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# Introduction

This second edition of the *Victims of Illegal Immigration* features short essays about 17 Americans who have lost their lives because elected and non-elected public officials have abdicated their responsibility by not keeping criminal illegal aliens out of the United States.

One wonders why the same government that intrusively conducts searches of the law-abiding at airports, and regularly spies on its citizens, goes 'soft' when it comes to enforcing immigration laws. Voters are certainly concerned about this issue. A Rasmussen Reports national telephone survey found that 77 percent of likely U.S. voters consider illegal immigration a serious problem in America today.

The age of the victims featured in this booklet range from three to ninety-three. They are from all walks of life and geographic regions. What they have in common is that these Americans were going about their everyday business — driving a car, crossing a street, working a job, relaxing at home, attending a child's birthday party — when they were killed by a foreign national (typically a male; typically a repeat criminal offender) who had no right being in this country.

Jim Steinle, the father of Kate Steinle who died in the 'sanctuary city' of San Francisco, notes this troubling statistic: "One hundred twenty-one times over the past four years the administration has released an illegal im-

migrant with prior criminal convictions that later went on to be charged with a murder, when they should have been deported.”

Many of the essays are written by relatives of the deceased — a mother, father, brother, uncle, widow — and their passion and pain are evident, as is their righteous anger at the collapse of rule of law. Laura Wilkerson, mother of Josh Wilkerson, states, “This government continues to fail to recognize that we have an issue. Americans are dying daily at the hands of criminals that we don’t even know are here.”

But, despite their unspeakable losses, they are courageously willing to speak out. Juan Benavides, brother of Jesse Benavides, does so because he hopes to save someone else’s life.

Please consider distributing this little book, far and wide. These victims’ stories deserve to be heard — over and over and over again.

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*Cover photo:* (Left to Right) Sabine Durden, Mary Ann Mendoza, Laura Wilkerson, George Wilkerson

*Back photo:* Kate Steinle

—Isabel Lyman, Ph.D., Editor  
April, 2016

## Bob Barry, Jr., Sportscaster

**G**ustavo Castillo Gutierrez was a 26-year-old illegal alien from Mexico when he was arrested for killing Bob Barry, Jr., 58, a well-known veteran Oklahoma City sportscaster in June, 2015.

Gutierrez, now 27, accepted a plea agreement and pled guilty in January, 2016 to possession of cocaine, driving without a license, and causing the death of Barry. Gutierrez has been sentenced to 10 years in prison for drug possession and five years for the additional charges related to the crash. Gutierrez may be deported to his native Mexico after serving his sentence.

Barry was killed on June 20, 2015, in Oklahoma City after Gutierrez made an illegal U-turn into Barry's motorcycle path, causing Barry to be thrown off his motorcycle and suffer fatal internal injuries.

Gutierrez reportedly had been working illegally in the U.S. as a roofer. After his arrest, Gutierrez was charged with drug possession, driving without a license, and first degree manslaughter. A police report says that said Gutierrez's only ID at the time was a "Mexican identification card."

According to news reports, thousands of people attended Barry's funeral at the Crossings Community Church in Oklahoma City.

Barry's life-long passion was sports — playing and

reporting. At the time of his death, Barry, Jr. was Sports Director for KFOR-TV, where he worked for over 30 years. During his long career, Barry became a beloved sports personality and celebrity in the Sooner State. He leveraged his popularity to help raise funds for a number of community groups and was honored as sportscaster of the year on several occasions.

Barry is survived by his wife Gina, four children, and many friends.

While thousands of Americans are being injured, maimed, and killed every year, the Obama administration continues its unconstitutional immigration policies and neutering of enforcement programs previously available to enforce U.S. immigration laws. The actions are directly responsible for Barry's death. Under these enforcement protocols, illegal aliens can basically violate our immigration laws with impunity. It took Bob Barry, Jr.'s death for the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement Agency (ICE) to place an immigration hold on Gutierrez, even though he was a repeat offender. Some cities and counties in the U.S. even protect illegal aliens by passing "sanctuary" policies that prohibit local law enforcement from honoring federal immigration hold requests. Some of these cities and counties also help the Mexican government by accepting and allowing the distribution of Matricula ID cards as valid ID, which they are not.

Like many other illegal aliens, Gutierrez has been caught entering the U.S. illegally on multiple occasions. U.S. border patrol agents had captured Gutierrez three times prior to his killing Barry. How did Gutierrez avoid a felony charge of illegal reentry before he even had a chance to kill Barry? Gutierrez apparently benefited

from the Obama Administration’s “illegal alien catch and release policy.” Gutierrez reportedly was “volun-



**Bob Barry, Jr.**

tarily” returned to Mexico two times in 2010 and once in 2013. His voluntary removal allowed him to avoid prosecution, which might have deterred him from returning to the U.S.

again, keeping him out of the path of Barry’s motorcycle of that fateful day, June 20, 2015.

How many more Americans must die before we get true public servants in the offices of our three branches of federal government, who are willing to protect our sovereignty and the citizens of the United States?

—Steve Salvi

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## Jesse Benavides, Family Man

**I**n October 2011, my 33-year-old brother, Jesse Benavides, was at a child's birthday party, and a man showed up. He was my brother's sister-in-law's ex-husband.

Santana Gaona had a history of violence. When he got to the party, everyone was alarmed because he was not invited. My brother took it upon himself to be the one to confront him. He told everyone to 'relax,' and the two men had an exchange of words. Jesse made it clear he was very concerned about Gaona's violence toward women and told him he needed to leave the family gathering.

Gaona was pretty intimidated by the confrontation, so he went to his car, grabbed a gun, and pulled it out; within minutes of the exchange of words, he shot at Jesse nine times, hitting him four times.

He shot to kill, and did kill my brother.

Two weeks prior to the murder that took place against my family, Gaona was arrested for sexual assault. We started asking questions — we already knew he was an immigrant that was here illegally, and we found out that he had been deported three times.

Gaona ended up getting the sexual assault charge dropped, and then he was put on immigration hold. Why did he not get deported, if he had already been deported three times? After contacting lawyers and reporters, we

found out that he was an FBI informant. So, after ICE had custody of him and should have deported him, the FBI made a phone call and put him out on the street, where two weeks later he shot and killed Jesse in front of my brother's eight-year-old son.

Jesse should be with us today, and he is not. It was a tragedy, and I think it can happen to anyone. The dangers of criminal, violent illegal immigrants that are here are real, and there are many of them. It just came upon us like a ton of bricks.

My family and I want to know how there can be such a lack of accountability and responsibility at the federal level by multiple federal agencies, affecting and destroying American lives.

Five years after his death in Dallas, we are still asking questions and seeking answers. I still can't go a day without thinking of my brother, Jesse.

—Juan Benavides



**Jesse Benavides**

## Casey Chadwick, Nursing Assistant

Jean Jacques, a 40-year-old illegal immigrant, had recently been released from prison, after serving a 17-year sentence for attempted murder during a drug deal gone wrong. Instead of being deported back to his home country of Haiti, Jacques managed to get a job as a dishwasher, supplementing his income by resuming his selling of crack cocaine.

Jacques had been a free man for 6 months, when, on June 14, 2015, he was visiting the home of Casey Chadwick in Norwich, Connecticut. The Haitian determined that Chadwick's boyfriend, who also knew 'Zoe' (Jacques' street name), would not be in their presence that evening. Casey, a 25-year-old nursing assistant, was never heard from again.

Casey's body was found stuffed into her own living room closet. Jacques had stabbed her to death, stolen cash and jewelry from her, and fled. Law enforcement were able to ensnare him in the process of making a drug deal the following day. He was still wearing clothes stained with his victim's blood.

Details of multiple failed deportation attempts later came to light. In 2002, during Jacques' first incarceration, the Hartford Executive Office for Immigration Review ordered him to be extracted to Haiti. Jacques could not

produce adequate documentation of his Haitian citizenship, so the deportation attempt collapsed.

When Jacques was released at the end of his prison sentence into the custody of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), he was inexplicably set free back into American society. The beleaguered federal agency has yet to provide a satisfactory explanation for their repeated negligence in carrying out their primary duties.

In January of 2014, Connecticut passed the TRUST Act (Transparency and Responsibility Using State Tools). This legislation protected illegal immigrants from being held by law enforcement if they had immigration detainers in their files. The two exceptions to the rule appertained to convicted felons, or illegals with a “Final Order” of deportation — both of which applied to Jacques. This was the first state law of its kind passed in the country.

Casey’s tragic story is just one of many unfolding across our country that now has more than 300 ‘sanctuary cities’ and an almost non-existent southern border. As of 2015, the Center for Immigration Studies estimates that over 347,000 immigrants with criminal convictions are roaming the streets of the United States. At least 179,000 of them are illegals with “final orders” of removal, but are virtually untraceable and remain at large. ICE director Sarah Saldana has testified to Congress that her agency is apprehending and removing fewer illegal criminals in recent years — a disturbing trend.

—Dan Lyman



**Casey Chadwick**

## Dominic Durden, Dispatcher

**D**ominic was my only child, my best friend, my rock and support system, the one that I could trust 200 percent. For 30 years he brought nothing but pure joy into my life, and I enjoyed every second of just being DOMSMOM. He was born on January 22, 1982 in Germany. He grew up speaking fluent German and English, showed interest in just about everything, but, most of all, he was a very caring and loving person.

At the age of 10 we moved to the USA and adapted very well to our new life here. I was a German immigrant myself, and became a U.S. citizen. Dominic was a 4.0 GPA student throughout his school years, and we just knew he was on his way to do great things.

In 2002 he received the “Volunteer of the Year” award from the City of Moreno Valley, for giving over 1,000 hours of his time. Dominic accumulated 87 letters of recommendation and 111 school and work award certificates. In 2004, he became a 911 Dispatcher for the Riverside, California Sheriff’s Department and worked a very tough and stressful job. He loved that challenging task, and every time he was on duty, the deputies out in the field would feel safe and in good hands. They trusted him and called him the best dispatcher around.

However, life changed brutally and instantly on July 12, 2012, at 5:45 am. My only child, the love of my life, my reason for being, was taken from me in the blink of an eye. This is enough pain for a lifetime, but it gets much worse.

I was informed that the driver of the truck that killed my son instantly was a 24-year-old from Guatemala, an illegal alien without a license, insurance or legally registered vehicle, and on probation for a prior DUI. This guy had a lengthy arrest record and has been in and out of court and prison prior to this. Juan Tzun was arrested for grand theft and armed robbery in November of 2008 and given three years probation. In August, 2010, he was arrested for



**Dominic Durden**

a DUI and a probation violation and given three more years probation. In May, 2012, he was arrested again on a DUI while on probation from the prior DUI and given probation again. Less than 60 days later, he killed my son. Since 2008, Tzun had been given a free pass to do what he wanted without consequences from our laws. He knew he was unlicensed; he knew he wasn't allowed to drive. But on July 12, 2012, he did what he had been doing all these years — flaunting our laws. He hit and killed my son instantly, and all he got charged with was a misdemeanor for “making an unsafe left turn.”

—Sabine Durden

## James Gadiel, 9-11 Victim

People tend to idealize the loved they have lost — to remember only the best and forget the rest. However, in the case of my son, James, murdered by Muslim terrorists on Sept. 11, 2001, there really is only good to remember.

James was one of the kindest, gentlest people I've ever known. There simply was no cruelty in him. Yet he was no pushover or moral weakling. He went to a college (Washington and Lee University in Virginia) with the strictest honor code in the nation. The existence of that honor code, and the school's very high academic standards, were among the reasons he chose it.

When my wife was diagnosed with cancer in 1986, James was only eight. Throughout her three-and-half-year illness he showed astounding strength, stability, and love. In the last moments of her life, James was with me by her side, showing these traits, which were hallmarks of his character.

James died on 9/11 because government officials in the Department of Justice, State Department, Congress, and elsewhere refused to act to prevent dangerous aliens from entering our country.

Although claims that the "U.S. government knew in advance of the impending attacks" are utter nonsense, the

fact is that government officials (including Bill Clinton, Janet Reno, Madeleine Albright, and numerous others) were criminally negligent in their failure to enforce the laws that would, *without question*, have kept the killers from ever entering our country.

During my tenure as president of 9/11 Families for a Secure America, I have talked to many victims of violent crimes committed by aliens who either came to the U.S. as illegal aliens sneaking across our borders or as ‘legal’ aliens allowed to enter despite obvious terrorist or criminal backgrounds. Families of those who have been murdered or raped or otherwise destroyed by criminal aliens invariably ask me: “Why was this monster allowed to come to the United States?”



**James Gadiel**

My answer to them is this: “None of our family members would have been harmed, if only officials at all levels of government would enforce our immigration laws.”

The blood of these victims is on the hands of Bill Clinton, George W. Bush, Barack Obama, and the lobbyists of the Left and Right who have corrupted our government and perverted our Constitution into a document that protects illegal aliens rather than law-abiding American citizens.

The shame should stain the memories of these politicians, but the real pain will be borne by the survivors.

—Peter Gadiel

## Spencer Golvach, Musician

**O**n January 31, 2015, my 25-year-old son was murdered by an illegal alien. Spencer was on his way home after taking his girlfriend out for her birthday, when Victor Reyes Rodriguez pulled up to a red light and blew my son's brains out with a pistol he had stolen weeks earlier.

My son died alone. He was my best friend.

There were over 1,000 people from around the country at Spencer's memorial. He was a special kid — the kind of guy who could make you feel good about whoever you are. As a professional musician, I was able to share my love of music with him. He grew up to be an excellent multi-instrumentalist, as well. Our favorite band was Led Zeppelin.

At the age of 22, Spencer bought the guitar shop at which I had been giving lessons since the 1990s. With music retail being as it is — and with nine employees depending on him — he had to work extra hard to meet all of his responsibilities. He took on a second full-time job (one of those occupations 'Americans don't want'), doing manual labor at a warehouse from 8-to-5 every day. He would then go to the shop to manage his business — often working until one or two in the morning. On the day

he was murdered, Spencer was supposed to host a grand re-opening of his store at a new location.

It was 6 AM when I got a knock on the front door from two sheriff's deputies and a chaplain.

May God-forbid that you ever see this — you need to brace yourself because you're going to be transported to a very dark place of despair. You hear those words uttered, and usually it takes two times to hear it before it sets in. That's when the suffering begins — the screaming, the crying, the wailing, the throwing up.



**Spencer Golvach**

Now, let me tell you who Victor Reyes Rodriguez was.

He was an illegal alien from Reynosa, Mexico — a career criminal associated with gangs and cartels. He had a violent rap sheet that dated back to 2001. It consisted of felonies, assaults, and burglaries. He was deported four times and did 63 months in a federal prison. When they released him, he turned right back around and zoomed up to the sanctuary city of Houston, Texas, where he knew he could operate.

This is not 'immigration.' An immigrant is someone who comes into our country on our terms, and abides by our laws. When they come in on their own terms and completely disregard your laws, that's called an 'invader.' My son was murdered by an invader.

We have two major parties. We have one party that forsakes and disregards our immigration laws for the sake of future perceived voters. And on the other side of the aisle, we have a party that says they want to 'do something,' but the reality is that they are more interested in

pandering to their illegal-cheap-labor-hiring donors.

Regardless of what their motives are, it is treason. It is an act of war against us. In war, you don't debate — you fight. If someone enters your house uninvited, you're not going to ignore him. Yet, that's exactly what they are asking us to do.

You hear phrases like 'comprehensive immigration reform.' There is nothing wrong with our immigration laws. It's not the immigration system that's broken — it's our political system that's broken, and I think we need 'comprehensive politician reform.'

People ask me all the time if I'm 'okay.' I will never be okay. I'm functional. But it's very difficult to watch my son's mother sit at his grave on Mother's Day and sing, 'You Are My Sunshine,' and read children's books.

My son died alone. He was my best friend.

—Dan Golvach

## Marten Kudlis, Toddler

On April 27, 2010, President Obama attacked Arizona's tough immigration law SB 1070 (the Support Our Law Enforcement and Safe Neighborhoods Act). Ignoring the fact that the law specifically bars racial profiling, and that immigration status is checked only when police have reasonable suspicion during lawful contact, Obama claimed that under the law, "Now suddenly if you don't have your papers, and you took your kid out to get ice cream, you're going to get harassed — that's something that could potentially happen. That's not the right way to go."

While Obama wrung his hands about something that "could potentially happen" when taking your kids out for a treat, less than three weeks earlier, illegal alien Francis Hernandez was sentenced to 60 years in prison for killing a three-year-old child who was out with his mother to get ice cream.

On September 4, 2008, Hernandez was driving 80 miles per hour in a 40 mile per hour zone and slammed his pick-up truck into a truck driven by Patricia Guntharp, who was one of my constituents at the time, killing her and her passenger Debra Serecky. The trucks careened through a window at a Baskin Robbins, striking three-year-old Marten Kudlis, who went flying through

the air. Marten's mother was in line to buy him ice cream. Marten was taken to the hospital where died due to internal injuries.

Hernandez had been arrested 16 times in Colorado over five years, the most recent taking place less than two months before the fatal crash. The charges included driv-



**Marten Kudlis**

ing without a license, forgery, theft, and assault. He was never handed over to immigration authorities. Had Colorado instituted a law similar to SB 1070, Francis Hernandez would

have been deported long before he had the opportunity to kill Marten Kudlis, Patricia Gunthrap, and Debra Serecky.

Every year, there are thousands of tragic incidents such as this — which can and should be prevented — that result in the deaths of American citizens.

While Barack Obama lets sanctuary cities continue to defy American immigration laws, his justice department is suing Arizona for trying to protect our citizens, because he is more concerned about imaginary scenarios that will inconvenience illegal aliens than the safety and well-being of American citizens. This is a travesty.

—Tom Tancredo

## Dustin Inman, Forever Sixteen

**D**ustin Inman is one of the uncounted thousands of Americans who have needlessly lost their lives, because the U.S. government refuses to secure American borders or responsibly enforce immigration and employment laws.

Forever sixteen, Dustin was a Georgia youth killed by an illegal alien in a senseless traffic collision on Father's Day weekend in 2000.

On June 16, the Inman family was on their way to a weekend of fishing in the North Georgia mountains, when an illegal alien snuffed out their American Dream.

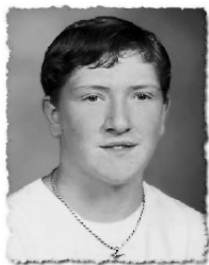
In the United States illegally, Gonzalo Harrell-Gonzalez was able to obtain a valid North Carolina driver's license using his Mexican birth certificate and a Mexican Matricula Consular ID card. Harrell-Gonzalez's speeding vehicle hurtled into the rear of the Inman family's car while it was stopped at a red light in Ellijay, Georgia, killing Dustin and knocking unconscious Kathy and Billy Inman, his parents.

When Kathy regained consciousness (after five weeks in a coma), she learned of the death of her only son, and that she, because of spinal injuries received in the wreck that killed him, would spend the rest of her life in a wheelchair.

Billy Inman will tell you he blames the government, sworn to protect his family, for his son's death, not only the illegal alien who killed him.

The Inmans have only a few school photos, some family snapshots, and video made at Dustin's funeral by which to remember their son.

America's unsecured borders and lax policies and practices toward illegal immigration have changed their lives forever. The sad story is repeated far too often across the nation.



**Dustin Inman**

Billy misses his "hunting buddy" every day. "I loved Dustin," says Billy softly. He says that he will not rest until he brings his son's killer to justice. He will also tell you that he "paid no attention to politics" and had never voted before he lost his son to America's intentionally unsecured borders.

"The system really let me down," says Billy.

Charged and indicted in the death of Dustin Inman, Gonzalo Harrell-Gonzalez is a fugitive after escaping from local police. His whereabouts are unknown.

—D.A. King

## Denny McCann, Grandfather

**O**n June 8, 2011, Denny was crossing Kedzie Avenue in Chicago on a marked crosswalk and was violently struck by a drunk driver who dragged Denny under his car for a block in an attempt to flee before Denny died.

The family was notified by the Chicago Police, and the killer was placed into custody and charged with Aggravated DUI causing death. Two days later ICE issued a detainer, because the young man was an illegal alien with a prior felony. The family was assured by the Cook County prosecutor that the defendant would not be allowed to post bail and be released. Three months later the Cook County Board passed the ordinance that effectively requires the Sheriff to ignore detainers.

During the intervening weeks after Denny's violent death, Cook County President Toni Preckwinkle and former mayoral candidate and Commissioner Jesus Garcia pushed for the ordinance and rammed it through on September 7, 2011. Two months later the killer made bail and absconded to Mexico.

Perhaps the most disturbing aspect of this whole ordeal was that we also learned that this illegal alien was prosecuted for another felony two years earlier, and ICE was never notified then. He was removed from probation in February 2011, and four months later killed Denny.

In short Denny would be alive today and enjoying the birth of a new granddaughter, if the Cook County criminal justice system that included the county board did their job. I received confirmation that he is indeed in Mexico from the FBI and is currently driving a truck.

The following October a family friend told me about the good works of Judicial Watch, and I met with their chief litigator Paul Orfanedes the next month.

A few months later a press conference was held at the State of Illinois Building announcing the filing of



**Denny McCann**

my lawsuit entitled *Brian McCann v. Thomas J. Dart*, on April 22, 2013. In the lawsuit we challenged Sheriff Dart's refusal to honor immigration detainers or cooperate with ICE in identifying deportable criminal aliens. At the time Cook County jails had released as many as 1,000 criminal aliens sought by ICE in the previous 18 months. We continue this legal fight to the present day.

Recently, we filed a petition for review with the Illinois Supreme Court. Because ICE no longer routinely issues detainers we are no longer challenging Dart's refusal to honor them. However, we continue to challenge the Sheriff's policy of prohibiting and restricting communications and the exchanging of information with ICE officials about a person's citizenship or immigration status.

I remain very concerned that the current immigration enforcement policies seem to encourage jurisdictions like Cook County and San Francisco to continue their non-cooperation policies.

—Brian McCann

## Brandon Mendoza, Police Officer

**M**y son, Sergeant Brandon Mendoza, an officer who was with the City of Mesa, Arizona Police Department, was killed in a tragic head-on collision on May 12, 2014, by a wrong-way driver on our freeways. The driver happened to be in this country illegally, convicted of previous crimes, had neither a Social Security number, nor a valid driver's license, but had purchased a vehicle and registered it to drive in Maricopa County, Arizona.

I had my son's life **STOLEN** from me by a man who didn't value his life, was three times the legal limit drunk, was high on Meth, drove for over 35 miles **THE WRONG WAY** on four different freeways, and had **NO BUSINESS BEING IN THIS COUNTRY!!!**

The federal government knew he, Raul Silva Corona, was an illegal immigrant when he was convicted for crimes in 1994 in Colorado. The prosecutors were "lenient" on him, and several charges were dismissed. When he was convicted, and the government knew he was in the country illegally, why wasn't he deported? Why are any of these illegal criminals in this country?

I am furious that the federal government allowed this criminal to stay in this country and **KILL** my son!

All you have to do is Google “Sgt/Officer Brandon Mendoza,” and you will have plenty of reading material about my wonderful son, who had just passed his Sergeant’s exam to become a sergeant. The chief of police posthumously promoted him during the week of his funeral, but that highlight of his life was stolen from him! He was ‘officer of the year’ last year and ‘officer of the quarter’ for the first quarter of 2014. He was only 32 years old and had done more in his life than most of us do in a lifetime!

My son was half Hispanic. It’s not the color of skin



**Brandon Mendoza**

that my son saw or I see; it’s the people and how they conduct their lives. If you can’t enter this country legally, then you shouldn’t be here. If you commit crimes, you should pay the time any of us as U.S. citizens would have to serve. Letting these

illegal criminals out of our jails before their time is served, and turning them loose on the streets to commit further crimes and KILL our loved ones, is NOT ACCEPTABLE TO ME!! And it shouldn’t be acceptable to any U.S. citizen.

—Mary Ann Mendoza

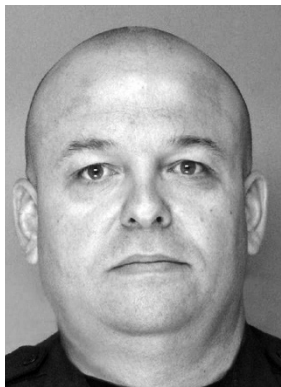
## Danny Oliver, Deputy Sheriff

**M**y husband's last shift ended as a 15 year veteran of the Sacramento Sheriff's Department by doing something he had done countless times before in his career. Danny was walking toward a car to see what the occupants were doing on his beat. Danny prided himself on helping communities and feeling like he was truly making a difference. Danny was a POP (Problem Oriented Policing) officer. My husband and father of two never made it to the driver's window on Friday, October 24, 2014.

At about 10:30 a.m., a man armed with numerous weapons aimed one out the car from the parking lot of a Motel 6 at Arden and Ethan Way in Sacramento and opened fire, killing my husband with a shot to the forehead. My husband simply asked how the armed man's day was going.

Many people ask if I have gotten past that terrible day. The answer is 'No,' and I think it will always be 'No.' Each day I look for parental backup to child rearing, and I feel the loss. Each day my children reach milestones like a wedding engagement, graduations, and our weekly family brunches, and I am reminded that I no longer have my husband. I was married for 25 years to my high school sweetheart, and we watched each other grow up.

Every single day, law officers at the state, local, and federal levels are forced to release criminal aliens who pose a threat to community safety — in violation of current laws that require deportation. Additionally, in the last two years, ICE released back onto the streets 76,000



**Danny Oliver**

convicted criminal aliens.

There are 169,000 criminal aliens at large in the United States right now, who have convictions and were formally and lawfully ordered deported. This Administration's tolerance of sanctuary cities has also resulted in another 10,000 potentially deportable arrested aliens being released by local law agencies

since January of last year. And, 121 of the criminal aliens who've been ordered deported in the last few years and were released by ICE have now been charged with additional homicide offenses.

The man that killed my husband was deported several times for various felonies. However, due to the lack of coordination between law enforcement agencies, he was allowed back into this country.

If the loss of my loving husband and father of our children could have been avoided, I hope, I can be a voice to explain the grief we have endured. My life is forever changed and saddened.

—Susan Oliver

## Marilyn Pharis, U.S. Air Force Veteran

Let us talk about AMERICAN lives and whether or not they matter, especially when lined up against the issue of illegal immigration. I've observed the most recent test of American lives and illegal immigration, and it must be addressed.

As reported by the *New York Daily News*, "A man who entered the country illegally beat a 64-year-old California woman to death with a hammer after raping her inside her own home, police said — the latest incident to fuel a mounting fury against illegal immigration. Marilyn Pharis, a U.S. Air Force veteran, died eight days after suffering serious head injuries in the brutal attack, Santa Maria police said.

Victor Aureliano Martinez — a 29-year-old undocumented immigrant who was arrested six times in 15 months — faces first-degree murder, mayhem, torture and rape charges in Pharis' death, KEYT News reported. Just two weeks before the fatal attack, he was arrested for possessing meth, police said. "These charges carry the possibility of the death penalty or life without possibility of parole,' Santa Barbara County District Attorney Joyce Dudley said at a Friday press conference."

First, consider that there is a move out in California

to outlaw the use of the word “alien” when it comes to addressing illegal immigrants. We already know that the liberal progressive left wants to eradicate the use of the word “illegal,” and, as you saw in the quoted portion above, the word “undocumented” is the PC preferred reference. How is it that we show more indignation over references and names for those who have entered our country illegally rather than eradicating the issue of sanctuary cities, upholding the rule of law and respecting legal immigration and immigrants? How can it be that Martinez was arrested SIX times in less than 18 months and still be out free to roam our streets? Someone failed Ms. Pharis, as well as Kate Steinle. And



**Marilyn Pharis**

now we shall have the debate about whether or not the death penalty is appropriate?

Martinez represents a constituency that has little regard or respect for our laws, and an American life was lost due to his disdain for the rule of American law. So why should we contemplate his life any more than he contemplated breaking into the home of Ms. Pharis and forcing a 64-year-old woman to endure such barbaric brutality? God rest her soul as she at least had the strength to ensure her assailant was identified and apprehended.

So, does the life of Marilyn Pharis matter more than some misguided sense of social justice for criminal illegal immigrants, those who continue to spit, not just on our rule of law, but upon the lives of Americans? We need to

come to a realization that when you cross the line of the rule of law in order to take another life, your life matters somewhat less.

Sorry, the lives of those who take away those brilliant lights do not matter, and more so those here illegally. In the case of the criminal illegal immigrant murderers of Kate Steinle, Marilyn Pharis, and many others, it is not about political posturing and appeasement to special interests. This is about the lives of Americans — and that, folks, is all that should matter.

—Allen West

## **Grant Ronnebeck, Convenience Store Clerk**

**G**rant Ronnebeck, my nephew, was a 21-year-old son, brother, and grandson. He was a bright young man, with an infectious smile and love of life. His desire was to work his way up at the job he loved, working for the QuikTrip Corporation or possibly become a member of the law enforcement community. He loved 4-wheeling in the desert around his home near Mesa, Arizona, and spending time with friends and family watching the Denver Broncos play.

At 4:00 a.m. on January 22, 2015, while working the overnight shift at his QuikTrip store, Grant assisted a man buying cigarettes. The man dumped a jar of coins on the counter and demanded cigarettes. Grant tried explaining that he needed to count the coins before he could give the man the cigarettes. The man then pulled a gun and stated “You’re not gonna take my money,” and “You’re not gonna give me my cigarettes.” Grant immediately offered up the cigarettes to the man, who shot him in the face, killing him. Seemingly unaffected, the man then stepped over Grant’s body, grabbed a couple of packs of cigarettes, and then left the store.

After a 30 minute high speed chase through the

streets of Mesa and Phoenix, the man was taken into custody. Inside his car were the cigarettes, at least two handguns, and the shell casings from the 9mm handgun believed to have been used to kill Grant.

Apolinar Altamirano, the alleged murderer, is an illegal immigrant. According to a news article detailing his 2012 arrest, he is a self-proclaimed member of the Mexican mafia, and says he has ties to the Sinaloa drug cartel.



**Grant Ronnebeck**

The news article states that in August of 2012, he was arrested with two others after kidnapping, sexually assaulting, and burglarizing a woman in her apartment. He pled guilty to a charge of felony burglary for that incident and was sentenced to two years of probation and turned over to the Immigration and Customs Enforcement Agency (ICE) due to his undocumented status in the United States. He never served any time in custody. ICE released the now-convicted felon Altamirano on bond pending a deportation hearing.

In the two years since then, while awaiting his deportation hearing, Altamirano has had two orders of protec-

tion filed against him, including one by a woman who claimed he threatened to kill her and pointed a gun at her boyfriend.

Altamirano was still allowed to be free in our country. Rep. Matt Salmon, AZ-05, said it clearly in a letter: “I believe there is simply no excuse for ICE to be releasing individuals like this back onto our streets to endanger and kill hardworking Americans.”

It is my family’s greatest desire that Grant’s legacy be more than a fading obituary, a cemetery plot, or a fond memory. Instead, we want Grant’s death to be a force for change and reform in the immigration policies of this great nation, so that tragedies like this might not ever occur again.

—Michael Ronnebeck

## Jamiel Shaw, High School Football Standout

**I**n March 2008, as 17-year-old Jamiel Shaw was walking home, Pedro Espinoza, an illegal alien gang member, pulled alongside the teenager, and asked him what gang he was in. According to witnesses, the high school football standout did not answer him because he had no part of gang life.

Espinoza then opened fire on Jamiel, killing him only feet away from his house. His father actually heard the gunshots that would take his son from his side forever. At the time of his murder, Jamiel's mom, Anita Shaw, was deployed in Iraq with the U.S. Army. She returned home for his funeral.

In May 2012, Espinoza was found guilty of first degree murder and is currently sitting on California's death row. Because Los Angeles is a "sanctuary city" for illegal aliens, even violent gang members such as Espinoza are all too often placed back into the communities they terrorize, rather than turned over to Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) for deportation.

The Shaw family continues to fight for the passage of "Jamiel's Law," which would force Los Angeles law enforcement to crack down on and target illegal alien gang members, much the same way the Shaw family and many

others believe that those same illegal aliens are now targeting the black residents of Los Angeles. In late 2010, this writer spoke with Jamiel's aunt, Althea Rae Shaw, who said of her nephew: "I just miss him so much. He loved his country, and he was so proud that his mom was serving in Iraq. He couldn't wait to see her come home. We need a city council geared to protecting American citizens, instead of illegal aliens. We need public officials who will stop bowing down to illegal aliens."

Jamiel Shaw was not a gang member, nor was he on suspension from school when he was murdered; he did not use drugs; he did not burglarize homes; and he did not spew racist epithets, because he had a good, Christian family. Jamiel was simply a good kid with a very bright future, loved by a strong family ... a family who still loves him and who still fights for him.

—Dave Gibson



**Jamiel Shaw**

## Louise Sollowin, Great-Grandmother

**A**fter a night spent drinking, an illegal immigrant teenager entered the home — via an unlocked door — of a 93-year-old Nebraskan great grandmother and raped her.

Louise Sollowin died, three days after the attack, of complications due to blunt-force trauma to her head. Sergio Martinez-Perez, age 19 and a Mexican national, was found unconscious, and according to police reports, “naked and on top of Sollowin. He had beaten her, sexually assaulted her, and broken several bones in her face — and blood covered the room.”

In order to rape her, the perpetrator had to remove the elderly victim’s adult diaper.

By all accounts, Mrs. Sollowin, a widow, was a sweet, energetic, religious, and family-oriented individual who had strong ties to Omaha’s “Little Italy” community. She had worked as a seamstress and a baker and was nimble enough on her feet, even at her stage of life, to not require a walker or cane. She lived in the home she died in for 71 years. Her late husband, Joe, was a World War II veteran.

Martinez-Perez had been living in Omaha only four months, allegedly working as a roofer with no apparent ties to the area. Douglas County Public Defender Tom

Riley said his client had only an elementary school education. Prior to the attack, Martinez-Perez claimed he was ‘angry at women’ due to being brushed off at a party by some women.

The incomprehensible crime, unfortunately, has served as a wake-up call to the Sollowin family and



**Louise Sollowin**

their friends about current political practices that harm innocent Americans. Grandson Bill Hartzell has stated, “What we’re against is people coming across the border illegally, and against the federal government that supports them in doing so.” Iowa Congressman Steve King, who spoke at a memorial event for Mrs. Sollowin, agreed. “It rips our hearts out to know how the Sollowin family has suffered ... This suffering is one of thousands and thousands of cases across America that we have endured for more than a decade ... and still the leadership in this country doesn’t listen.”

In April of 2014, Louise Sollowin’s killer was sentenced to life in prison. He was spared the death penalty, pleading to first-degree murder.

—Izzy Lyman

## Kate Steinle, World Traveler

Kate was beautiful, kind, happy, caring, loving, and deep in faith. Kate had a special soul, a kind and giving heart, the most contagious laugh, and a smile that would light up a room.

Kate loved to travel, spend time with her friends, and most of all spend time with her family. In fact, the day she was killed, we were walking arm in arm on Pier 14 in San Francisco, enjoying a wonderful day together. Suddenly a shot rang out; Kate fell, looked at me, and said, "Help me, Dad." Those are the last words I will ever hear from my daughter.

The day Kate died, she changed her Facebook cover photo to a saying that said, "Whatever's good for your soul ... do that." This quote truly describes her spirit. After graduating from Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, she went to work for a title company and saved her money so she could see the world. She traveled to Spain, Thailand, Amsterdam, Dubai, and South Africa, just to mention a few. She even made her way to the slums of Mumbai, India to reach out to her friend's mother's nanny. She spent time there with the woman's family and came home a changed person. She went to South Africa on safari with her friend and witnessed the aftermath of the

slaughter of elephants. After that, she became passionate about PAWS, an organization that helps save, and create sanctuaries for, these remarkable animals.

Everywhere Kate went throughout the world, she shined the light of a good citizen from the United States of America. Unfortunately, due to unjointed laws and basic incompetence of the government, the U.S. has suffered a self-inflicted wound in the murder of our daughter



**Kate Steinle**

ter by the hand of a person that should have never been on the streets in this country. I say this because the alleged murderer is an undocumented immigrant who has been convicted of 7 felonies in the U.S. and had already been deported five times. Yet, in March of 2015, he was released from jail and allowed

to stay here freely because of legal loopholes. It is unbelievable to see that so many innocent Americans have been killed by undocumented immigrant felons in recent years. In fact, we recently came across a statistic that says between 2010 and 2014, 121 unique criminal aliens, who had an active deportation case at the time of release, were subsequently charged with homicide-related offenses. Think about that: 121 times over the past 4 years the administration has released an illegal immigrant with prior criminal convictions that later went on to be charged with a murder, when they should have been deported.

—Jim Steinle

## Joshua Wilkerson, Old Soul

**M**y son's name is Joshua Aaron Wilkerson. On November 16, 2010, he was beaten, strangled, and tortured until he died. He was tied up, thrown in a field, and set on fire. His killer, Hermilo Moralez, of Belize, was brought here illegally by his illegal alien parents when he was ten years old, so he fit the 'DREAM kid' description. He was sentenced to life in prison, which means it will be 30 years before he's up for parole. He'll be a 49-year-old man, whom I don't expect to be deported. And I just hope he doesn't come to live in your city.

We had to hear this kid on the stand muttering about, 'In my country ... In my country,' never to finish that sentence. We listened to him tell us repeatedly that his 'killing skills took over,' that Josh had kicked his dog, and his 'killing skills took over.' His parents somehow managed to provide lessons so he acquired a black belt in mixed martial arts. Joshua had never been in a fight in his life.

Joshua was a very quiet, old soul. He didn't speak a lot, but when he did, you listened to him. Instead of getting Joshua home that day from school, we got an autopsy report.

[From the autopsy report]: This body is received in a grey body bag. There's a tag on his toe that bears the name, Joshua Wilkerson. This is a white male weighing a hundred pounds. He is tied up with braided rope —



**Joshua Wilkerson**

13 loops around his neck in a slipknot. It goes behind his back through his back belt loop. It goes to his hands and his feet, behind his body. He has multiple fractures in his face and nasal cavity. His throat and his voicebox are crushed. He was kicked so hard in the stomach that it

sent his spleen into his spine, and sliced it in two ... [The medical examiner said it was torture.] This body has significant skin loss on his buttocks, his abdomen, his penis, his hands, and his face. He had one stick of gum and a tardy slip in his pocket.”

This was our family's 9/11 terrorist attack by a foreign invader, whether you want to recognize it or not. This government continues to fail to recognize that we have an issue. Americans are dying daily at the hands of criminals that we don't even know are here.

—Laura Wilkerson

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#### ***Immigration Policy Topics — Criminal Aliens***

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