahead of others. We have a solid basis for the level of supervision, programming, and ability to meet the courts, offenders, and community safety needs. We should be proud of what we do in Corrections in Minnesota.

There are many new things going on in MACPO thanks to all the hard work and dedication from the committees. If you are not involved please consider joining a committee – the rewards are great. Look for more trainings for MACPO members, the MACPO Directors are implementing a training academy. It was kicked off July 12<sup>th</sup> with verbal judo training. There are more training to come – look at the benefits of being a MACPO member!



Margaret Munson MACPO President

The legislative committee is working hard on achieving 50% reimbursement for CPO Counties. It would help if you individually made contact with your local legislators and let them know the importance of funding for our agencies. The legislative committee has any resources you need to help in your discussions – make contact with a committee member if you need assistance.

The Training and Education committee has put lots of energy into investigating sites for the 2008 and 2009 Spring Conference, the conference will be at Breezy Point Resort. We all look forward to the new experience. The Winter Conference is coming fast, please mark the dates January 31<sup>st</sup> and February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2008 in Bloomington on your calendar.

Thank you for all you do.

Margaret Munson MACPO President

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## MARK YOUR CALENDARS MACPO/MCA JOINT WINTER CONFERENCE

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# THE PENALTY: A DIGITAL SCARLET LETTER



#### CT by Bob Sullivan

Nearly every crime is now entered into massive databases that track transgressions nationwide. Increasingly, these databases are available to almost anyone for the asking -- law enforcement, border agents, foreign governments, future employers, even nosy neighbors.

Because of these perpetually available records, there is sometimes no way to put a crime behind you, even after you've paid your debt to society. A short prison sentence for a felony assault -- or for throwing a cup of soda at a passing car – can become a lifetime criminal record, complete with public disgrace in our era's town square, the Internet. Computers know no gray areas. In the digital world, bits are either on or off. So it is with digital justice. To a database, if you've ever been a criminal, you are a criminal.

Last month, Jessica Hall was freed from jail after serving one month in a Virginia jail for throwing a cup of McDonald's soda at a driver who cut her off on the highway. The crime was throwing a "missile" from a moving vehicle, a felony in Virginia. Hall, a 25-year-old mother of three, is caring for the children by herself while her husband serves his third tour of duty in Iraq.

She won a legal victory in sentence – originally slated for and freed her from jail. Activists to attend nursing school, knows has been tagged with a digital perpetual challenges getting school. "Now people are going convicted felon,"

#### Trouble for the 'Clean Slate

Margaret Richardson sees this the "Clean Slate Clinic" at the near San Francisco, Richardson records so they can rejoin the members of society. She said the records in the past 18 months.

Getting criminal records often easy. Multiple programs after proving they've cleaned up mess left behind can be much



February when a judge reduced her two to five years -- to time served cried victory. But Hall, who aspires her fight is long from over. She scarlet letter, and faces potentially jobs, licenses, and applying to any to see me as an angry, road-rage

#### Clinic

problem every day. As director of East Bay Community Law Center helps former criminals clear their work force and become productive center has helped 2,500 clear their

expunged from court records is allow convicts to clear their names their act. But clearing the digital harder, she said. Commercial

background database vendors gobble up criminal records, but many are not nearly as efficient at deleting records that have been expunged by the court system, she said.

"These databases take a snapshot of someone's record, then put it out in perpetuity," she said. "There's little oversight of the databases, and even less interest in updating people's information in them."

Richardson spends most of her time helping "wobblers." In California, some crimes can be charged either as felonies or misdemeanors. On that list: possession of firearms, driving while intoxicated, domestic violence, even petty theft with prior convictions. Those convicted of such "wobbler" felonies can appeal to have their record reduced to a misdemeanor after completing probation.

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The reduction is hardly trivial. Many firms won't hire a person with a felony record. Richardson, who represents 30 to 40 clients a week, says judges often find room for mercy when her clients show they've cleaned up their act. Databases are far less forgiving.

"There is no requirement in the law that databases be updated in a certain amount of time," she said. "The person has to follow through and make sure the database is updated."

#### No second chance

But others worry that electronic criminal records are making America a society that has abandoned the notion of forgiveness. Daniel Solove, a law processor at George Washington University and privacy expert, says "online shaming" cuts at the very heart of a founding principle of America.

"The original settlers of America were people who wanted a second chance, to start anew," he said. "That is evaporating because of all the transfer of information."

Congress planned for this very problem long ago, Solove said, and in the 1970s enacted limitations on reporting of criminal records for employment background purposes. The Fair Credit Reporting Act forbids listing of most felonies on employment background reports after seven years from the end of the sentence.

Most states also recognize the problem of perpetual felony records, and offer various processes to give reformed criminals a chance at a clean slate, he said. But crime databases can make that largely impossible. While federal law limits the time criminal records can be revealed to future employers, no law limits the access members of the general public can have. Your new neighbor can pay \$50 to Intelius and see your criminal past at any time, reaching as far back as your teen-age years.

"Increasingly convictions are really becoming these permanent anchors preventing people from basically starting anew ... data forever affixed to someone's identity like a digital scarlet letter," Solove said.

The Web of scarlet letters may be wider than you think.



Grants Management System On-line Training Tool <u>http://www.ojp.gov/whatsnew/gmsonline.htm</u>

# **Court: Warrant Needed For Blood Tests In DWI Cases**

(*AP*) *Minneapolis* The Minnesota Court of Appeals decided Tuesday that police should have gotten a warrant before ordering a blood test from a suspected drunken driver in Dakota County -- a ruling that could add extra steps for police going after intoxicated motorists.

The court said police need more than evidence of alcohol consumption to test blood without a warrant or consent of the driver. The decision -- supported by two of the three judges who heard the case -- upholds a lower court ruling that threw out a bloodalcohol test for Janet Shriner.

Shriner hit a car head on while driving the wrong way on May 8, 2006, injuring the other driver. The Burnsville police officer who stopped her after she fled said her eyes were "bloodshot and glazed-over," she smelled of alcohol and couldn't stand on her own. He took her to a hospital and ordered a blood test.

Shriner's attorney argued that the officer should have gotten a warrant before requiring the test, while prosecutors said the circumstances justified going ahead with the procedure without a warrant.

The Appeals Court ruling said both probable cause and special circumstances are needed to justify a warrantless blood test without violating the constitutional right against unreasonable search and seizure. The court found those circumstances didn't exist in Shriner's case because she had no injuries, wasn't far from a hospital and the officer wasn't worried about her blood alcohol level dropping below the legal limit.



Judge David Minge's majority opinion was also signed by Judge Natalie Hudson.

Dissent came from Judge David Willis, who said a warrant shouldn't be required when police are at the scene of a serious accident.

"Requiring police officers to balance such factors on the scene poses an impossible burden," Willis wrote.

Dakota County Attorney James Backstrom plans to appeal the ruling, which he said "would create significant hardships for police."



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State Facts	2006 Federal Drug Seizures
Population: 5,132,799	Cocaine: 17.7 kgs.
State Prison Population: 8,758	Heroin: 0.2 kgs.
Probation Population: 114,226	Methamphetamine: 21.6 kgs.
Violent Crime Rate	Marijuana: 265.7 kgs.
National Ranking: 38	Hashish: 0.2 kgs
	MDMA: 0.0 kgs/108,099 du
	Meth Lab Incidents: 33 (DEA, state, and local)
	Sources

**Drug Situation:** In Minnesota, Mexican traffickers control the transportation, distribution, and bulk sales of cocaine, marijuana, methamphetamine, and small amounts of black-tar heroin. Numerous Mexican groups and street gangs such as the Latin Kings are operating in the state. As a general rule, the upper echelon Mexican distributors in Minnesota transport the majority of their proceeds back to family members residing in Mexico. At the retail level, independent African American traffickers, African American street gangs, Native American gangs, and independent Caucasian groups purchase cocaine, black-tar heroin, and marijuana from Mexican traffickers. In outlying areas of the state, independent Caucasian groups and outlaw motorcycle gangs distribute methamphetamine in small quantities. Street gang activity in Minnesota has increased dramatically over the past few years. African American gangs appear to be primarily involved in the distribution of crack cocaine.



<u>Cocaine</u>: The majority of cocaine available in Minnesota is purchased from sources of supply in California, Chicago, and Detroit. Some traffickers obtain cocaine directly from sources of supply along the southwest border and transport the cocaine to Minnesota themselves. Mexican traffickers control the transportation, distribution, and bulk sales of cocaine. At the retail level, independent African American traffickers, African American street gangs (specifically the Gangster Disciples, the Vice Lords, and Crips), Hispanic street gangs (specifically the American groups, and independent Caucasian groups purchase cocaine

from Mexican traffickers and distribute it throughout Minnesota. In the Minneapolis/St. Paul metropolitan area, crack cocaine is controlled by independent African American traffickers and African American street gangs.



<u>Heroin:</u>Heroin distribution and use have not been significant problems in Minnesota, but recent reports indicate there has been an increase in heroin use, especially in the Minneapolis/St. Paul area. At the wholesale level, sources of supply include Nigerian/West African traffickers operating from Chicago and New York, African American street gangs with ties to Chicago, and Mexican traffickers operating from the southwest border and from Chicago. At the retail level, heroin is distributed primarily by Hispanic and African

American street gangs.



Methamphetamine: The methamphetamine threat in Minnesota is a two-pronged problem. First, large

quantities of methamphetamine produced by Mexican organizations based in California or Washington are transported into and distributed throughout the state. These traffickers typically send methamphetamine from California through

the U.S. mail, via Federal Express, and by courier. Second, methamphetamine is being produced in small laboratories, capable of producing only a few ounces at a time.

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Methamphetamine Lab Incidents





<u>Club Drugs</u>: Club drugs, including MDMA (ecstasy), Ketamine, GHB, GBL, Rohypnol, LSD, PCP, and, to a lesser extent, psilocybin mushrooms, have been reported in Minnesota. Club drugs are most prevalent in Minneapolis' gay population, and to a lesser extent, among young people at raves and nightclubs in suburban areas. Prior to its placement in Schedule I in February 2000, Minnesota placed state controls on the possession of GHB. Ketamine ("Special K") use first appeared in Minnesota in 1997 among adolescents and young adults.



<u>Marijuana</u>: Marijuana remains the most readily available and commonly used drug in Minnesota, according to public health officials. The importation of bulk marijuana shipments into the state is controlled by Mexican drug trafficking organizations. Hispanic street gangs are the major distributors of marijuana at the retail level. Marijuana is readily available from local cultivators in addition to the supplies emanating from the southwest border.



**Other Drugs:** The use of diverted controlled substances in Minnesota continues to be a problem. The most commonly diverted controlled substances from the licit market are Nubain®, Dilaudid®, Ritalin®, Nice dia@ (hudre endered). Or controlled substances from the licit market are Nubain®.

Vicodin® (hydrocodone), OxyContin®, codeine combination products, the benzodiazepines, and the anorectic drugs phentermine and phendimetrazie.

Nubain is a prescription narcotic that has recently emerged in the Minneapolis area. This narcotic is being used by body builders who mistakenly believe it acts as a steroid. Four deaths have occurred in the Minneapolis area as a result of Nubain® being taken with MDMA and OxyContin® being mixed with cocaine. According to local addicts, Klonopin® is more readily available than in the past from illegal sources and prescriptions are easily obtained from some doctors. In rural Minnesota Klonopin® has also appeared under its international, non-United States trade name, "Rivotril®," which suggests its importation from foreign sources. Flunitrazepam, trade name "Rohypnol®," is a long-acting benzodiapine that is typically combined with alcohol or other



drugs to produce incapacitation and memory loss similar to an alcohol-induced blackout. Minnesota law enforcement agencies encountered only small amounts of the drug. Its use as a "date rape" drug is not widespread in Minnesota.



## Adults Binge on Ale, Teens on Liquor, CDC Says

# Beer is cheaper for grown-ups, but kids easily sneak hard stuff from parents

### THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ATLANTA - Binge drinkers are more likely to have a beer can in hand than a shot glass, new research shows. Unless you're talking about teens. They prefer the hard stuff. The stereotype-shattering findings are reported in two studies by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

To read more click: <u>http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/20151205/</u>

## Bleak predictions for justice in Minnesota, report says



A report out today sees a bleak future for state justice system and offers ways to change.

By <u>Rochelle Olson</u>, Star Tribune Last update: October 10, 2007 – 7:45 AM

Without a change in course, Minnesota will need to build a new prison for 1,000 inmates every other year from now until 2030.

And the number of black people arrested in the state will nearly double by 2030.

And too many children will be raised by single mothers barely getting by.

Those bleak predictions are part of a call to action being issued today by the Council on Crime and Justice, as the nonprofit group celebrates its 50th anniversary at the Minneapolis Convention Center.

The council lays out five corrective actions that the state can take in a 147-page framework titled, "Justice, Where Art Thou?" The exhaustive report details numerous ominous signs for the state's justice system, including a burgeoning prison population and an increasing gap between the state's aging affluent white population and its growing, poor minority population.

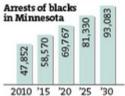
"Populations of color here are poorer here than elsewhere," council president Tom Johnson said. "Our trend lines most closely align with Detroit's."

The most politically sensitive trend, the report says, is the nature of the family. The traditional family has changed. In 1960, 5 percent of families in Minnesota were led by a woman. In 2000, 18 percent of state families were -- and the figure was considerably higher in Hennepin and Ramsey counties. Their median income in 2000 was a meager \$24,335.

The report describes a "bleak picture" of arrest and incarceration in 2030 without corrective action: A 25 percent increase in the total number of arrests from 2006. A doubling of the number of blacks arrested. The number of people imprisoned is expected to double to more than 20,000 and to be disproportionately minority.

"The combination of the white and minority increases means that Minnesota will need to build a new prison holding 1,000 inmates roughly every two years between now and 2030," the report said. "The associated costs, financial and social, are not an acceptable situation."

#### JUSTICE, WHERE ART THOU? Key crime projections of the Council on Crime and Justice report to be issued today. Minnesotans 23,313 imprisoned 20,156 17,078 14,093 11,235 2010 '15 '20 '25 '30 **Minnesota** arrests 207,157 212,886 200,704 193,368 185,177 169,903 2006 '10 '15 '20 '25 '30



Source: Council on Crime and Justice

Right now, blacks make up 32 percent of the prison population and only 4 percent of the general population, the report said, citing U.S. Census and state Department of Corrections statistics. Those numbers are driven in large part by the war on drugs, the report said.

"The obvious injustice demonstrated by the disparity between how different races have been treated in the war on drugs undermines the integrity of the criminal justice system, causing people to lose confidence that the system is even-handed and works equally for the benefit of all citizens," it said.

Efforts to lower the crime rate

The report sets specific goals:

• By 2020, 90 percent of fathers should be active in their children's lives.

• By 2025, 95 percent of high school students should graduate on time and affordable, timely treatment for mental illness and chemical addiction should be available.

• By 2015, the justice system should provide full restoration for every victim and proportionate consequences for offenders.

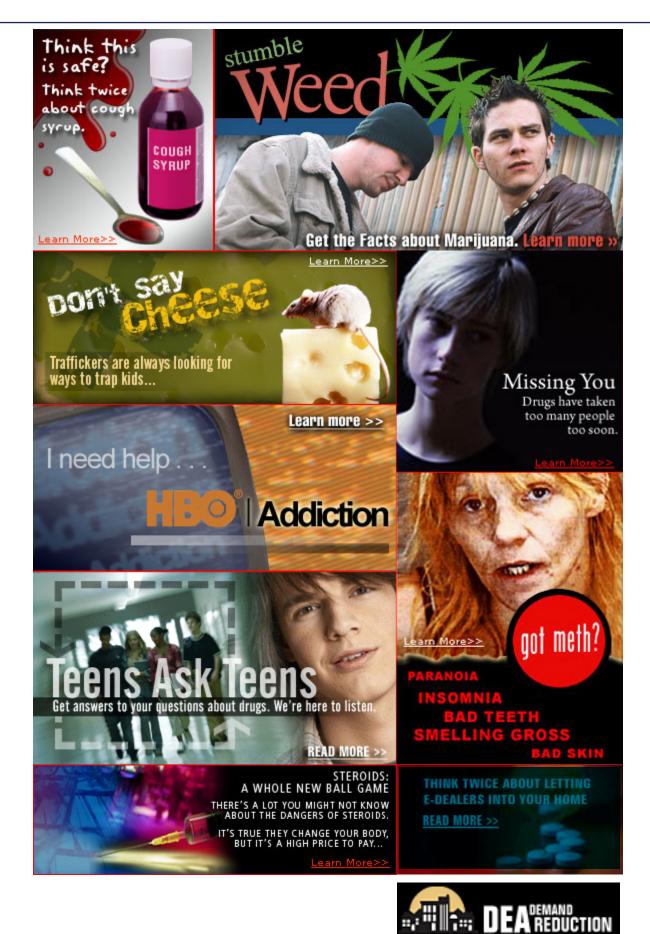
• The state's correctional model should focus on rehabilitation and redemption.

• By 2012, legal barriers should be removed from the records of criminals except for serious offenders.

"The idea here is if you get out of what's happening on any particular street and look to the future, what is it that we need to do to have the best shot at lowering the crime rate," said Johnson, the Hennepin County attorney from 1979 to 1991.

The plan isn't merely discussion, but action. Johnson likened the setting of such ambitious goals to "driving stakes in the ground." Then the question is: How do you get there?"





STREET SMART PREVENTION

# **Adult Psychiatric Drug OK'd for Kids**



## THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON -- The Food and Drug Administration on Wednesday approved a widely used adult psychiatric drug for the treatment of schizophrenia and bipolar disorder in children and adolescents.

The action permits use of Risperdal for schizophrenia in youths aged 13 to 17 and for bipolar disorder for those aged 10 to 17, FDA said. It was approved last fall for treatment of irritability in autism. Risperdal, manufactured by Janssen, L.P. of Titusville, N.J., is the No. 3 anti-psychotic drug with \$2.3 billion in sales in 2005, according to the pharmaceutical data company IMS Health. Risperdal was approved for use in adults in 1993.

Until now, FDA said, there has been no approved drug for the treatment of schizophrenia in youths and only lithium is approved for the treatment of bipolar disorder in adolescents. The dose approved for youths is slightly lower than the adult dose, FDA said.

Drowsiness, fatigue, increase in appetite, anxiety, nausea, dizziness, dry mouth, tremor, and rash were among the most common side effects reported, the agency said. On the Net: Food and Drug Administration: <u>http://www.fda.gov</u>

## **Faster-Acting Antidepressants Closer to Becoming a Reality**

### Experimental medication ketamine relieves depression in just hours; points to targets for new medications

A new study has revealed more about how the medication ketamine, when used experimentally for depression, relieves symptoms of the disorder in hours instead of the weeks or months it takes for current antidepressants to work. While ketamine itself probably won't come into use as an antidepressant because of its side effects, the new finding moves scientists considerably closer to understanding how to develop faster-acting antidepressant medications — among the priorities of the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH), part of the National Institutes of Health.

Ketamine blocks a receptor called NMDA on brain cells, an earlier NIMH study in humans had shown, but the new study in mice shows that this is an intermediate step. It turns out that blocking NMDA increases the activity of another receptor, AMPA, and that this boost in AMPA is crucial for ketamine's rapid antidepressant actions. The study was reported online in *Biological Psychiatry* on July 23, by NIMH researchers Husseini K. Manji, MD, Guang Chen, MD, PhD, Carlos Zarate, MD, and colleagues.

"Our research is showing us how to develop medications that get at the biological roots of depression. This new finding is a major step toward learning how to improve treatment for the millions of Americans with this debilitating disorder; toward eliminating the weeks of suffering and uncertainty they have to endure while they wait for their medications to work," said NIH Director Elias Zerhouni, M.D.

Almost 15 million American adults have a depressive disorder. During the long wait to begin feeling the effects of conventional medications, patients may worsen, raising the risk of suicide for some. Depressive disorders also affect children and adolescents.

By aiming new medications at more direct molecular targets, such as NMDA or AMPA, scientists may be able to bypass some of the steps through which current antidepressants indirectly exert their effects — a roundabout route that accounts for the long time it takes for patients to begin feeling better with the conventional medications.

While ketamine appears to achieve this, it is an unlikely candidate to become a new treatment for depression, because of the side effects it can cause in humans, including hallucinations. It is approved as an anesthetic by the Food and Drug Administration at much higher doses than those given in the study, but its use is limited because it may cause hallucinations during recovery from anesthesia.

For more information, go to <a href="http://www.nimh.nih.gov/press/ketavmine\_2.cfm">http://www.nimh.nih.gov/press/ketavmine\_2.cfm</a>



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# Fentanyl

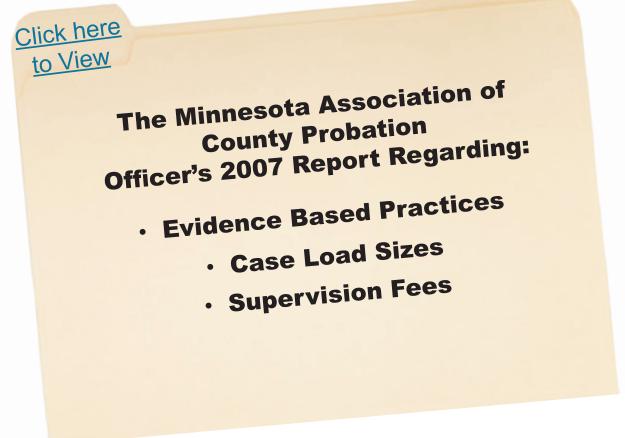


Fentanyl 600mcg

First synthesized in Belgium in the late 1950s, fentanyl, with an analgesic potency of about 80 times that of morphine, was introduced into medical practice in the 1960s as an intravenous anesthetic under the trade name of Sublimaze®. Thereafter, two other fentanyl analogues were introduced: alfentanil (Alfenta®), an ultra-short (5-10 minutes) acting analgesic, and sufentanil (Sufenta®), an exceptionally potent analgesic (5 to 10 times more potent than fentanyl) for use in heart surgery. Today, fentanyls are extensively used for anesthesia and analgesia. Duragesic®, for example, is a fentanyl transdermal patch used in chronic pain management, and Actig® is a solid formulation of fentanyl citrate on a

stick that dissolves slowly in the mouth for transmucosal absorption. Actiq® is intended for opiate-tolerant individuals and is effective in treating breakthrough pain in cancer patients. Carfentanil (Wildnil®) is an analogue of fentanyl with an analgesic potency 10,000 times that of morphine and is used in veterinary practice to immobilize certain large animals.

Illicit use of pharmaceutical fentanyls first appeared in the mid-1970s in the medical community and continues to be a problem in the United States. To date, over 12 different analogues of fentanyl have been produced clandestinely and identified in the U.S. drug traffic. The biological effects of the fentanyls are indistinguishable from those of heroin, with the exception that the fentanyls may be hundreds of times more potent. Fentanyls are most commonly used by intravenous administration, but like heroin, they may also be smoked or snorted.



# **How to Protect Your Computer**



The same advice parents might deliver to young drivers on their first solo journey applies to everyone who wants to navigate safely online. A special agent in our Cyber Division offered the following:

- "Don't drive in bad neighborhoods."
- "If you don't lock your car, it's vulnerable; if you don't secure your computer, it's vulnerable."
- "Reduce your vulnerability and you reduce the threat."

Below are some key steps to protecting your computer from intrusion:

Keep Your Firewall Turned On: A firewall helps protect your computer from hackers who might try to gain access to crash it, delete information, or even steal passwords or other sensitive information. Software firewalls are widely recommended for single computers. The software is prepackaged on some operating systems or can be purchased for individual computers. For multiple networked computers, hardware routers typically provide firewall protection.

Install or Update Your Antivirus Software: Antivirus software is designed to prevent malicious software programs from embedding on your computer. If it detects malicious code, like a virus or a worm, it works to disarm or remove it. Viruses can infect computers without users' knowledge. Most types of antivirus software can be set up to update automatically.

Install or Update Your Antispyware Technology: Spyware is just what it sounds like—software that is surreptitiously installed on your computer to let others peer into your activities on the computer. Some spyware collects information about you without your consent or produces unwanted pop-up ads on your web browser. Some operating systems offer free spyware protection, and inexpensive software is readily available for download on the Internet or at your local computer store. Be wary of ads on the Internet offering downloadable antispyware—in some cases these products may be fake and may actually contain spyware or other malicious code. It's like buying groceries—shop where you trust.

Keep Your Operating System Up to Date: Computer operating systems are periodically updated to stay in tune with technology requirements and to fix security holes. Be sure to install the updates to ensure your computer has the latest protection.

Be Careful What You Download: Carelessly downloading e-mail attachments can circumvent even the most vigilant anti-virus software. Never open an e-mail attachment from someone you don't know, and be wary of forwarded attachments from people you do know. They may have unwittingly advanced malicious code. Turn Off Your Computer: With the growth of high-speed Internet connections, many opt to leave their computers on and ready for action. The downside is that being "always on" renders computers more susceptible. Beyond firewall protection, which is designed to fend off unwanted attacks, turning the computer off effectively severs an attacker's connection—be it spyware or a botnet that employs your computer's resources to reach out to other unwitting users.

For more information on Internet schemes and how to protect yourself online, see the following areas:

- FBI Cyber Crimes Stories
- New E-Scams and Warnings
- Botnets and Hackers and Spam (Oh My!)
- FBI Cyber Investigations
- Internet Safety for Kids
- File an Internet Fraud Complaint
- FBI Computer Crime and Security Survey

The State Juvenile Justice Profiles web site features rich, descriptive information and analysis regarding each state's juvenile justice system, illustrating the uniqueness of the 51 separate juvenile justice systems in this country.

Read Guide to the State Juvenile Justice Profiles (2006) for more information.

# **Links and Laughs**



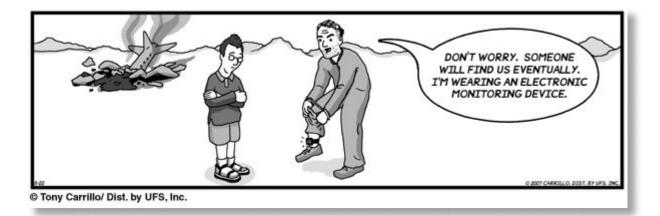
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In the future, please say "I object" rather than "that's total bullshit."



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# **Announcements and Training**





### Sex Offender Recidivision in Minnesota

http://www.doc.state.mn.us/documents/04-07SexOffenderReport-Recidivism.pdf

### **Residential Proximity and Sex Offender Recidivision in Minnesota**

http://www.doc.state.mn.us/documents/04-07SexOffenderReport-Proximity.pdf





Minnesota Department of Corrections The 2006 Probation Survey is now available. http://www.doc.state.mn.us/documents/2006ProbationSurvey.pdf

#### **The American Probation and Parole Association** Training and Technical Assistance Opportunities <u>http://www.appa-net.org/training/</u>





The Michigan Association for College Admission Counseling Bridges out of Poverty http://main.macac.org/

Minnesota Corrections Association MCA October http://www.mn-ca.org/institute.html





#### **Center for Sex Offenders Management**

A Project of the Office of Justice Programs www.csom.org/calendar/calendar.html

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### **Training and Education Committee**

The Training and Education Committee continues hard at work planning for our 2008 conferences. We welcome any new members that would like to join the committee or if you have any topics that you would like to see offered at the conferences, please feel free to call or email either myself or Neal. Our meetings are held on the third Wednesday of the month, generally in the Twin Cities.

MACPO and MCA will be holding our Annual Joint Winter Conference on January 31 and February 1, 2008, at the Holiday Inn Select in Bloomington. Unfortunately, we will not be able to hold the conference in conjunction with Capitol Day in 2008 as the legislators will not be in session. However, we are looking at holding a legislative panel during the conference to continue educating our legislators and key committee members on MACPO's 2008 legislative initiatives. Please check the website for more information.

MACPO's 51<sup>st</sup> Annual Spring Conference will be held on May 21-23, 2008 at Breezy Point Resort. Our committee is looking to make this conference even more successful and memorable than last year.

I would like to thank all of the Training and Education Committee Members for all they contribute to MACPO. We are fortunate to have such a wonderful team!!!

#### **Treasurer's Report**

Greetings! First of all, I'd like to thanks for the opportunity to serve as Treasurer of MACPO!! Our financial status is looking good. We may be changing some of our investments to better suit our needs but that has yet to be finalized. The accountant meeting went well in July as we reviewed fiscal year end 2007. Revenue for the upcoming Support Staff Conference has started to trickle in.

Account Summary as of 09/26/2006 is as follows:

\$5,615.07

\$17,579.80

\$10,412.21

\$26,902.23

\$60,509.31

Checking Account: W & R Money Market W & R Bond Fund Affinity Plus CD Total All Accounts



Sarah Weikle Pine County Court Services



Robyn Schauer Brown County Probation



Neal Huemoeller Wright County Probation





### **Membership Committee**

The Membership Committee is now wrapping up our membership drive. We will also be sending out notices to Minnesota Colleges/Universities seeking student memberships.

The committee has developed sub committees to deal with college fairs, clothing/registration, scholarships and brochures. We hope to develop procedures and time tables for these tasks so we are consistent in our future handling of these matters.

We are all set to go with the resource fair at MCA, as well as the hospitality night. We plan to serve pizza again because it is simple and well received by the attendees.

We will set up a booth at the Government Internship and Job Fair in Minneapolis on October 22. We plan to continue our presence at Universith job fairs in St. Cloud, Winona, Mpls-St Paul, Duluth and Mankato.

We are all set for the support staff conference. Committee members from Sherburne County (Vicki and



Teresa) will cover the event for us with clothing and assist where it is necessary.

All in all, Membership is doing good and we have excellent participation at our meetings. Our upcoming meetings are October 3, November 7 and December 5. We meet at 1 PM at the Crossroads Shopping Mall Food Court in St. Cloud. Feel free to join us!



Jill Arbeiter Co-Chair Chuck Kitzman and Jill Arbeiter

Charles Kitzman Co-Chair



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### Legislative Committee Report

First of all, I hope that everyone enjoyed their summer and spent time with friends and family.

Now that Fall is here, your MACPO Legislative Committee is back at work. MACPO is lucky that experienced members continue to serve on the committee. We have representatives from various sized counties who have a broad range of expertise in criminal justice issues.

Our 2008 Legislative Position Statement and Initiatives have been written and were approved by the MACPO Executive Board September 20<sup>th</sup>. This year our Initiatives will focus on:

- Improving the rate of salary reimbursement for CPO and DOC contract counties to 50%.
- Restoring funding to the Probation Case load Workload Reduction Grant program for all three probation service delivery systems.
- Participating in promoting a new retirement option for probation officers and corrections agents.
- Participating on a work group exploring the re codification of the existing domestic assault statutes.

The complete 2008 Position Statement and Initiatives should be on our MACPO website shortly.

We have already met with DOC staff and have scheduled additional meetings. In September, MACPO representatives participated in a special AMC workshop for county commissioners which explained the three corrections delivery systems. In October, our committee representatives will be attending scheduled meetings of the Pension Committee.



Lana Bjorgum Itaska County Probation MACPO Legislative Committee Chair



Steven Paquay Chisago County Probation MACPO Legislative Committee Chair

In addition, our lobbyist has been attending various hearings and meetings in order to keep us up on the issues for this Session which starts on February 12th.

As always, if you have any questions or suggestions, feel free to contact either me or Lana.

Steven Paquay, Chair

# **The Committees**

### **Communications Report**

The Training and Education Committee has put together tow more wonderful conferences. So mark your calendars for the joint MACPO/MCA conference January 31-February 1st. Also, our spring conference will be at Breezy Point Resort.

Congratulations to our president Margaret Munson and to president elect Steve King. Our new treasurer Sarah Weikle replaces Jeremy Reinhart. Chris Maas also replaces Les Schultz as co-chair for the Communications Committee. Everyone is energized to take on the challenges to continue to provide a strong, vibrant and effective professional association. If you wish to be a part of any of the committees, contact the chairs through the e-mail addresses available on the website.

I Hope to see everyone at the next MACPO/MCA conference.

Anne Riley



Anne Riley Chisago County Court Services

## **Communication Committee Co-Chair**



Christopher Maas Sherburne County Court Services

I would like to thank all the members of the MACPO Executive Board for being so open and welcoming me to my new position. I look forward to providing a great source of new and updated information on the MACPO website for all of our members. I would like to encourage everyone to make the MACPO website their homepage as there is a lot of new information and it gets updated regularly. New this month is the 2007 CPO County survey of evidence based practices that Les Schultz put together, as well as the 2008 Position Statement and Initiatives from Steve Paquay and the Legislative committee. If you would like anything added to the website, please send me an email at <u>Christopher.Maas@co.sherburne.mn.us</u> or contact me at 763-241-2819.