

# U.S. ATTORNEY'S OFFICE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO

QUARTERLY COMMUNITY OUTREACH NEWSLETTER

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## BENJAMIN C. GLASSMAN NAMED ACTING U.S. ATTORNEY



Former First Assistant U.S. Attorney **Benjamin C. Glassman** began serving as the Acting U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of Ohio on March 11, 2016. Former U.S. Attorney Carter M. Stewart resigned from his post effective on the same date.

Glassman has been with the U.S. Attorney's Office in Cincinnati since 2005. During his tenure in the Southern District of Ohio, his roles have included Appellate Chief, Acting Criminal Chief and Reentry and Prevention Coordinator. Prior to 2005, he was a litigation associate for Squire, Sanders & Dempsey L.L.P. and clerked for Judge Ronald Lee Gilman of the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals and for U.S. District Judge Susan J. Dlott.

He earned his bachelor's degree from Rice University in 1997 and graduated from Harvard Law School in 2000.

Glassman's management team includes: **Vipal Patel**, First Assistant U.S. Attorney; **Mark D'Alessandro**, Executive Assistant U.S. Attorney and Civil Chief; **Kenneth Parker**, Criminal Chief; **Mike Hunter**, OCDETF Chief; **Mary Beth Young**, Appellate Chief; **Matthew Horwitz**, Deputy Civil Chief; **Emily Glatfelter**, Cincinnati Branch Chief; **Laura Clemmens**, Dayton Branch Chief; **Gary Spartis**, Columbus Branch Chief; **Brenda Shoemaker**, Columbus Deputy Branch Chief and **Douglas Squires**, Senior Litigation Counsel.

## COLUMBUS COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COUNCIL HOSTS ACTIVE SHOOTER TRAINING FOR HOUSES OF WORSHIP

The U.S. Attorney's Office's Columbus Community Engagement Council joined with the FBI, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, local law enforcement and the interfaith community at Bharatiya Hindu Temple on February 26 to discuss protecting houses of worship.

Department of Homeland Security Protective Security Advisor Patrick Shaw led the group through a tabletop exercise which entailed an active shooter scenario. This event

was the second in a series hosted by the Columbus Community Engagement Council focused on protecting all houses of worship.

Resources related to active shooter preparedness and infrastructure protection and a webinar guide for conducting security assessments can be found at: [www.dhs.gov/active-shooter-preparedness](http://www.dhs.gov/active-shooter-preparedness). More resources, including recorded trainings and ways to get involved and test your security plans, can be found at [www.fema.gov/protecting-houses-worship](http://www.fema.gov/protecting-houses-worship).

The Columbus Community Engagement Council is a group led by the U.S. Attorney's Office with the intent of building relationships with and learning from community leaders who represent the city's diversity in terms of ethnicity, faith and sexual orientation. If you're interested in joining future events, contact Jennifer Thornton at [jennifer.thornton@usdoj.gov](mailto:jennifer.thornton@usdoj.gov).

## JUSTICE DEPARTMENT RELEASES RESOURCES ON HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Attorney General Loretta E. Lynch announced the release of a video series and resource guide to raise awareness about the many forms of human trafficking in the United States and to provide information on how to identify and serve victims.

*The Faces of Human Trafficking* is a video series sponsored by the Office for Victims of Crime that interviews survivors of human trafficking.

The resource package includes:

- Nine videos with Spanish subtitled versions;
- Public Service Announcements offered in Spanish, Thai, Hindi and Tagalog;
- Discussion guide;
- Four fact sheets; and
- Four posters

To download the resources, visit [www.ovc.gov/trafficking](http://www.ovc.gov/trafficking).



**Know the Faces of Human Trafficking**

*"It was people saying that 'I see you and I care'— that was the thing, I think, that turned things around for me most."*

— Jeri Williams, Co-Founder Survivor 2 Survivor

You don't need to specialize in human trafficking to serve its many victims. By knowing what human trafficking is, looking for indicators in the clients you serve, and referring potential victims to appropriate services, you can play an important role in identifying and supporting victims.

For more information, visit the human trafficking section of the Office for Victims of Crime website at [www.ovc.gov/trafficking](http://www.ovc.gov/trafficking) or call the National Human Trafficking Resource Center at 888-373-7888.

  

## U.S. ATTORNEY'S OFFICE JOINS COLLABORATIVE EFFORTS TO ADDRESS OPIATE CRISIS

The U.S. Attorney's Office joined efforts to raise awareness of the current opiate crisis impacting Ohio. Mike Hunter, Chief of the Organized Crime and Drug Enforcement Task Force (OCEDTF) section, presented on federal law enforcement efforts at two recent events.

On January 21, Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine convened more than 800 law enforcement leaders from across the state at *Ideas that Work – Fighting the Drug Epidemic in Ohio*. The event focused on partnerships between law enforcement, mental health providers and hospitals; why first responders and law enforcement should treat every drug overdose scene as a crime scene and how to use evidence at those scenes to prosecute dealers. Hunter highlighted recent federal drug cases in the Columbus area. A full list of resources from the event can be accessed [here](#) at the Ohio Attorney General's website.

On March 23, Franklin County Coroner, Dr. Anahi Ortiz, hosted *The Franklin County Opiate Crisis Summit*. The event included separate tracks for law enforcement, healthcare/therapeutics and education/prevention. The day concluded with a multidisciplinary call to action for the community.

For another opiate-related resource, check out the documentary [\*Chasing the Dragon: The Life of an Opiate Addict\*](#), which was recently released by the FBI and DEA.

## SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO NAMED 1 OF 10 ELDER JUSTICE TASK FORCES LAUNCHED BY DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

The Department of Justice announced March 30 that the Southern District of Ohio will serve as one of 10 regional Elder Justice Task Forces. Assistant U.S. Attorney Andrew Malek represented the District at the national launch in Washington D.C.

The teams will bring together federal, state and local prosecutors, law enforcement, and agencies that provide services to the elderly, to coordinate and enhance efforts to pursue nursing homes that provide grossly substandard care to their residents.

The Elder Justice Task Forces will include representatives from the U.S. Attorneys' Offices, state Medicaid Fraud Control Units, state and local prosecutors' offices, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), state Adult Protective Services agencies, Long-Term Care Ombudsman programs and law enforcement.

The 10 Elder Justice Task Forces will be launched in the following Districts: Northern District of California, Northern District of Georgia, District of Kansas, Western District of Kentucky, Northern District of Iowa, District of Maryland, Southern District of Ohio, Eastern District of Pennsylvania, Middle District of Tennessee and the Western District of Washington.

The Elder Justice Task Forces reflect the Department's larger strategy and commitment to protecting our nation's seniors, spearheaded by the Department's Elder Justice

Initiative. The Elder Justice Initiative coordinates and supports the Department's law enforcement efforts and policy activities on elder justice issues. It plays an integral role in the Department's investigative and enforcement efforts against nursing homes and other long-term care entities that deliver grossly substandard care to Medicare and Medicaid beneficiaries. The Elder Justice Initiative will be providing litigation support and training to the Elder Justice Task Forces. Learn more about the Justice Department's Elder Justice Initiative at <http://www.justice.gov/elderjustice>.



## KEEPING IN TOUCH

For real-time updates of community engagement and outreach events and to learn about U.S. Attorney's Office cases, follow us on Twitter @SDOHnews.

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## OUT AND ABOUT

- Oct. 22: Outreach Coordinator Jennifer Thornton participated in the Redemption, Restoration and Retention Seminar at Franklin University in Columbus, OH.
- Oct. 28: Outreach Coordinator Jennifer Thornton participated in the Franklin County Reentry Coalition faith-leader breakfast in Columbus, OH.
- Oct. 28: Assistant U.S. Attorney Heather Hill presented at the Nationwide Diversity & Inclusion Anti-Human Trafficking Event in Columbus, OH.
- Oct. 30: Executive Assistant U.S. Attorney Mark D'Alessandro presented to Pakistani leaders at the Legislative Fellows Program for South and Central Asia in Columbus, OH.
- Nov. 6: Former U.S. Attorney Carter Stewart was a panelist at the 2015 Annual Convention National Asian Pacific American Bar Association in New Orleans, LA.
- Nov. 10: Assistant U.S. Attorney Dave DeVillers presented at Teaching Tolerance 3: Understanding the Criminal Justice System at Ohio Dominican University in Columbus, OH.
- Nov. 14: Assistant U.S. Attorney Anthony Springer presented at the Kin Killin' Kin exhibit at the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center in Cincinnati, OH.
- Nov. 16: Former U.S. Attorney Carter Stewart spoke as a panelist at [Youth Lives Matter: Solutions to Promote Equity and Justice, Improve Youth Outcomes and Build Safer Communities](#) in Cincinnati, OH.
- Dec. 16-18: Outreach Coordinator Jennifer Thornton participated in the Justice and Mental Health Second Chance conference in Washington, D.C.
- Jan. 12: Assistant U.S. Attorney Pamela Stanek taught at the Financial Investigations Seminar in New York.

- Jan. 14: Assistant U.S. Attorney Heather Hill presented during a law enforcement panel at the 2016 Ohio Human Trafficking Awareness Day in Columbus, OH.
- Jan. 18: Former U.S. Attorney Carter Stewart served as a dais guest at the annual Martin Luther King, Jr. breakfast in Columbus, OH.
- Jan. 18: Criminal Chief Kenneth Parker presented at the Adath Israel Congregation Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. breakfast in Cincinnati, OH.
- Jan. 21: OCDETF Chief Mike Hunter, Law Enforcement Coordinator Brian Capps and Outreach Coordinator Jennifer Thornton participated in Combatting the Drug Epidemic in Ohio in Columbus, OH.
- Jan. 21: Cincinnati Branch Chief Emily Glatfelter presented at an anti-gun violence call-in session in Hamilton, OH.
- Feb. 4: Criminal Chief Kenneth Parker served as a panelist during an [anti-violence event](#), the Kin Killin' Kin Solutions Symposium, at the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center in Cincinnati, OH.



- Feb. 8: Former U.S. Attorney Carter Stewart, Senior Litigation Counsel Doug Squires, Assistant U.S. Attorneys Jessica Knight and Jessica Kim, Law Enforcement Coordinator Brian Capps and Outreach Coordinator Jennifer Thornton hosted an international delegation from Europe focused on countering violent extremism in Columbus, OH.
- Feb. 12: Former U.S. Attorney Carter Stewart and Cincinnati Branch Chief Emily Glatfelter served as panelists at a community conversation at the Islamic Center of Greater Cincinnati.
- Feb. 16: Senior Litigation Counsel Douglas Squires and Columbus Deputy Chief Brenda Shoemaker presented at Huntington Bank's Anti-Money Laundering and Fraud Department in Columbus, OH.
- Feb. 17: Former U.S. Attorney Carter Stewart presented at The Criminal Justice System and the African American Male at the Chillicothe Correctional Institution.



- Feb. 19: Former U.S. Attorney Carter Stewart, Cincinnati Branch Chief Emily Glatfelter and Assistant U.S. Attorney Kyle Healey hosted an international delegation focused on combatting human trafficking in Cincinnati, OH.
- Feb. 23: Law Enforcement Coordinator Brian Capps was the guest speaker at the Cheviot-Westwood Kiwanis Club.
- Feb. 26: First Assistant U.S. Attorney Vipal Patel guest lectured at a University of Dayton Law School Criminal Procedure Class in Dayton, OH.
- March 15: Criminal Chief Kenneth Parker, Senior Litigation Counsel Douglas Squires, Assistant U.S. Attorneys Jessica Knight and Jessica Kim and Outreach Coordinator Jennifer Thornton hosted a Strong Cities Network delegation addressing violent extremism in Columbus, OH.
- March 23: OCDETF Chief Mike Hunter presented and Outreach Coordinator Jennifer Thornton participated in the Franklin County Opiate Crisis Summit in Columbus, OH.
- March 30: Criminal Chief Kenneth Parker served on a criminal law panel at the University of Criminal Law Society in Cincinnati, OH.

To arrange a presentation for your group, contact Jennifer Thornton at [jennifer.thornton@usdoj.gov](mailto:jennifer.thornton@usdoj.gov) or 614-255-1570.

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## TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

### FREE GRANT WRITING SEMINARS

The Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services (OCJS) is hosting free Grant Writing training sessions throughout 2016. The trainings will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Department of Public Safety 1970 W. Broad St. Columbus. Two dates – April 27 and August 15 – have been scheduled at this time. OCJS's grant trainings provide an overview of the grant making process. Focus is on the major components of OCJS's applications including problem statements, project descriptions, program objectives, budget details and collaboration boards. Participants must register through the Public Safety Training Campus, the course ID is OCJS-GrantWriting. To register, click [here](#), select new user and follow the instructions given. Space is limited to the first 30 registered participants. Contact Melissa Darby – [mbdarby@dps.ohio.gov](mailto:mbdarby@dps.ohio.gov) or Jacquetta Al-Mubaslat [jal-mubaslat@dps.ohio.gov](mailto:jal-mubaslat@dps.ohio.gov) with any questions.

### UPCOMING TRAININGS

#### Stalking: Tracking the Creeper

Stalking is a crime predominantly committed by individuals known to the victim. It takes both an emotional and physical toll on victims, yet it is difficult to understand the dynamics and what constitutes a crime. The presenters will profile cases and walk participants through the process of pulling together each isolated incident to create a bigger picture of intimidation, coercion, and fear. Participants will leave with information on the various types of stalking and investigative tactics, evidence preservation

and documentation, safety planning with the victim, effectively prosecuting from a victim-centered perspective and the benefits of a multidisciplinary response.

**Objectives:**

- Participants will gain a general knowledge of stalking and associated criminal acts.
- Participants will know the legal definition of stalking and what elements constitute a crime.
- Participants will understand the steps to evidence collection and preservation.
- Participants will learn how to safety plan with victims of stalking.

**When:** April 8, registration begins at 7:30 a.m. and the training is from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**Where:** Columbus Police Academy, 1000 N. Hague Ave., Columbus, 43204

**Cost:** FREE

Professional credits have been applied for through the Ohio Counselor and Social Work Board and the Supreme Court of Ohio. Certificates will be emailed within 30 days after each training.

Register [HERE](#).

**Summit Human Trafficking Victim Assistance Academy**

*June 6 – 10, 8am – 4pm @ 150 Furnace St., Akron, 44304*

This 40 hour academy is a nationally approved prerequisite training to assist individuals in becoming a national credentialed advocate. Visit their [website](#) to learn more and sign up for the June academy.

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## GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

### SIGN UP FOR FEDERAL GRANT ALERTS

To subscribe to federal grant announcements, visit [www.grants.gov/manage-subscriptions.html](http://www.grants.gov/manage-subscriptions.html). Here, you can subscribe to receive email alerts of all grant notices, or you sign up for notices based on criteria such as topic, sub-agency, and funding opportunity number.

To view current Department of Justice grant solicitations, click the hyperlinks below:

- [W.E.B. DuBois Program of Research on Race and Crime](#)
- [Research and Evaluation on Drugs and Crime](#)
- [Adult Drug Discretionary Grant Program](#)
- [Second Chance Act Technology-Based Career Training Program for Incarcerated Adults and Juveniles](#)
- [Smart Policing Initiative](#)
- [Research and Evaluation on Institutional Corrections](#)
- [National Initiatives: Officer Safety and Wellness](#)
- [Research and Evaluation in Support of the Recommendations of the President's Task Force on 21<sup>st</sup> Century Policing](#)

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If you have questions or suggestions regarding community outreach at the U.S. Attorney's Office Southern District of Ohio, contact Jennifer Thornton at [jennifer.thornton@usdoj.gov](mailto:jennifer.thornton@usdoj.gov) or 614-255-1570.

- [Swift, Certain, and Fair Sanctions](#)
- [Smart Supervision: Reducing Prison Populations, Saving Money, and Creating Safer Communities](#)
- [Body-Worn Camera and Implementation Program](#)
- [Small Agency Body-Worn Camera Policy and Implementation Program](#)
- [Enhanced Collaborative Model to Combat Human Trafficking](#)
- [Harold Rogers Prescription Drug Monitoring Program](#)
- [Research and Evaluation on Trafficking in Persons](#)
- [The Price of Justice: Rethinking the Consequences of Justice Fines and Fees](#)
- [Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Training and Technical Assistance](#)
- [Family Drug Court Statewide System Reform](#)
- [Comprehensive School Safety Initiative](#)
- [Comprehensive Anti-Gang Strategies and Programs](#)
- [Assessing the Impact of Juvenile Justice Reforms Program](#)
- [Smart on Juvenile Justice: Reducing Out-of-Home Placement](#)

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