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## Trials mirror life: Both can be very unfair

Anyone who doubts the unevenness of American justice ought to check with David Rauch or Angel Palank.

Both benefited from the arbitrary whims of juries (or perhaps superior skills of their respective lawyers) in two wildly dissimilar cases tried recently in Broward Circuit Court.

David Rauch was acquitted in a sleazy \$5,000 murder-for-hire homicide after testifying, simply, that he was too screwed up on drugs and couldn't remember anything about the 1991 hit on Lighthouse Point millionaire Charles Bray.

The diminished-capacity argument — a desperate strategy that almost never works — did. The jury bought it. On July 17, Rauch was acquitted. One of his companions the evening that Bray was beaten to death is serving a 15-year sentence.

Meanwhile, the lawsuit of Angel Palank against CSX Transportation was being tried in the Broward civil division. Last Wednesday, a jury piled \$50 million in punitive damages atop an earlier \$6.1 million wrongful-death judgment.

Palank, a Cooper City commissioner, and her family had sued CSX over the 1991 derailment of an Amtrak passenger train in rural South Carolina in which her husband, Miami policeman Paul Palank, was one of eight people killed. CSX had been responsible for maintaining that stretch of track.

### A matter of millions

Compare the Palank verdict with the \$2.8 million awarded the family of Joe Gresham, a Broward County maintenance supervisor. Two civil-servant victims. Same train. Same wreck. Same circumstances. Same circuit. Different juries. Justice varied by \$53.3 million.

The judge in the Palank lawsuit could — and likely will — declare the punitive damages excessive and lower the amount. But a judge's action hardly restores confidence that juries dole out justice in equal amounts. It's particularly disconcerting when the system goes about its differing ways in the criminal system.

### Death Row's losers

Florida's Death Row, for example, has scores of condemned killers whose criminal circumstances can be matched up with killers serving out prison sentences.

The difference between life and death came at trial time. In superior lawyers. In the capacity to pay for an adequate defense. And with the whims of the juries.

The Rauch case may have revealed another factor contributing to uneven justice. After Rauch's first trial ended in a mistrial in April (a detective blurted out improperly that Rauch had confessed to taking part in the Bray murder), several of the female jurors expressed sympathy for the boyish, nice-looking defendant, offering to bake the young man cookies.

### Image important

A less appealing, older, uglier, darker client might have had trouble selling jurors the diminished-capacity argument. In fact, Broward County juries regularly convict and recommend death penalties for defendants with long, documented histories of gross mental impairment.

The unprety Eddie Gryczan, for example, killed his mother after emerging from yet another stint in a mental hospital. His jury rejected an insanity defense and suggested the death penalty. (A quirk in Florida law allows criminal defendants to argue that intoxication impaired their judgment, yet sets a much higher standard to mount a mental-illness defense.)

A jury's whimsical inequity — even a \$53.3 million inequity — might be an acceptable risk in a train wreck civil trial. But when jury whims send some to Old Sparky and others home, it's time to retool the system.

# Hollywood sends 'Dear John' letters

By CHARLES SAVAGE  
Herald Writer

A Hollywood police letter-writing campaign designed to embarrass men caught soliciting prostitutes has raised a red flag with civil-liberties advocates.

Letters, printed on Hollywood police stationery, began arriving last week at the homes of those arrested on suspicion of soliciting prostitution, said police spokesman Slepian Norris. "The letters, addressed to 'Dear Resident,' tell of the arrest and warn of possible consequences. The letters say prostitution contributes to the spread of AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases. 'AIDS has no cure and can be fatal,' the letter states. Included

with the letter is a pamphlet about sexually transmitted diseases. "We hope you will find it useful and will govern yourself accordingly," the letter says.

Hollywood police have mailed about 120 letters since the campaign began two weeks ago, including 62 to arrestees picked up in a sting on Saturday.

"The purpose of the letter is to embarrass people into not soliciting prostitution," Norris said. "We're letting people know we're sending these letters, and if they know they may get one, it may be enough to keep them from going out and soliciting."

Sending letters to those not yet convicted of the offense may violate their rights if part of the intent is punitive, said Robyn

Blumer, executive director of the American Civil Liberties Union's Florida division.

"The fact is that the system cannot punish someone until there's been some form of due process," Blumer said. "An arrest, from a constitutional perspective, is meaningless. There has to be a conviction for there to have been a grounded and confirmed violation of law. So a letter like this, if the purpose of this is to embarrass the recipient and to embarrass Johns, would be a violation of due process."

Norris disputes the ACLU position.

"We don't believe we're denying them any of their constitu-

PLEASE SEE STING, 4BR

## THE CITY'S WARNING LETTER

The homes of people charged with soliciting prostitution in Hollywood have received a letter from the Hollywood Police Department detailing the arrest. Here are some excerpts:

Dear Resident:

On [date], at [location], [defendant's name] was arrested and charged with the violation of one or more Florida statutes involving prostitution-related activity. . . .

Acts of prostitution and solicitation of prostitutes are not only criminal offenses in the state of Florida, they are also very dangerous. THESE ACTIVITIES ARE KNOWN TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE SPREAD OF AIDS and other related diseases. AIDS HAS NO CURE AND CAN BE FATAL! . . .

We have enclosed a brochure that further explains the harmful diseases which may be contracted through sexual contact with prostitutes and drug users. We hope that you will find it useful and will govern yourself accordingly."

## CUBAN CUISINE



DIVERSE MENU: La Carreta executive chef Tony Piedra, center, goes over with serving staff each meal that's on the menu at the new Cuban restaurant in Pembroke Pines. Employees were invited to bring family members to a preview meal Monday night.

Photos by EMILY KELSEY / Herald Staff

## Pines getting a big taste of Little Havana

By PATRICIA MALDONADO  
Herald Staff Writer

All the way from Miami's Little Havana, La Carreta Restaurant makes its Broward debut today in Pembroke Pines. On the menu: Cuban favorites such as *tasajo*, *palomilla*, *carnitas* — and pastrami.

Pastrami? That's right. Typical Cuban dishes will be the restaurant's main focus, but if you're in the mood for pastrami or a corned beef on rye, the chefs won't deny you.

The menu at La Carreta, which opened on Southwest Eighth Street 20 years ago, will be stocked with Cuban favorites such as black beans and rice, *platanos maduros* or guava and cream cheese, said Felipe Valls Jr., who owns the restaurant with his father.

The 8,000-square-foot Mediterranean-style restaurant at 301 University Dr. will have a full bakery and deli unique to the chain of seven restaurants, and a bar where you can order a Cuba Libre or a Manhattan.

"To me it's very exciting," Valls said. "It's our first venture into Broward. Pembroke has a good cross-mix of people, including Latinos."

On Monday, the 80 employees took a trial run, testing recipes, table-side man-



SAMPLING THEIR PRODUCT: La Carreta bakery workers Maria Hides, left, and Maria Garcia have lunch at the restaurant on Monday, the day before the grand opening.

ners and serving techniques on each other.

The grand opening is today at 4 p.m. — for dinner only. On Wednesday, the restaurant will have a private party for the media. On Thursday, it will open for lunch. From then on, Valls plans to serve breakfast, lunch and dinner every day.

He even plans to experiment with keeping the restaurant open until 1:30 a.m. on weekends, adding some life to Pembroke Pines after dark.

People have been eager for La Carreta to

open, said cashier Brenda Smith of Miramar.

"People are calling and just coming in with their families, ready to sit down and start eating," Smith said.

Restaurateurs say the demand for Cuban food is high in the area. Even competitor Las Vegas, which has one restaurant in Pembroke Pines, welcomes the new business.

PLEASE SEE RESTAURANT, 8BR

## 1st suspect on trial in Pizza Hut slayings

Lawyer: Client 'had no motive'

By SABRINA L. MILLER  
Herald Staff Writer

When Julian Jacobs walked into a Pembroke Pines Pizza Hut last year, it was to pick up friends for a night of partying on South Beach — not to commit robbery and murder, his attorney said Monday.

"Julian Jacobs didn't do any of that," said Skip Taylor in his opening statement at Jacobs' double-murder trial. "He had no motive. It doesn't make sense that this was a planned event."

But something went tragically wrong around closing time. June 30, 1996, Night manager Derek Jackson, 20, and cook Timothy Lee Ahrens, 18, were fatally shot at the restaurant as 2040 N. University Dr.

Jacobs, 23, is the first of two defendants to stand trial. Clyde Preston, 20, will be tried separately.

In his opening statement Monday, prosecutor Tim Donnelly said both Jacobs and Preston are responsible for the deaths and for robbing the restaurant of more than \$2,000.

"Derek knew the killers. He had befriended both these individuals," Donnelly said. "That's what cost these two young men their lives."

But Taylor said Preston pulled the trigger. He greatly downplayed Jacobs' role, saying his client "just happened to be there."

All the evidence, including a deathbed statement from Jackson, points to Preston as the shooter, Taylor said.

Jackson died of a gunshot wound to the head two days after the incident.

Ahrens, who had graduated with honors from Hollywood Christian High School two weeks earlier, was shot four times.

He was not working that night but had gone to the restaurant to give Jackson, who was having car trouble, a ride.

A third employee, Julian Victor, escaped injury or death by locking himself in the restaurant's restroom, switching off the lights and crouching in a stall. He has said one of the robbers fired shots at the restroom door, then ran out of ammunition.

Donnelly told the jury Monday that after shooting Ahrens and Jackson and swiping the cash, the suspects split the money, blowing \$200 at a Miami strip club later

PLEASE SEE PIZZA HUT, 2BR

## BrowBits

Forty years ago this month, the Ford Motor Co. began advertising its new mid-size model, the Edsel. The Edsel, of course, became the biggest clunker in American auto history and the butt of countless jokes about its grille, which looked like a chrome toilet seat. Ford quit making the Edsel after only three years. Today, there are only 5,000 Edsels in the United States. Calls to many antique-car dealers in Broward indicate there is almost zero demand for the old beast.



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## Mobile swimming teachers instruct kids at home (parents supply pools)

By KHIARA M. BRIDGES  
Herald Writer

It's an equation all too common in South Florida: Young kids plus backyard swimming pools equals drowning deaths.

But the Broward Chapter of the American Red Cross and the YMCA have teamed up this summer to take some of the truth out of that math. They're doing it through the Save a Life Campaign, a water-safety and swim instruction program for families

'We had over 500 calls the first week from families trying to register over 1,200 children.'

with children 8 and younger. It's absolutely free and the lessons come to you. Broward parents with pools

TONIE HOWARD,  
Broward Red Cross

recognize a good deal when they see one.

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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

A DAILY LOOK AT WHAT'S GOING ON IN YOUR COMMUNITY

The For Your Information column appears every day in the Local Section of The Herald's Broward Edition. You'll find classes, lectures, programs for seniors and children, and community entertainment events.

On Fridays, Broward's Weekend section features comprehensive listings of the coming week's entertainment events and a look at what's ahead.

WHAT'S HAPPENING TODAY

CLUBS
Khanite: David club; noon, Rolling Hills Hotel and Golf Resort, 3501 Rolling Hills Cir., DAVIE; 476-8255.

Plantation Orchid Society: 7:30 p.m., Plantation Community Center, 5555 Palm Tree Rd., PLANTATION; 742-8345.

ETC.

Fort Lauderdale Branch Library: The Corridor, photo exhibit by Herald photographer Charles Tranter Jr., 9 a.m.-8 p.m.; Arts/Service and Jan Moran Gallery, 1030 E. Sunrise Blvd., FORT LAUDERDALE; free, 462-9191.

Indoor volleyball: Open indoor coed volleyball for teens age 16 or older and adults; 7:45 p.m., Plantation Central Park, 9151 NW Second St., PLANTATION; fees for Plantation residents (bring picture identification for proof of residency); nonresidents \$5; 432-2510.

Robotics exhibit: Seven robotic creatures of the sea, including killer whale, dolphin mother and baby, 22-foot great white shark, register to win Alaska trip for two; 10 a.m.-9 p.m.; Broward Mall, 8000 W. Broward Blvd., PLANTATION; 473-8100.

COMING UP
Public speaking and drama: 2-3:30 p.m. Fridays starting this week; Ted Thomas Activity Center, 1055 NW 45th Ave., COCONUT CREEK; \$20 for six weeks; 975-5465.

Computers: Free classes; 9 a.m., senior citizens 9-5 p.m., beginners 7-9 p.m.; Fort Lauderdale High Adult Center, 1630 NE Fourth Ave., FORT LAUDERDALE; 765-6939.

CLUBS

American Czechoslovak Group of Broward: Luncheon meeting; 10:30 a.m. Friday; Bohemian Restaurant, 1112 N. Ocean Blvd., POMPANO BEACH; 563-5387.

Polish American Club of Hollywood: Dinner and dance; Saturday, 6:00 p.m. to 10 p.m., dinner 7 p.m., dancing 8 p.m. midnight; 3961 Stirling Rd., HOLLYWOOD; \$8 members, \$10 nonmembers; reservations required; 741-1144.

30mm Color Camera Club: For novice or advanced photographers; 7 p.m. Aug. 19; Miramar Senior Center, 7667 Venetian St., MIRAMAR; 467-4243, 953-6275.

Veterans of Foreign Wars: Ladies Auxiliary: Davis Post 9697; 7:30 p.m. Aug. 13; VFW Post, 5484 Griffin Rd., DAVIE; 563-3330.

Violin Pinks: For groups of African violets; 7:15 p.m. Thursday; Broward County Agriculture and Extension Education Division, 3245 Collier Ave., DAVIE; 376-3927.

FOR KIDS

Cartooning: Create your own cartoons; age 7 or older; 10 a.m. to noon Saturdays starting Aug. 16; Coconut Creek recreation Club, 4455 So. Press Blvd., COCONUT CREEK; \$65 for six weeks; student bring own supplies; 574-1460.

FOR SENIORS

Chair exercises: Classes for residents 50 or older; 10 a.m. Mondays, 9 a.m. Thursdays, 10 a.m. Fridays; Memorial Hospital Pembroke's Professional Building, 2261 University Drive, PEMBROKE PINES; free for Memorial Senior Partners, \$3 per class for nonmembers; membership is one-time payment of \$25; 963-8030.

ETC.

NationsBank Starlight Musicals: Free concerts; 7:30-9:30 p.m.; Hollywood park, U.S. 1 and Hollywood Boulevard, FORT LAUDERDALE; schedule: Gary King and The Dream, rhythm and blues; Friday, Aug. 15; Not, reggae; Aug. 15; and Valerie Tyson, jazz; Aug. 22; 627-8500.

Body building and fitness: National qualifiers for men and women; fitness; 7 p.m. Friday, \$8 or \$12; Saturday, body building morning show (8 a.m. - 58), evening show (8 p.m. - 8:30); War Memorial Auditorium, 900 NE 15th St., FORT LAUDERDALE; 761-5380.

Book signing: Coral Springs author Fred Weston discusses her new book, Awakening Minerva: The Power of Creativity in Women's Lives; 8:30 p.m.; Friday, Barnes & Noble, 790 University Cr., COPAL SPRINGS; 344-8291.

Dania Beach Cruise Nights: Sponsored by Fort Lauderdale Meetings and Optimist Club of Dania; 6 p.m. Saturday; classic cars competing for trophies; music, refreshments, \$5 to enter car; proceeds benefit the Optimist Club of Dania; also, Sept. 13 and Oct. 11; 922-9797, 621-5700, ext. 232.

Parking lot sale: Furniture, clothing, appliances, more; 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday; Salvation Army Thrift Store, 1801 W. Broward Blvd., FORT LAUDERDALE; 463-3725.

Antiques: About 50 dealers from around Florida will attend; 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday; DERRIED Topokeegee Yagunee Park, Sheridan Street at North Park Road, HOLLYWOOD; \$2 for age 13 and up; \$12 and under for children; park admission \$1, free for children 5 or younger; 985-1980.

Public Workdays: Volunteers age 12 and up invited to clean up trash, help raise native plants in the park, remove non-native plants; 9 a.m. to noon Saturday; Anne Kolb Nature Center at West Lake Park, 75 Sheridan St., HOLLYWOOD; bring gloves, hat, sunscreen, insect repellent, drinking water, shovels, rakes, hand pruners helpful; 928-2480.

Road rally: Time, speed, distance rally for all types of vehicles sponsored by Sports car Club of America and Tropical Sports car Club; Saturday, registration 6:30 a.m., first car out 8:01 p.m.; Ramada Inn, Hillsboro Boulevard west of Sunrise 95, DEERFIELD BEACH; \$15 per car; bring stop-watch, map; 344-1938, 782-2829.

Chess games: Challenge chess master and instructor Chris Goldberg; 3-5 p.m. Sunday; Starbucks Cafe, Barnes & Noble, 591 S. University Dr., PLANTATION; free; 723-0469.

Comedy benefit: Third annual Comedy Night to benefit Easter Seals of Broward County; 6:30 p.m. Monday; Uncle Funny's Comedy Club, 2190 State Road 94, Deerfield Beach, raffish planned; sponsored by Century 21 AAA Realty; Nicole Latour-McLaughlin, 438-8106.

Tuesday Afternoon at the Movies: 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Anne Kolb Nature Center at West Lake Park, 75 Sheridan St., HOLLYWOOD; schedule: A River Runs Through It, film adaptation of Norman Maclean's autobiographical novel; Aug. 12, Enchanted April, comedy-drama based on 1921 novel by Elizabeth von Arnim about four women sharing a villa in Italian Riviera, Aug. 26, Howards End, film adaptation of E.M. Foster's novel; Sept. 6, Sense and Sensibility, film adaptation of Jane Austen novel; Sept. 23; free; 928-2410, 357-8118.

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Hollywood stands by 'Dear John' letters

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national damages occurred," she said. "You'd have to put some price tag on it eventually, but not initially."

The letter also states that "names and pictures of defendants will be printed in area newspapers." However, both The Herald and the Sun-Sentinel refused to publish "prostitution roundups," even after the Hollywood Police Department offered to pay for the space in a full-page advertisement last January, Norris said.

"Every day there are stories in there of people accused of crimes," Norris said. "It's unbelievable."

Herald Executive Editor Douglas Clifton said the newspaper should not be used to punish men suspected of being John D. Edwards. "It's kind of weird that they would want to pay space," Clifton said. "Their effort is to ridicule; it's not simply to enforce the law."

Earl Maucker, editor of The Sun-Sentinel, said his newspaper was unwilling to run information it had not independently verified. "We're not an agent of the police department," Maucker said. "We do stories when we believe there is merit, but to provide dedicated space is an inappropriate use of the newspaper."

Norris characterized the anti-prostitution campaign as part of the overall law-enforcement process. "We're looking at innovative ideas and approaches," she said. "We're making every effort to curtail prostitution in Hollywood. It's a problem we know we'll never be able to completely stop, but we know we're definitely making a dent in it. We figure if we cut off some of the demand, some of the supply will go away too."



FRIENDS: Pompano Beach motorcycle Officer Claudia Janka shows her bike to a child at Kids in Distress in Wilton Manors. Officers from around Broward visited the facility's residents Monday.

Kids abused by families see softer side of police officers

By JUAN C. RODRIGUEZ
Herald Writer
Pompano Beach motorcycle Officer Claudia Janka was mesmerized by the blue eyes of a 4-year-old whose face was smudged with chocolate.

"Just look at those long eyelashes on him," Janka said as the boy lipped at his cookie. "He helped to look at his face, because if you looked at his arms, you'd see the bruises and burns."

"He said he had a boo-boo, and when I looked, I saw the cigarette burns on his arms," Janka said. "It hits your right in the heart."

Janka and 27 other motorcycle officers from 15 Broward law enforcement agencies had lunch Monday with the children who live at Kids in Distress, a treatment center in Wilton Manors for children who are abused so severely that they have been taken from their families.

"These children have been told how dumb they are, they've been locked in closets — their self-esteem has been ripped apart," said Mimi Haley, Kids in Distress development associate.

One toddler was brought to the center after she was shaken so hard that he went blind. A 6-year-old showed therapists how she was burned by banging a plastic doll over a toy grill. "They feel useless and insecure. They're just trying to survive," Haley said.

The center serves as a safe house while their court cases proceed. The children usually stay 12 to 18 months. Most are placed in foster homes when their cases are settled. Some are returned to their families. Elynn Okrent, the center's program director, gets frustrated with the backlog of court cases.

"The hardest part of the job is the slowness of the system to get their needs met," she said. When the officers drive up on their motorcycles, the children had mixed reactions, Okrent said. Some cried at the sight of the uniformed officers.

The lunch was intended to soften the kids' negative impression of police, whom they often remember as the officers who took them away from their families. At the lunch, the officers showed the kids a different side of themselves.

They handed out police trading cards, badge stickers and dessert. Coral Springs Officers Jeffrey Maslan and Paul Aigner took turns setting youngsters on Aigner's motorcycle.

"Say 10-4," Maslan told the kids who lined up next to the bike. "This is the best thing I've ever done," Cooper City Officer John Grimes said as he held a 2-year-old girl. "They didn't ask me many questions. They just wanted to be shown some love."

Officers from around Broward visited the facility's residents Monday. Tickets for all events will be available at the registration desk at the Embassy Suites, which will be open throughout the week.

Here is the schedule of events:

- TODAY
7 a.m. to 6 p.m.: Golf program, Inverrary Resort.
8 a.m. to 4 p.m.: National tournament play, singles, all sites.
7 to 10 p.m.: Blockbuster Golf & Games, juniors meet at Embassy Suites, 3501 Inverrary Blvd., Luderhill.
All tournament tennis matches are free. The average cost for all junior activities is \$7. The Discovery Casino & Dinner Cruise out of Port Everglades tonight costs \$40.
Tickets for all events will be available at the registration desk at the Embassy Suites, which will be open throughout the week.

- WEDNESDAY
8 a.m. to 2 p.m.: Golf program, Inverrary Resort.
8 a.m. to 4 p.m.: National tournament play, all sites.
1 to 5 p.m.: Bus trip to Sawgrass Mills mall, meet at Embassy Suites.
7 to 10 p.m.: Trip to Blockbuster Imax Theater at Museum of Discovery & Science in Fort Lauderdale, juniors meet at Embassy Suites.

- THURSDAY
8 a.m. to 4 p.m.: National tournament play, all sites.
9 a.m. to noon: Junior clinic and celebrity event, Joseph C. Carter Park, 1449 NW Ninth St., Fort Lauderdale.
5:30 to 7:15 p.m.: Silent auction and cocktail reception, Embassy Suites.
7:30 to 9 p.m.: Awards banquet and dinner, Embassy Suites.
8:30 to 11 p.m.: Junior party with DJ, Inverrary.
9:30 p.m. to 1 a.m.: Adult dance, live entertainment, Embassy Suites.

- FRIDAY
8 a.m. to 4 p.m.: National tournament play, all sites.
1 to 6 p.m.: Bus trip, Heritage Tour, meet at Embassy Suites.
8 p.m. to 1 a.m.: Music fest and closing dance, Embassy Suites.

- SATURDAY
9 a.m. to 5 p.m.: National tournament, Inverrary Resort and Holiday Park.

Woman who said she was raped is charged with filing false report

By STEPHANIE A. CROCKETT
Herald Writer
Last week, 19-year-old Kelli Maguire told Pompano Beach police she had been abducted from a mall in broad daylight and raped in a nearby field at gunpoint.

Now she has been charged with filing a false report, a first-degree misdemeanor punishable by up to a year in jail and a \$1,000 fine. Police said Maguire made up the tale, frightened that her parents would be angry that she had spent the night with a boyfriend.

"The nightmare is over," Maguire's mother said Monday. "The child made a bad mistake. Her dearest friends forgive her and that's all she needs." But investigators say Maguire's actions caused them to spend many hours chasing a nonexistent rapist.

Police stopped drivers of every purple pickup truck. Maguire said her assailant was driving a purple truck. Police released a composite sketch and enlisted the help of the surrounding community. Officers followed up on leads generated by hundreds of calls.

"There were citizens concerned about going shopping, and we had hundreds of calls about tags and trucks," said police spokeswoman Sandra King. "We even had volunteers who were helping," she said. But the inconvenience to police was only one part of the problem caused by Maguire's actions, women's advocates say. They say they don't want women to stop coming forward because too many rapes still go

unreported. "Anything that would prevent a victim from coming forward is a disservice," said Rosanne Morse of the Sexual Assault Treatment Center in Fort Lauderdale. "I would encourage women to still come forward and report it."

False rape reports are rare, said Patricia Grogan, chairwoman of the Governor's Task Force on Domestic and Sexual Violence. The FBI reports that only a small percentage of women make false reports, she said. "Statistics clearly state that most people who are raped don't

ever report it," Grogan said. She sees the crime of rape as a far more important issue than the false rape report. "The larger issue we should be concerned about is how many rapes do occur in our communities, the ones that don't make the news."

Pompano Beach police agree. "We certainly would much rather investigate something that didn't happen than investigate something that did and not give 100 percent," King said. "We are just relieved that there is not a rapist on the loose in our community."

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