## TELEVISION QUARTERLY ISSUES-PROGRAMS REPORT

Station: WFGX-TV

Location: Fort Walton Beach, FL

Quarter ending: June 30, 2015

ISSUE/description: 3. CRIME: Causes; results; prevention; juvenile crime; domestic

violence; costs to society.

## How Issue was treated (Program, PSA, etc.):

<u>Title</u>	<u>Date</u>	Time/Duration	Program type	<u>Description</u>
1. Facing Florida	04/05/15	11:30AM/20 minutes	Public Affairs	*

<sup>\*</sup> This week we discussed Big Tobacco and its efforts to avoid paying punitive damages to thousands of people. Our guest was Rod Smith, trial lawyer and former state senator. Also, guest Mark Schlakman of the FSU Center for Human Rights talked about the U.S. Supreme Court's review of Florida's death penalty.

2. Channel 3 News at 9PM 04/15/15 09:00PM/2.5 minutes News On WFGX

\*\* Amber Southard reported that an ongoing investigation to bust methamphetamine users, producers, and labs by the Escambia County Sheriff's Office has landed another woman in jail. "Operation Blister Pack" has rounded up more than 80 people in the past three years, involving numerous methamphetamine labs at different locations throughout the county. It has arrested a number of people for supplying chemicals and equipment to produce and sell meth.

3. Facing Florida 04/19/15 11:30AM/15 minutes Public Affairs \*\*\*

\*\*\* The second half of tonight's program feature the true story of Mark DeFriest, sentenced to 4 years in prison in 1981 ... and still there! Filmmaker Gabriel London discussed the details of the case.

4. Channel 3 News at 9PM 04/23/15 09:00PM/1.5 minutes News \*\*\*\* On WFGX

\*\*\*\* We reported that the Florida Legislature has unanimously voted to add five more chemical compounds found in synthetic drugs to the list of other illegal chemical compounds. Since 2012, the Legislature has placed more than one-hundred synthetic drugs on the list of Schedule I controlled substances - essentially criminalizing the sale or possession of these dangerous substances. Representative Clay Ingram said, "The Florida Legislature remains steadfast in our efforts to keep dangerous synthetic drugs away from our children. With the support of my colleagues and Attorney General Bondi, the passage of HB 897 is an important step in the fight against synthetic drug abuse in our state."

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5. Facing Florida	05/03/15	11:30AM/10 minutes	Public Affairs	****

\*\*\*\*\* The second subject discussed tonight was abuse survivor Lauren Book sharing with us her motivation to walk the entire state of Florida six times in order to bring attention to the problem of sexual abuse.

6. Facing Florida

05/24/15

11:30AM /20 minutes Public Affairs

\*\*\*\*\*\* Prison reform was one of the important issues left on the table when the state legislature left early in April, but many believe it can't wait any longer. Our guest was Allison DeFoor, a prosecutor, sheriff and judge turned prison reformer and evangelist who said the answers are there ... the job just needs to get done.

7. Channel 3 News at 9PM "CrimeTracker" Report

05/29/15

09:00PM/3 minutes

News

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\*\*\*\*\*\* Amber Southard profiled our local CrimeStoppers program. Members of law enforcement work long hard hours solving crimes every day. But, sometimes they ask for your help...often asking you to call the Crime Stoppers hotline to leave tips anonymously. "We are only as good as the citizens we serve," said Sergeant Jimmy Donohoe. Crime Stoppers is an international organization that made its way to our area as Gulf Coast Crime Stoppers in 1984. All you have to do is dial 433-STOP if you live in Escambia or Santa Rosa County, or 863-TIPS if you reside in Okaloosa. When you call you remain completely anonymous. Your name is never asked for. After you leave your tip you're given a number. "Once they receive that number they are asked to call back in a certain time Then once the arrest is made they call back in and verify the arrest was made. CrimeStoppers then gives them an extra number," said Donohoe. It's important you don't lose that number. Once a crime is solved members of the CrimeStoppers board will meet and discuss if the tip qualifies for a reward and how much should be given. Once the board approves you will be given another set of numbers. Both sets of numbers have to be shown at the bank before you can receive your reward. If you lose the number you won't receive any money. The reward money comes from donations and court ordered by judges who make criminals pay an amount to the program through

fines. It cost taxpayers nothing. CrimeStoppers gives out nearly \$50,000 in rewards each year.

8. Facing Florida

50% of rewards go uncollected.

06/21/15

11:30AM/30 minutes Public Affairs

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\*\*\*\*\*\*\* This week we presented a documentary on drinking and driving, produced by Facing Florida with Rep. Irv Slosberg hosting, profiling two young adults, Karlie Tomika, serving 4 years in prison, and Daniel Rocca, serving 12 years in prison, both for killing someone when they made the bad decision to drive while drunk. The documentary also featured the families of the victims, with their stories of the effect on their lives from the killings.