

MAPSA MATTERS

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Greetings MAPSA Members! I know from talking to various folks that a great deal is happening around the state in the field of pretrial services.

Please help us stay up to date about what is going on in your jurisdiction by submitting articles for this newsletter. These articles can be submitted to the newsletter editor, Les Schultz, at: les.Schultz@co.brown.mn.us, or myself at: mary.pat.maher@co.ramsey.mn.us.

I would like to take this time to tell you about an exciting new project the National Association of Pretrial Services Agencies (NAPSA) recently announced at its conference in Tulsa, Oklahoma. This project is a certification program which will allow pretrial practitioners around the country to become *Certified Pretrial Professionals*. Judge Bruce Beaudin, a retired federal judge and former MAPSA keynote speaker, is spearheading this project. Check out the article on the next page for more information.

Last, I just want to remind you that MAPSA's annual conference is just around the corner! The date is April 14th and the location is the Landmark Center in downtown Saint Paul. We have some exciting speakers and workshops planned and there will be time for networking with colleagues. I hope to see you there!

Until next time,
Mary Pat Maher



PROBATION OFFICER DIES IN LINE OF DUTY



On October 6, 2004, Ms. Louise Pargeter of the Yellowknife Parole Office in Canada was found dead in the apartment of her offender, Eli Ulayuk. This was the first visit by the agent to this offender's home. The offender was on parole for a 1990 manslaughter conviction. Records show Ms. Pargeter recommended revocation of the defendant's parole status in 2001.

Ulayuk has been charged with the murder of the 36-year-old woman and is currently in the court system awaiting trial.

"This is the first case of a parole officer being killed in the community performing their public safety duties - a tragedy we never want to see repeated," Don Head, acting commissioner of the Correctional Service of Canada, said in a statement.

"We are taking immediate, additional steps to enhance the safety of our staff." Two staff members, rather than one, will now be assigned when visiting parolees with violent histories for the first three months of their supervision. After three months, a reassessment will be made to determine how to proceed thereafter.

Police will also be notified prior to home visits in remote areas and training will be improved for parole officers. "We will ensure our staff have the tools, the training and the support they need to perform this essential community service safely."

ALCOHOL AND ILLEGAL DRUGS CAUSING JAIL CROWDING

At midyear 2002, the latest from the Bureau of Justice Statistics, 665,475 persons were being held in local jails: over half had been convicted, a quarter were detained awaiting arraignment or trial and a sixth were held on a prior sentence but also awaiting arraignment or trial on a new charge.

Thirty seven percent of the growth in jail inmates were drug offenders. Two thirds of jail inmates in 2002 said they were regular drug users; over half of the convicted inmates reported using drugs in the month before their current offense. An estimated 66% of jail inmates reported using alcohol as least once a week for a month and 33% were under the influence of alcohol at the time of the current offense. Together, 77% of convicted jail inmates were alcohol or drug involved at the time of their current offense.



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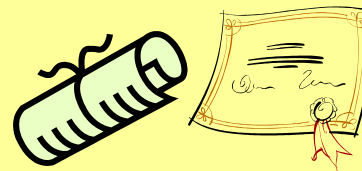
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NAPSA ANNOUNCES CERTIFICATION OF PRETRIAL OFFICERS



The National Association of Pretrial Services Agencies has sanctioned a proposal to certify pretrial professionals across the country.

This proposal includes three goals: 1) to provide individuals with an opportunity to attain certain levels of expertise that would be recognized by employers as measures for advancement; 2) to provide program administrators with a way to motivate and educate their personnel in the specifics that are peculiar to pretrial services without having to bear the brunt of costly expenses for travel and enrollment in various hard to reach places; and 3) to provide the field with the knowledge of the basics needed to see to the fair and just administration of pretrial justice in every jurisdiction

For more information visit the NAPSA Site at <http://www.napsa.org/>

MAPSA's Annual Training

DATE: April 14, 2005

LOCATION: Landmark Center, St. Paul, MN

TOPICS: Pretrial Training, Diversion Programming, Interventions, etc.

KEYNOTE: Frank Domurad, Justice Consultant, *"Managing the Unimaginable: Criminal Justice and Terrorism in Minnesota."*



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