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From the President

Jon Schiro, Brown County Probation



We hope everyone had a great Fourth of July! The 59th Spring MACPO Conference was another great success this year. We kicked off the three-day event with Dr. Jermaine Davis as the keynote speaker, who taught us to use our GRIT to succeed. A huge thank you to all who attended the conference. We hope you enjoyed all the educational training, fabulous entertainment, and relaxing surroundings of the north woods at Breezy Point. Also, a huge thank you to all the vendors who helped make 2016 another successful year.

As President-Elect, I had the opportunity to witness first-hand how dedicated all members of the MACPO Executive Board are to our mission and vision. Along with the hard work and dedication from the E-Board, all members of MACPO are dedicated to ensuring MACPO continues to be a leading organization in the field of corrections. Without the hard work and dedication from our MACPO Board Members, the 59th MACPO would not have been the great success it was.

The 2017 spring conference will be MACPO's 60th training event. In recognition of our 60 years of training excellence, we are planning some wonderful speakers, special events, prizes and entertainment. We hope to see you at the 60th MACPO Conference as it could be one of the most attended MACPO conferences in recent history. Who knows, you could win some fabulous prizes!!!

Finally, as incoming President, I want to thank both Deanna Ruffing and Neal Huemoeller for everything they have taught me this past year. They continue to be very active in MACPO, with Deanna agreeing to Co-Chair the Training and Education Committee (which is no small task) and Neal working as Past-President. We will be working hard in the upcoming year to not only get ready for the 60th Training Conference, but also on outreach to keep MACPO a leader in Corrections.

Farewell From Neal

Neal Huemoeller, Past President



I have been fortunate to be MACPO President over the last year and in that time I have learned a lot. Being a part of the Directors group and the Executive Board has given me a ton of insight into the passion we all have to deliver the best possible services to our communities. We have some incredible people leading our probation offices across this state and I am very proud to work with each of you.

The MACPO Spring Conference 2016 just occurred in May and, in my opinion, was the “best MACPO ever.” The Training and Education Committee and Membership Committee knocked another one out of the park with this conference. I was very impressed with the hard work of these committees. Everything was a success! The speakers were phenomenal and the networking was great. Without the support from our vendors, none of this would be happening.

Congratulations to all award winners for 2016! Each of you are great examples of the quality individuals we have working throughout the state. Congrats is also to be given to Eric Johnson for being voted President-Elect and to Jill Ferretti for being re-elected as MACPO Secretary. MACPO continues to be led by some amazing people.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions and/or comments throughout my completion as Past-President. Have a great summer!

Care Corner Featuring: West Hills Lodge, Inc.

West Hills Lodge, Inc. is a residential treatment center with two locations: Owatonna and Northfield. This facility provides sober housing and treatment programming for male and female adults. Clients learn to apply new skills for living a chemically free life by being held accountable, being truthful, and achieving goals to remain sober. Services offered at West Hills Lodge, Inc. include the following:

- Individual and family counseling
- Group counseling two to six times per week
- Supportive AA community
- Daily living skills
- Monitored UAs and daily PBTs
- Flexible family/friends visitation
- Links to educational, employment, and supportive housing services
- Membership to local fitness center
- 12-week curriculum based aftercare program
- Shared dorm room style client rooms
- Staffed 24 hours a day
- Weekly alumni dinners
- Community service opportunities



To learn more information about this facility, please visit their website www.westhillslodge.com. Also, you can contact them via email info@westhillslodge.com or by phone (507) 451-1172.

County Highlight: Itasca County

Jason Anderson, Director of Itasca County Probation

Greetings MACPOST readers from the lakes and trees of northern Minnesota. Ever wonder why it's called "Itasca County" when Lake Itasca (Mississippi headwaters) is situated over 100 miles outside of its border? Itasca County was one of the original nine counties when the Minnesota territory was divided in 1849. Its original boundaries extended from Lake of the Woods, down to the headwaters of the Mississippi on the west, and to an east-west line just above Mille Lacs Lake. Its eastern border was Lake Superior and encompassed over 20,000 square miles. Imagine the logistics of conducting home visits with a county that size?

Over time, quite a bit of land was carved out of it as other counties were established and it was left with just under 3,000 square miles (the third largest county in the state and the most northern CPO). The current population is 45,435. Included in the county are portions of the Leech Lake and Bois Forte Indian Reservations. European settlers arrived in the late 1800s in pursuit of its substantial timber resources. Logging and iron ore mining have historically been the major employers in the region. Grand Rapids is the county seat (population of 11,097), which is big enough to have a Target, Home Depot, Starbucks, Caribou and Super Walmart, but small enough to not have a traffic jam.

The town boasts being the birthplace of Judy Garland (*The Wizard of Oz* star), and there is a museum to that effect on the south side of town. This is despite the fact that she moved away from this area when she was four years old and never returned. Ever. Ever. It saddens me a bit that some feel the need to hold up such an idol as the identity of our beautiful community. However, the annual Judy Garland Festival does bring in some tourist dollars, which is a plus to the community.

Okay, enough of the social studies and pop culture lessons. Let's talk corrections. We are a typical county probation office in that our department supervises all juvenile offenders, as well as the adult misdemeanor/gross misdemeanor offenders. The Department of Corrections has an office that handles all felonies.

Our office is a stand-alone building situated across the street from the courthouse/jail, which is a very nice arrangement. The structure was renovated and expanded about ten years ago and we enjoy having adequate and modern space in which to work.

One of the many strengths of our staff is their level of experience. Turn-over is a rare event here. Our newest agent has been on board for five years while our senior-most staff has been here 32 years.

Caseloads are specialized based upon a couple of factors:

Josh Oja supervises all juvenile sex offenders and other high-risk juvenile cases. Chelsea Rabey and Ryan Kruse supervise all other juvenile cases.

Melanie Allison handles all adult victim-related crimes. Tiana Carlson and Michelle Anderson supervise DUI and other traffic matters. Tiana also oversees the administrative supervision of fourth degree DUIs while Michelle is involved in our Wellness Court Program.

Our office currently has a three-year federal domestic abuse grant, which funds Surveillance Officer Jeff Roerick's position. Jeff works closely with Melanie in the facilitation of our Domestic Violence Supervision Program. Felons are court ordered to complete the program as well (starting in pre-trial). Our ability to deter and detect violations with high-risk offenders has increased significantly with this program.

The department started its Wood Works Program in 1994. This innovative program employs a full-time work crew supervisor, Adam Rabey. Jim Sweeney, who supervises Adam, also serves as our diversion officer. The program is a worksite for community work service. Juvenile and adult offenders process home heating firewood, as well as campfire bundles. Both products are sold to the general public and to campgrounds. Proceeds cover operational costs, as well as the salary/fringe of the work crew supervisor. The program is also utilized as a swift consequence for juveniles. For example, if a juvenile gets suspended from school, the agent may have them working on the wood crew while they serve their suspension.

As with any department, we couldn't function without our rock star support staff team. Brenda Simonson, Maria Dumke and Kai Ritter keep the gears of the machine turning smoothly.

Programming wise, we offer an outpatient juvenile sex offender program (co-facilitated by Josh), a Level II Education Driving with Care program (facilitated by Jason), and a robust color-code drug testing program (pre-trial and probation).



That's the news from scenic Itasca County. Stop by someday and we'd be glad to give you a tour of our department. If you're headed to the Judy Garland Museum, you're on your own.

Legislative Committee

Margaret Munson, Wright County Court Services



Happy Summer from the Legislative Committee! Here is an update from our lobbyist, Lisa Frenette...

This year's legislative session ended with what could be described as a dull thud with two of the three major bills being pocket vetoed by the Governor: a public infrastructure bill, supplemental budget bill (passed) and a tax bill. (A pocket veto constitutes no action at all by the Governor.) To date, neither the Governor nor the Senate or House have been able to come to an agreement on a bonding bill or a tax bill which leaves billions of dollars for projects that are needed through the state on hold.

Several measures were introduced this year affecting public safety. Senator Ron Latz assembled a comprehensive package to help reduce prison bed population. Bill S.F. 3481/H.F. 3983 (Latz/Cornish)

amended threshold laws on: controlled substance crimes; created new offenses for marijuana plants and trace amounts possession of controlled substance trace; eliminated minimum sentences for lower level controlled substance crimes; and created a community justice reinvestment account establishment.

The provision affecting Minnesota Association of County Probation Officers (MACPO) is the change in severity for first time 5th degree controlled substance offenders from a felony to a gross misdemeanor. This means that individuals formerly supervised by the DOC will move to CPO supervision. An individual convicted under a 5th degree controlled substance may not have been convicted of a violation of MN Statutes 152 or a similar offense in another jurisdiction. The amounts for a 5th degree conviction for a gross misdemeanor includes a controlled substance other than heroin and is less than 0.25 grams (methamphetamine and marijuana). Heroin possession must be less than 0.05 grams to be eligible for a gross misdemeanor.

Also provided in this comprehensive package is the Community Justice Reinvestment Account where money will be allocated for a grant program through the Office of Justice Programs. Local units of government and nonprofit organizations are encouraged to apply for these grants for one or more of the following:

- * to establish or operate chemical dependence and mental health treatment programs;
- * programs that improve supervision, including pretrial and pre-charge;
- * supervision and programs to reduced recidivism of controlled substance offenders on probation or supervised release;
- * participating in drug courts; or
- * to fund local participation in drug court initiatives.

H.F. 2870/S.F. 2570 (Lueck/Dahle) originally sought to allow one or more counties that fell under a population of 30,000 to establish themselves under the Community Corrections Act. Representative Lueck brought this forward to assist Aitkin County to stay CCA, but as noted above, it would have allowed any county to move in the same direction. MACPO sought relief by asking the legislature to allow CPO counties to supervise felony convictions if the CPO County opted too. The legislature made the decision to allow neither of the bills to move forward as they were introduced. H. F. 2870 was passed only allowing Aitkin to remain a CCA County.

A study for an Earned Compliance Program for individuals under correctional supervision is due to the legislature on January 15, 2017. S.F. 2667/H.F. 3590 (Latz/Cornish) will study: how to reduce an offender's probation or supervised release period; if the offender fulfills a case plan; has no new arrests; complies with treatment; and makes scheduled payments for restitution, child support, and fines.

The Omnibus Pension Bill, H.F. 659/S.F.588 (O'Driscoll/Pappas), was vetoed by the Governor because the plan for reducing liabilities fell on current retirees.

**“Not everything that is faced can be
changed. But nothing can be
changed until it is faced.”**

~ James Baldwin

Communications Committee

Jess Mott, Chisago County Program



With our 59th Annual MACPO Spring Conference under wraps, the Communications Committee is geared up to revamp the entire website. We are looking to upgrade the appearance and change the flow of the website. We continue to use social media outlets, such as Facebook and Twitter, to share information on jobs, trainings, and informational articles. Check out our Facebook page (Minnesota Association of County Probation Officers-MACPO) to see pictures from our 59th Annual Spring Conference.

I continue to chair the Communications Committee and utilize the help from Neal Huemoeller with maintaining the website and spreading the word about MACPO trainings. We are looking to change the focus of the Communication Committee in the near future so stayed tuned for updates.

As the Communications Committee Chair, I want to send a special thanks to Michelle Pramann with Wright County as she puts in all the hard work and organizational talents to create these amazing MACPOST Editions.

Membership Committee

Amber Chase, Pine County Probation

Nicole Kalow, Waseca County Court Services



Thank you to all of the MACPO committee members for putting on a successful Annual Spring Conference and to the MACPO members and vendors for supporting and attending. MACPO exists because of your support! The Membership Committee continued clothing sales at this year's conference. There are a few items left, so please visit our website to order. We will ship it directly to you!

The Membership Committee has been through some recent changes. I, Amber Chase with Pine County Probation, have been given the opportunity to step into the Chair position. We would like to thank Samantha Ahrens for her leadership over the past year as Chair and several years on the committee. You will be missed! Nicole Kalow, Waseca County Court Services, will remain the Vice-Chair of Membership. Currently, our committee is at ten members. If you are looking to involve yourself in a committee and meet other members throughout the state, please consider joining the MACPO Membership Committee. If you are interested, please contact Amber or Nicole.

We are also in the midst of changing the Memorial Scholarship process and deadline. First, the deadline for the 2016 Scholarship has been extended to November 15, 2016. This will allow students in their last semester of school to be eligible to receive this scholarship. Our goal is to increase the number of applicants for this year's scholarship and to simplify the application process. Further information will be sent out in the next couple of weeks. The scholarship sub-committee includes four members who review the applicants and make a recommendation to the Membership Committee. The point of contact for this is Emily Ostlund and she can be reached at emily.ostlund@co.goodhue.mn.us. Please help us spread the word to any interns/students in your life.

We continue with student outreach by attending career fairs at a few local colleges. This year our committee members are reaching out to colleges to speak to students in the classrooms to answer questions about jobs in probation. This is something new they have started in order to help get them prepared for internships and jobs. If you teach, or know someone who does, reach out to a committee member or chair to have us come to your class!

We hope everyone has had a great year so far. Enjoy what is left of the summer!!

Training and Education Committee

Jason Vande Kamp, Isanti County Probation

Debbie Lawrence, Isanti County Probation



Thank you to all who attended MACPO's 59th Annual Spring Conference! This year included the return of the traditional three-day conference which was very exciting! Thank you to all who completed the survey and offered feedback and suggestions. The committee was very enthusiastic in planning the conference (as evidenced by the shirts our committee members were wearing)! Please feel free to contact any one of the committee members to relay ideas for regional trainings or the 2017 Spring Conference, which marks MACPO's 60th year!!! A special committee has also been formed for this milestone event for MACPO. This will be a conference you definitely want to mark your calendars for May 24-26, 2017, at Breezy Point Resort!

We would like to offer a personal thank you to all the members of the Training and Education Committee for all of their hard work in planning the conference and in making it the success it was. We offer special congratulations to our own committee member, Jenny Tonjum, who was awarded the MACPO Superior Service Award and all she does to make each conference the "Best MACPO Ever!" We also welcome our new members to the Training and Education Committee: Mark Groves (Volunteers of America), Alex Hirman (Wright County), and Rachael Beckman (Isanti County). We also want to recognize the members of the Executive Board, as well as members from the Communications, Legislative and Membership Committees for their effort and dedication to MACPO. "G, double O-D -J-O-B, GOOD JOB, GOOD JOB" (insert clap here)!! It's true we learn by repetition...Thanks Jermaine Davis!

The Support Staff Conference will be held on October 11th, at the Holiday Inn in St. Cloud. Watch for an email with more information or you can check the MACPO website for more details. Please pass along the information to the support staff located in your office and/or any other support staff within your county.

Lastly, the Training and Education Committee would like to thank Neal Huemoeller and Deanna Ruffing for their leadership this past year as President and Past President. We also welcome Jon Shiro as the new President and Eric Johnson as our newly elected President-Elect. Enjoy your summer!!



CPO Director's Committee Update

Richard Molitor, Nicollet County Probation Director

The County Probation Officer's Directors Committee continues to meet each month to review a variety of topics. Our committee is made up of Directors and Supervisors from the CPO system. Lately, a lot of discussions have occurred around individual counties contemplating a switch to the Community Corrections Act (CCA) probation delivery system. Waseca, Steele, Nicollet, and Otter Tail are the most recent Counties undergoing this discussion. Waseca has voted to remain CPO, Steele County voting to go CCA, and the remaining two counties remain in discussion as of June 2016.

Our committee also discussed some concerns about our relationship with the Association of Minnesota Counties (AMC) and wrote a letter to this group asking to meet with them. It is our hope to build a stronger working relationship with AMC. They do a lot for our 87 counties and we would like to be more active with this group as we move forward.

Congratulations to Jim Schneider, Cass County Probation Director, for winning MACPO's most prestigious Al Reker Award. Jim certainly deserves this recognition. It was great to hear how much his staff appreciates all the work that he does and how well he represents the concerns and needs of his county and community.

The CPO Directors also welcomed Desta Lutzwick, who replaced long-term Director Charles Kitzman in Otter Tail County.

Enjoy your summer and remember to take time for yourself, you are important.



Award Recipients



Congratulations!



Top left: Superior Service Award was presented to Jenny Tonjum (Steele County).

Top center: James Schneider (Cass County Director) received the Al Reker Distinguished Service Award.

Top right: Laura Stylski (Pine County) was awarded the Rookie of the Year Award.

Bottom left: Deanna Ruffing presents the Brown County Intensive Supervision Program with the Excellence in Corrections Award.

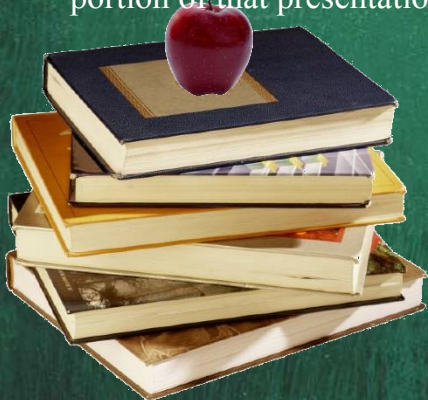
MACPO Conference



Picture on the top left is speaker Jermaine Davis, who presented on "Breaking the Cycle: Strategies on Thriving in Life and Work."

Shannon Moroney (picture on top right) was another speaker with topic of "Through the Glass: One Woman's Pursuit of Justice, Forgiveness and Healing."

James Schneider's office surprised him with a presentation. A portion of that presentation is shown in the picture to the right.



How to Catch Drones Smuggling Drugs Into Prison

6/24/2016 – Heather Kelly, CNN Money, San Francisco

It was your usual stockpile of prison contraband: six tightly wrapped packages filled with drugs, tobacco, rolling papers, and porn.

But instead of smuggling them into prison the traditional ways (employees, visitors, baked goods), Maryland inmate Charles Brooks arranged to have a drone fly the cargo over a 12-foot barbed wire fence and drop them in the yard.

Drone smuggling operations are an increasing nuisance to correctional facilities around the world. Most prisons are fortified with spotlights, armed guards, and cameras, but don't have the technology to detect unmanned aerial vehicles.

"They use drones to deliver contraband to a single cell window. This is the logistics chain Amazon is dreaming about," said Joerg Lamprecht, founder of drone detection startup Dedrone.

Dedrone sells the DroneTracker, a 17-inch-wide device that looks like a white plastic ceiling fan and can detect a drone within 1,640 feet in any direction.

Prisons are a major market for Dedrone, but it's not the only entity battling unwanted aerial visitors. Celebrities want to keep paparazzi or industrious fans from flying cameras over their mansions. Airports and government buildings are on high alert for security breaches. Data centers are wary of being hacked by a drone flying overhead. Sports stadiums are constantly looking out for drones attempting to film games.

The DroneTracker's hardware is packed with cameras and sensors. There are microphones that can detect the sound of a drone, cameras that use image detection to identify drones day or night, and radio frequency scanners that pick up communications between drones and the ground.

When a drone cruises into DroneTracker's domain, it sends a real-time alert to someone on the ground. That's where things get a bit complicated.

Prisons can simply wait for a drone to drop a package and then confiscate it. More aggressive actions might break the law.

A jammer can bring a drone down, but they're illegal in most places. The devices create massive disturbances and can interfere with WiFi, radio signals, and even helicopters. Certain federal buildings and prisons are able to get special authority to use them.

Shooting down a drone is also usually against the law, though there is still some legal gray area. A man calling himself "the Drone Slayer" is currently fighting a lawsuit in Kentucky after he used a shotgun to bring down a drone over his home. He claims he was protecting his private property.

Then there are the more creative solutions. Researchers in Michigan have designed a drone that catches other unwanted drones with a large net. The Dutch National Policy Agency trained a bald eagle to catch drones in its claws.

At \$6,900, the DroneTracker isn't for regular people worried about a camera peeping in their windows. But the problem of unwanted drones is just beginning -- more than 700,000 drones ship every month around the world.

More consumer drone detection systems will likely appear in the coming years. Possibly followed by a boom in attack eagles.

Probation Key to Prison Reform

6/7/2016 – Caroline Grueskin, Bismark Tribune

More than 1,000 people had their probation revoked in 2014, adding to the prison population and driving up costs, according to new research by the Council of State Governments Justice Center.

The Incarceration Issues Committee heard reasons for those revocations on Tuesday: Some quit showing up to see a probation officer, some continued using drugs, and some committed new crimes.

The 16-person committee is charged with studying the state's criminal justice system and potential reforms during the interim session.

Chief Justice Gerald VandeWalle said much of the public would hear about the probation revocations and ask: "If they are going to fail, shouldn't they have been in prison anyway?"

But researchers from the Justice Center said failures in probation indicate North Dakota could improve how it supervises people in the community.

In the current environment, probation and parole officers lack the resources they need to supervise people effectively, said Katie Mosehauer, project manager at the Justice Center.

Ready access to county jails as well as treatment for substance abuse and mental health help people succeed with community supervision, she explained in an interview. But the jails are too full to take people for short, punitive sanctions. Treatment, if available at all, often requires a long wait.

Probation officers are aware of the lack of options. A survey of officers found that 22 percent were "not confident at all" that they could hold people accountable for technical violations. As a result, officers said they recommended about one-third of their caseloads for revocation each year.

Thirty-eight percent of those admitted to prison in 2014 had violated probation or parole, the researchers found. Probation violators typically serve more than a year. Drug and property crimes accounted for an additional 33 percent of prison admissions.

Frank Racek, the presiding judge in the East Central Judicial District, said that when probation officers ask for a revocation, it is because they have already tried everything else.

"There is nothing more we can do," he said of those cases.

Compared to other states, North Dakota uses probation sparingly for felony offenses. Nineteen percent of the state's felony offenders were sentenced to probation, compared with a national average of 27 percent in 2014.

Mosehauer said probation could be used for lower-level felonies, thereby helping the state avoid an additional \$485 million in anticipated prison spending over the next 10 years.

Steve Allen, a senior policy adviser with the Justice Center, laid out options to the committee for improving probation procedures.

Allen said higher-risk offenders should get priority access to treatment. He also recommended implementing community-based cognitive behavioral therapy targeted at changing criminal patterns of thinking. Space also needs to be opened in the jails so people can serve short and swift sentences for probation violations, he said.

Mosehauer acknowledged that getting the needed services to parts of North Dakota will be a challenge. The team is brainstorming telemedicine, mobile care and opportunities to build a clinical staff, she said.

"The perception is the reality in terms of the level of access," she said.

GPS Tracker was Attached to Suspect's Leg. But Leg Wasn't Attached to the Suspect.

June 21, 2016 – Peter Hermann, The Washington Post

When Dana Hamilton was fatally shot in Southeast Washington on May 19, the suspected shooter had what would seem an iron-clad alibi: a tracking bracelet secured to his leg after a previous gun arrest showed him in his apartment a mile away from the killing scene.

But D.C. police thought the suspect known as "Q" had tampered with the GPS device.

Instead of cutting off or removing the bracelet, however, which would have alerted authorities, police said Quincy Green found a new way to dupe the tracker: he took off his leg.

Court documents show that the GPS device was attached to the 44-year-old man's prosthetic limb, which police said he removed and put in a box in the living room of his second floor apartment before apparently putting on a spare leg and heading outside.

For 72 hours, police said in an arrest affidavit, “the device barely moved,” still attached to the leg, even as Green himself moved freely without being noticed by officials tracking him under the District’s most restrictive form of pre-trial release. Repeated sightings of Green by officers and witnesses were dismissed, police said, with officials insisting Green was where the GPS said he was.

“I don’t understand how someone could put this device on a prosthetic leg,” said Sgt. Matthew Mahl, chairman of the D.C. police union. “It is frustrating for us as police officers to have one of our defendants released, especially when talking about dangerous crime like guns--and then to know that the accountability for these defendants isn’t always up to par.”

About 400 defendants awaiting trial in the District are free in the neighborhood, wearing GPS devices. The tracker are not designed to monitor in real-time, but can provide officials with a road map should they abscond while wearing a tracking bracelet. Authorities are alerted should a defendant “disappear” from the grid, cut off or forcibly remove a device, or wander in an area the court put off limits.

Chris McDowell, director of communications for California-based Sentinel Services, which supplies and fits the bracelets on pre-trial detainees in the District, said protocol for Green was “absolutely not” followed. He said the company technician who fitted Green put the device over a sock, and apparently didn’t realize the leg underneath was artificial.

McDowell said regulations require the devices be affixed tightly to skin, never over clothing. “We believe it was absolutely human error,” he said.

Cliff Keenan, director of the D.C. Pretrial Services Agency, said no similar mistake has occurred in the thousands of GPS bracelets put on defendants. “This is the first instance where something like this has happened, and the results were tragic,” Keenan said.

Green’s attorney with the Public Defender Service did not respond to interview requests. Prosecutors declined to comment because Green’s cases are pending. Police officials also did not comment.

Hamilton was shot on a Thursday at about 2:40 a.m. in the 800 block of Southern Avenue SE, along the Maryland border. The arrest affidavit does not disclose a possible motive.

The slain man lived with his mother, 72-year-old Lillie Hamilton, in Oxon Hill. He was out of work on disability with a bad heart, his mother said, and on the night before he was killed climbed into a van with friends. He told his mother he was going to hand out religious pamphlets. Hamilton ended up at an apartment complex off Southern Avenue at Chesapeake Street, where his family had lived in the early 1990s, and where his brother, then 22, had been fatally shot.

Hamilton said May’s shooting of her son “was the worst thing that ever happened to me” and that she still doesn’t know why it happened. Of the problems over the suspect’s GPS system, Hamilton said, “What can I say? That man was supposed to be in his house.”

Police said surveillance video shows the man known as “Q,” who walks with a limp and wears glasses, with two men near the complex and drinking alcohol on the morning of the shooting. The video shows him holding a gun, firing several times at a man as the man fled, the arrest affidavit says.

On May 25, police said a witness identified Green as the suspected shooter. Police then learned he had been arrested on a gun charge on Chesapeake Street in April and was confined to his home awaiting trial.

But when detectives asked about Green's locations around the May 19 shooting, police said the pretrial agency insisted the GPS readings 'did not place Mr. Green in the area when the homicide occurred.'

Police asked for data for Green's locations May 19, May 20 and May 25. "All the coordinates placed the GPS device in the 4200 block of South Capitol Street." Police concluded "it was obvious that Mr. Green and his GPS monitor were not at the same location." Police arrested Green later on May 25 and charged him with second-degree murder on Friday.

They said in court files that they found the GPS on the leg in the box, and two chargers.

Man Accidentally Texts Probation Officer in Pot Deal

Wednesday, October 22nd 2014, 3:48 pm CDT

By Jim Wallace, Anchor

ALBANY, GA (WALB) -

An Albany man is going back to prison, after he texted his probation officer while looking to buy marijuana.

Alvin Cross Junior plead guilty Monday to possession of cocaine and was sentenced to one year in prison.

He was also sentenced to serve another year for violating his probation.

Prosecutors said Cross' probation officer received a text from Cross asking, "You have some weed?"

Probation officers and drug agents raided Cross' home and found a bag of cocaine.



Wabasha Valley Correction Officer Hospitalized

After Inmate Attack

Published: July 11, 2016, 3:09 pm Updated: July 12, 2016, 10:54 am

By Chris Essex

CARLISLE, Ind. (WTHI) – A Wabash Valley prison is on lockdown after an assault on a correctional officer.

It happened around 8:30 Monday morning at the Wabash Valley Correctional Facility in Carlisle. According to a representative from the prison, offender 30-year-old Glen Young attacked 43-year-old Correctional Officer Benjamin Scott.

Scott was rushed to Regional Hospital in Terre Haute after he suffered facial fractures, along with other injuries.

Investigators haven't been able to determine the motive for the attack. Scott is from Greene County and has worked at the prison for eight years.

Young was serving a six-year sentence for a felon in possession of a firearm conviction.

He was set to be released in February of next year.

"Our prayers are with Officer Scott and his family during his treatment and recovery from his injuries," said WVCF Superintendent Richard Brown said.

The facility will remain on lockdown status until the criminal investigation is complete.



Inmates Carry Out Jail Break to Save Correctional Officer's Life

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<https://www.rt.com/usa/350293-inmates-carry-out-jail-break/>

Facing the prospect of being shot, eight inmates broke out of their holding cell, in order to help an unconscious prison guard they witnessed slump over. Once out, the prisoners then banged on doors to get help for the correctional officer.

"He just fell over," said inmate Nick Kelton told WFAA-TV on Thursday about the incident that happened June 23. *"Looked like an act. Could have died right there."*

Wanting to get help for the officer, Kelton and seven other inmates began shouting. With no response, throwing their combined weight against the cell door, they forced it open.

Still handcuffed and shackled, finding the guard with no pulse, they continued yelling for help, and this time, officers upstairs in the District Courts Building courtroom could hear them.

"We were worried they're going to come with guns drawn on us," Kelton said.

As one of them reached for the guard's radio to call for help, police rushed into the holding room and corralled the inmates before realizing there was a medical emergency.

Parker County Sheriff's Sgt. Ryan Speegle said he did not know what to expect when he got downstairs.

"He had keys," Speegle said. *"Had a gun. It could have been an extremely bad situation."*

Speegle first saw the inmates handcuffed and shackled, standing over the guard. He put them back in the holding cell without realizing the guard was in trouble. Realizing what was going on, deputies started CPR, then paramedics arrived and shocked the guard to restart his pulse.

Capt. Mark Arnett believes prisoners certainly helped the guard, and likely saved him.

"He could have been there 15 minutes before any other staff walked in and found him," Arnett said.

This is not the first time inmates have arrived at the aid of their jailer. Several prisoners at the Orient Road Jail in Tampa, Florida rushed to rescue the guard, as seen on video, during an attack by another inmate who had him in a choke hold.

Quick Facts

19 Statistics That Prove Mental Illness is More Prominent Than You Think

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Whether you're aware of it or not, chances are you know someone who has been personally affected by a mental health disorder.

Depression is one of the leading causes of disability worldwide and other mental health disorders are growing in numbers.

And while mental illness is starting to be considered the serious medical condition that it is, when it comes to healthcare, we still have a long way to go before mental health patients are treated with the respect afforded physical health patients. Research shows there's still stigma surrounding these disorders.

Below are 19 statistics that prove these disorders touch more people than you might think.

61,500,000 - The approximate number of Americans who experience a mental health disorder in a given year. That's one in four adults.

\$100,000,000,000 - The estimated economic cost of untreated mental illness in the U.S. This includes unemployment, unnecessary disability, substance abuse and more.

70 - 90% - The percentage of individuals with mental illness who saw improvement in their symptoms and quality of life after participating in some form of treatment.

800,000 - The estimated number of people globally who die by suicide each year.

25% - The approximate percentage of people with a mental illness who feel that others are compassionate or understanding toward those suffering from one of the disorders.

350,000,000 - The number of people worldwide who are affected by depression.

79% - The percentage of all U.S. suicides committed by men.

40,000,000 - The number of adults who suffer from anxiety disorders in the U.S.

30% - The percentage of college students who reported feeling depressed to the point where it negatively impacted their ability to function. Approximately 7.5 percent of college students also reported earlier this year that they seriously considered suicide in the last 12 months.

22 - The (potentially underestimated) number of veterans who die by suicide each day, according to a 2013 report by researchers at the Department of Veterans Affairs.

10% - The percentage of children and adolescents whose mental and emotional disorders disrupt their day-to-day lives.

3,500,000 - The number of Americans who suffer from schizophrenia. The disorder usually develops between ages 16 to 25.

60% - The percentage of adults who didn't receive mental health treatment in 2012.

6,100,000 - The number of individuals in the U.S. who suffer from some form of bipolar disorder.

21% - The percentage of mothers polled in a recent BabyCenter survey who stated they have been diagnosed with postpartum depression. Approximately 40 percent of them did not seek medical treatment.

5,200,000 - The estimated number of adults who suffer from post-traumatic stress disorder in a given year.

7 - The number of people who die by suicide per hour in the Americas.

11% - The percentage of adolescents who have a depressive disorder before the age of 18.

90% - The percentage of people who die by suicide who also had a mental health disorder.

CORRECTION: A previous version of this article stated 31 percent of college students have considered suicide, when it is 7.5 percent. The statistic has been updated.

Mission

Minnesota Association of County Probation Officers is dedicated to promoting quality correctional practices through professional growth, leadership, education, communication, and support.

Vision

Providing a voice for the probation profession and leading the promotion of sound correctional policy toward the principles of evidence based practices, restorative justice, community involvement, public protection, victim restoration, offender accountability, and competency development.

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MACPO 2014-2015 Elected Officers

Contact MACPO Secretary, Jill Ferretti - Brown County Probation, for the location and time of MACPO Board meetings.

Executive Board Goals:

- Review the vision statement on an annual basis at the Steering Committee meeting.
- Use MACPO's APPA Affiliate Membership to send our President (or assigned representative) to the national conference to maintain/promote our presence on a national level, to be reviewed annually.
- Continue to solicit input from MACPO membership regarding nominations for awards: Al Reker, Excellence in Corrections, Outstanding Performance, and Memorial Scholarship, as well as officer-elect positions.

Election of all officers shall be held at the annual meeting. Officers shall be elected by a simple majority at such meeting when a quorum of the voting members in good standing is present at the time of balloting.

Absentee ballots will be accepted or counted in any election and will be distributed by the Secretary at least 21 days in advance of election. Ballots to be returned three (3) days before annual meeting to the Nominating Committee Chair.

The Nominations/Awards Committee shall meet at least 60 days in advance of the annual meeting. The Nominations/Awards Committee shall contact candidates and potential candidates from among the voting membership of the association and shall prepare a list of such candidates and the offices for which they are candidates.



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