

# Woodlake Neighborhood Watch Newsletter

## RECENT DROWNING VICTIM IDENTIFIED AS BELL CO. SHERIFF'S DEPUTY

The body of a Bell County Sheriff's Department employee, 35-year-old Stephen Kay Foster, was found in 26' of water by a Game Warden helicopter on Monday morning, July 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Foster was fishing with his friends on Belton Lake when he fell overboard early on Sunday morning. It was reported later that Foster wasn't wearing a life vest.



Two boats with multiple people were at the scene to help look for the man after he fell. When they couldn't find him, they went to the Belton Lake Outdoor Recreation Area and called 911.

The Bell County Sheriff's Department and Texas Game Wardens suspended their search for him Sunday night after almost 20 hours. The search resumed Monday morning.

Additional search crews including 4 dive teams searched the water on Sunday.

Foster started with the Bell County Sheriff's Office in September 2013 as a jailer. He was attended the police academy and was later promoted to deputy in 2015. Deputy Foster was assigned to the critical incident team as a deputy sheriff. (Source: KXXV.Com)

## MOST WANTED BELL/LAMPASAS COUNTY AS OF: JULY 15<sup>th</sup> '16



Torico Crutcher, 19, B/M, Wanted For: Questioning In Homicide Of March 4, 2016 And Information In Burglary On March 4, '16.

Ht: 5'8", Wgt: 155 lbs., Hair: Black, Eyes: Brown.

An attempted burglary occurred during the early morning hours on March 4, 2016, in the 4400 block of Lake Rd. Through the investigation a suspect was identified and a warrant was issued for the arrest of Torico Crutcher with Attempted Burglary of a Habitat.

Crutcher may also have been involved in, or have information about a homicide that occurred during the early morning hours on March 4, 2016. **He Is Considered Armed And Dangerous; Do Not Attempt To Apprehend**

If you have information about this or any other fugitive, contact Crime Stoppers at 526-TIPS (8477) or go online anonymously at [www.bellcountycrimestoppers.com](http://www.bellcountycrimestoppers.com).

FROM AUSTIN - The reward for Tommy Dale Sells Jr., 39, a Texas 10 Most Wanted Fugitive and this month's featured fugitive, has been increased to \$10,000 for information leading to his capture if the tip comes in during the month of July.



DETAILS:

- Hgt: 5' 9", Wgt: 165#
- Wanted For: Aggravated Sexual Assault Of A Child And Indecency With A Child By Contact.
- LKA: Amarillo, has ties there and Fresno, CA.
- CCH: Sexual Assault Two Girls Under 14 In Amarillo, May 13
- SMT: Tattoo Of A Heart With A Banner On His Chest, Mole On His Right Cheek, And Scars On Both Hands.

For more information or updates in the event of his arrest, see his wanted bulletin at:

[www.dps.texas.gov/Texas10MostWanted/fugitiveDetails.aspx?id=328](http://www.dps.texas.gov/Texas10MostWanted/fugitiveDetails.aspx?id=328).

## BELL COUNTY MISSING & EXPLOITED TEENS IS AN ALARMING TREND

Aireal Caballero (left) and Braelyn O'Neal (right) have been missing from Killeen since May 8, 2016. - Images Courtesy of National Center for Missing & Exploited Children Killeen teenagers Aireal Caballero, 15 (left), and Braelyn O'Neal, 13 (right), were last seen on May 8, 2016.

Caballero is described as a Hispanic girl with light brown hair and brown eyes, 5'4" tall, and weighing 140 pounds.



Only Photo Available

O'Neal is a white girl with light brown hair and green eyes, 5'1" tall, weighing 145 pounds. Both are said to have been in the company of another juvenile female, but it is unclear if they were or are together.

Anyone who thinks they may have information is urged to call the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children at 1-800-THE-LOST (1-800-843-5678) or the Killeen Police Department at 254-501-8830. By [Aaron Savage](#) May 25, 2016 10:18 AM (Source: KTEMNEWS.Com, By Aaron Savage May 25, 2016)

## KILLEEN RUNAWAY TEEN IS REPORTED TO BE INJURED



Rubie Matos, 16, has been missing from her home since June 24. On June 28, Matos' mother spotted the girl, who ran from her. As she was running, Matos reportedly jumped over a fence, believed to have injured her ankle and, according to police, may require medical aid.

Rubie Matos is Hispanic with a light complexion and dyed black hair standing 5'6" tall and weighing around 140 pounds. She usually wears contacts, but might be seen wearing glasses.

If anyone knows of the girl's whereabouts, they are asked to contact the Killeen Police Department at 254-501-8800 or her mother at 254-813-4905. (Source: KTEMNews.Com, Aaron Savage, June 29, 2016)

## AT LEAST 31 CHILD VICTIMS OF SEX TRAFFICKING IN BELL COUNTY

According to the U.S. Department of Justice, child sex trafficking is second next to drug trafficking as the fastest growing criminal industry in Bell County.

Since January 2014, the Bell County Juvenile Detention Center has identified 31 children in custody that were being sold for sex.

Unfortunately, this number represents a very small portion of the most under reported crime. Less than 1% of these cases are ever prosecuted.

Teens frequently meet strangers online, become friends and eventually end up being sold for sex. Often, these young individuals are being bartered by their peers, boyfriends or girlfriends and classmates.

A group called the CenTex Minor Sex Trafficking Roundtable, whose members include

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school administrators, volunteers, police, prosecutors and human services, are working together to attack this growing crime of trafficking and attacking children and teenagers.

The focus of the group's first of two public informational meetings was to educate parents on the problem and what they can do to help.

Traffick 911 is a non-profit organization based out of Fort Worth, has a Bell County Chapter with volunteers who work with law enforcement to find children who may be trafficked.

They advise parents to monitor "what" as well as "who" their child see and can be viewed by on social media. If you look at your child's profiles, their Facebooks, their Instagrams, their Twitters, etc., they could possibly have hundreds sometimes thousands of followers; that is a red flag! Your child can't possibly know that many people, many of who are predators.

In just one year, Traffick 911 identified or rescued 70 child victims of domestic minor sex trafficking.

Currently Bell County Traffick 911 is searching for qualified volunteers who could be a part of their internet surveillance program where they search popular websites selling children for sex and match those children with missing kids.

(Source: KCENTV.Com, Posted: Jan 13, 2016 By Lisa Hutson)

## ONLY ½ CRAIGSLIST IS SCREENED FOR FRAUD

Real estate listings are 1 of the biggest areas where scams hide on Craigslist. These listings can be for property rentals or they can also be for private home sales.

New York University's Tandon School of Engineering study revealed that Craigslist

identified less than 50% of these fake listings as scams.

The study also revealed that these scams come in three primary categories:

- **The Credit Report Scheme** is a simple, innocuous scam that instructs the buyer to click on a link that authorizes the seller to run a credit check. When the link is clicked, the buyer is automatically redirected through the scammer's server, which tacks on a referral ID. After that, nothing happens to alert the buyer that there's a problem.

The buyer pays the fee for the credit report (which is pretty common, so it doesn't seem all that abnormal), and the seller receives a nice commission from the credit reporting website for sending the referral.

In the end, the buyer typically never hears back from the seller, or the deal goes nowhere because the property listing is actually fake.

- **Cloned Listings** happen when scammers post the details of a home as a rental opportunity on Craigslist. It may describe the listing with common attractive feature with a monthly fee. All the applicants had to do was send in their personal information, along with a security deposit. People were reported going to and looking around the property of houses that had never been listed. Some were even coming right up to his front porch and peeking in through the windows.

The scammer had even offered false contact information, and would correspond with interested applicants. Through this correspondence, the scammer was able to obtain personal information from the victims, and even make arrangements for money transfers.

- **The Realtor "Service Company" Scam** asks the buyer to pay an upfront deposit and to purchase a membership to a service that doesn't really exist.

The buyers are promised that this membership will give them access to listings of homes that haven't hit the market yet, including pre-foreclosures and auctions.

When buyers sign up for the service, they believe they're gaining an advantage by being able to see properties that other shoppers don't have access to. But, in reality, the listings included are fake postings that the "company" has no connection to.

If you're going to look for a place on Craigslist, here are the obvious signs to watch out for: Place the address of the property you are interested into a Google search and see what results are generated. Take note whether or not the property pulls up on other sites listed for sale and make note of that inconsistency as a red flag.

Another major clue is a rental property where you're unable to meet with the owner, or some type of property manager. If no one can meet you at the home for a tour, then there's probably something fishy about the listing in general. An extravagant story that explains why the owner will be away from the property is another sign. For a legitimate rental, you should never be asked to wire money to your new landlord, especially before you've had the chance to tour the property. If you do find a property that you believe is listed as part of a scam, you can report it to law enforcement officials. You should also contact the website where you found the property so that the listing will be removed.