

TELEVISION QUARTERLY ISSUES-PROGRAMS REPORT

Station: WEAR-TV
Location: Pensacola, FL
Quarter ending: December 31, 2010

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 First at 4 "Fugitive Task Force"	10/07/10 and every Thursday of this quarter	04:04PM/4 minutes	News/Public Affairs	*

* This is a regularly scheduled segment every Thursday wherein officers from either the Pensacola Police Department or Escambia County Sheriff's office are in our studios to man phone banks where citizens can call in to give tips about wanted fugitives who are suspected to be in our area. Reporter Greg Neumann interviews the officers to present a profile of the fugitives and details about their criminal activity, and then we show updates later in this program and also in our 5PM Newscast and 6PM Newscast. Tip calls have resulted in several arrests, some within hours of our broadcasts.

2. 20/20	10/22/10	09:00PM/40 minutes	Public Affairs	**
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** In an ABC News investigation, Brian Ross tracked down the American fugitives accused of being part of a scam that has affected thousands of senior citizens. U.S. officials say the swindlers, based offshore, have used new technology and the good name of the Make-a-Wish Foundation to rip off millions of dollars from unsuspecting Americans.

3. 20/20	10/29/10	09:00PM/1 hour	Public Affairs	***
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*** Tonight's program was devoted to an investigation of the problem of kids & heroin. The number of addicts in America has nearly doubled since 2007, according to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration. We reported that heroin addiction is not to be dismissed as an inner-city scourge ... kids from suburban families are falling victim like never before.

4. Channel 3 News at 6PM	11/02/10	06:07PM/3 minutes	News	****
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**** James Jackson reported on a hate crime incident at a local middle school, wherein a student was attacked and beaten for allegedly being gay. The student's father said the hospital where he was taken reported the student suffered a concussion, and said he was still trying to cope with being attacked for no reason.

In a second story, we reported that governments across the country have made it illegal to text while driving. Now Daphne, AL, is the first city in our area to officially make it a crime. The City Council unanimously approved the law last night. But a law officer must actually see the act being committed, and police cannot stop drivers that they merely "believe" to be texting.

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5. 3 in the Morning	11/22/10	06:37AM/2 minutes	News	*****

***** We aired our "Crime of the Week", a weekly segment wherein officers from the Pensacola Police Department give details of an unsolved crime and ask for viewer participation to help Police solve the case.

6. Channel 3 News First at 4 "Your 3 Cents"	11/30/10	04:20PM/3 minutes	News/Public Affairs	*****
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***** This is our regular segment where we present a current issue and solicit viewer input of their opinions on the issue. Today's issue was ... "Do you think the internet site 'WikiLeaks' should be prosecuted for publishing sensitive government documents?" A senior defense official says lawyers from across government agencies are studying whether it might be possible to prosecute WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange under the Espionage Act. The official says lawyers from the Departments of Justice, State and Defense are among those looking into how to handle the leaking of a massive number of national security and diplomatic documents to the WikiLeaks website. The site later posted them on the internet. The latest cache of government documents includes hundreds of thousands of diplomatic cables that provide unflattering assessments of foreign leaders. The White House says WikiLeaks' decision to release classified U.S. diplomatic files endangers U.S. diplomats, intelligence agents and democratic activists who seek America's help.

7. ABC Nightline	12/14/10	11:01PM/20 minutes	Public Affairs	*****
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***** Tonight's program was dealt with 3 separate crime issues. First was the school board shootout in nearby Panama City, Florida. Second was the criminal aspect of prescription drug abuse. And third was the national security threat caused by the WikiLeaks incident.

8. Channel 3 News First at 4	12/17/10	04:02PM/3 minutes	News	*****
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***** Reporter Greg Neumann reported on a community meeting held at the Escambia County Sheriff's office today. The meeting was prompted by seven murders in the last five weeks. Area leaders cited economic conditions and societal changes as reasons for the escalating violence. Sheriff David Morgan said he feels it's a combination of a poor economy and the growing prevalence of gangs in the county, many of which are involved in the drug trade. Morgan plans to ramp up Neighborhood Watches, and continue to use the Tactical Team to focus enforcement on high crime areas.

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9. Channel 3 News First at 4 "Your 3 Cents"	12/20/10	04:20PM/3 minutes	News/Public Affairs	*****

***** Today's issue was ... "Do you think a curfew for teens under 18 would be effective in reducing crime?" Escambia Sheriff David Morgan held a community meeting on Friday to discuss the recent rise in the number of murders. One idea raised was a teen curfew. People in favor of a curfew say criminals are getting younger and younger...and need to be home at a decent hour. The thought is that many of the recent murders in the county may be drug related, and many kids are used in the drug trade. Passing a curfew would require an act of the county commission, and at least one commissioner says he likes the idea. The sheriff says a curfew would require further study. But it is a popular tool and many cities adopted curfew laws in the 1990's. A U.S. Conference of Mayors study in 1997 found that 80-percent of American cities with more than 30-thousand people had curfews to keep kids younger than 18 off the streets at night. A study by the University of California in Berkeley also concluded that if a large percentage of youth crime occurs at night and the cost of additional nighttime policing is low, curfews may be an effective law enforcement tool.

