

## TELEVISION QUARTERLY ISSUES-PROGRAMS REPORT

Station: WFGX-TV  
Location: Fort Walton Beach, FL  
Quarter ending: June 30, 2008

ISSUE/description: 5. CRIME: Causes; results; prevention; juvenile crime; domestic violence; costs to society.

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

<u>Title</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time/Duration</u>	<u>Program type</u>	<u>Description</u>
1. Channel 3 News at 10PM	04/09/08	06:01PM/2 minutes	News	*

\* We interviewed Escambia County Sheriff Ron McNesby about plans to close several department substations around the county. McNesby said the cuts were in response to the department's need to cut \$2 million from the budget, but that they would still retain a presence in the areas of the substations. But most residents we interviewed felt their communities were safe with the substations, with improved response times and officers constantly visible in the area. They want the Sheriff to keep the substations and make the cuts elsewhere.

2. American Crossroads	04/20/08	12:00PM/30 minutes	Public Affairs	**
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\*\* This week's program, "Crime and Punishment", explored the issues surrounding our prison system, the death penalty controversy, and related advances in evidence analysis. In our local segment, we profiled a "cold case" from several years ago and efforts of local Forensic Investigators who do facial reconstruction from skeletons to furnish pictures of the victims in hopes that they will be recognized and identified and the cases can be solved.

3. In Focus	05/04/08	11:30AM/15 minutes	Public Affairs	***
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\*\*\* We interviewed Lt. Gary Montee of the Escambia Sheriff's Department on Pensacola Beach about the fights that broke out last week near the entrance to Fort Pickens. A recording studio held a concert without first notifying authorities, and the huge crowd that gathered soon turned violent, leading to officers using pepper spray to control those fighting, with several arrests made. Montee said procedures are now in place to prevent such large gatherings from getting violent, including blocking roads leading to areas where parking is already full, and more officers on-duty.

4. American Crossroads	05/11/08	12:00PM/30 minutes	Public Affairs	****
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\*\*\*\* Tonight's topic was the battle to keep our kids safe from predators ... are current measures working and what more can be done? Our local segment dealt with showing parents how to properly inspect the public records of Day Care centers to insure that their children are in a safe environment, and how to contact the Florida Department of Children and Families if they have questions about the facility or its staff.

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5. Straughn & Company	05/25/08	11:30AM/30 minutes	Public Affairs	*****

\*\*\*\*\* Our guest today was Dr. David Josephs, a Psychologist at Lakeview Center, who addressed the increase in local violent youth crime. There have been several murders recently involving teens. Dr. Josephs cites the continuing breakdown of the family, lack of parental skills, and substance abuse as major causes for the increase. He feels there is a need for greater community intervention to combat the issue.