

MDT Role: Bettina Jones: Assistant Prosecuting Attorney for Happyville, Anystate.

Bettina is an Assistant Prosecuting Attorney for Happyville. She's served in this role for 18 years. She enjoys work with victims of violent crime, especially vulnerable victims, like children and the elderly. She has a large caseload of matters to deal with every month. She wants to know what the evidence is that will support a matter going forward as a criminal prosecution. Her approach to these cases is very methodical: she wants to know who the suspects and the victims are, she wants to see the documents that establish the matter, she wants to review the witness statements. She doesn't want to try to bring a case for which there is insufficient evidence. She is generally familiar with the services that Victim/Witness and APS have available for older adults in crisis, but she is not an expert on them, by any means. In MDT meetings, she will often try to steer the conversation back to whether or not a prosecution is sustainable. She has training on trauma-informed prosecutions.

MDT Role: John Edwards: MDT coordinator for Elder Protection Team of Happyville, Anystate.

John is the Coordinator of Happyville's Elder Abuse Protection Team. John's job is to lead the team as it staffs complex cases of elder abuse and conducts concrete action steps to resolve the abuse, neglect, and exploitation. In this role, John recruits and maintains the membership on the team. He also prepares the agenda and case materials for monthly meetings by reaching out to multiple agencies, including Happyville's Adult Protection Services Unit, the Happyville Police Department, and others. John plans trainings and professional development opportunities for the Elder Abuse Protection Team.

John has over 20 years of experience as an elder abuse/adult protective services investigator, both at the local and state level. In those roles, John was out in the field, conducting investigations of abuse, neglect and financial exploitation of older adults. John has also been qualified as an expert in Elder Abuse Investigation in the Circuit Courts of Anystate.

MDT Role: Robert Martin: Elder Law lawyer and Guardian Ad Litem

Before Robert went to law school, he worked for five years as an ICU nurse. After graduation from law school, Robert was a medical malpractice defense lawyer for about 12 years. About three years ago, he became certified as a guardian ad litem with the Anystate Courts for both incapacitated adults and children. He also serves as a special master to evaluate involuntary commitment petitions for those suffering from acute mental illness. Robert is also proficient in the preparation of document relating to capacity, including powers of attorney. Robert has also prepared guardianship/conservatorship documents for adults who have come through the MDT in the past. As a result of his work doing guardianship/conservatorships, Robert has developed excellent client counseling skills and can often provide excellent insight into a client's true capacity. Robert has also been qualified as an expert in Elder Law in the Circuit Courts of Anystate.

MDT Role: Lisa Wright: Forensic Accountant

Lisa is now retired from forensic accounting for the Internal Revenue Service, where she held increasingly responsible positions over a 35-year career. During the course of that career, she managed the investigations on major tax fraud cases. She is comfortable and conversant in tracing money in and out of accounts. She has testified in over 120 criminal and civil cases, always for the government. She knows exactly which documents she needs in order to establish the flow of money from one account to another, and she is very good at explaining to law enforcement officers what she will need to complete her analysis.

MDT Role: Jeffrey Foster, M.D.: Professor of Geriatric Medicine, Anystate State University

Dr. Foster is a Professor of Internal Medicine and is the Geriatric Division chair. His work has centered on geriatric education and on improving care of people with advanced chronic illness with a focus on home-based care. He is a fellow of the American Geriatrics Society and the American College of Physicians and recipient of numerous other awards for teaching and service. He co-led national initiatives to revise Medicare payment and regulatory policy in home care, chaired the Joint Commission Home Care advisory committee. Dr. Foster leads by example as well as in concept and spends 30 percent of his time in patient care, working closely with nurse practitioners in multiple venues including ambulatory care, nursing homes, home care and inpatient service. He has been the Richmond area's most recognized geriatrician for more than a decade. He has also been a medical director and advisor in nursing homes, home health agencies and hospices. Dr. Foster has been qualified many times as an expert in the Circuit Courts of Anystate. Dr. Foster has a wide network of contacts across Happyville and Anystate.

MDT Role: Evan Goodheart, Ph.D.: Forensic Psychologist

Dr. Goodheart earned his Master's and Doctorate in Clinical Psychology from Anystate State University. He then went on to complete both an internship and a post-doctoral fellowship at Anystate State University. He was an Assistant Professor of Psychiatry at Anystate State Medical Center until he left to join Forensic Psychology Associates. Dr. Goodheart has a particular interest in work with geriatric populations, and there was a point in his career at which he considered doing exclusively geriatric work. Dr. Goodheart's areas of expertise include custody and visitation evaluations, psychological evaluations of parents and juveniles, competency to stand trial, mental state at the time of the offense, and guardianship and conservatorship evaluations. He is also a Licensed Clinical Psychologist in Virginia. He has been qualified as an expert in the Circuit Courts of Anystate on many occasions.

MDT Role: Marvin Swanson: Adult Protective Services Worker

Marvin has 8 years of experience in elder abuse/adult protective services work. He has his BA in Social Work from Old Anystate University, and his Master's in Gerontology. He has worked for departments of social services his entire career, and he has extensive field experience. He handles a tremendously large caseload. He works with families from all walks of life every single day. He takes his work very seriously and cares passionately about doing the right thing. He often sees cases where he is generally aware that there is likely some law violation. He also sees cases where he knows that a criminal prosecution may not be sustained. He knows how to access resources available to older people and is great at connecting people. He understands that older people are often reluctant to participate in a prosecution against a family member.

MDT Role: Nicholas Swanson: Lieutenant, Happyville Police Department

Lieutenant Swanson has worked for the Happyville Police Department for 16 years. Like most sworn officers, he started his career at the Happyville Police Academy, then got promoted up through the ranks. He started in patrol, then moved over to the Detective division, then became a Sargeant in patrol, then became a Lieutenant in Major Crimes, which in Happyville includes both major property crimes and violent crimes. Lieutenant Swanson has personally investigated hundreds of crimes at this point in his career. He is also educated with respect to trauma informed investigations and prosecutions. He also has training in forensic interviewing of vulnerable adult victims. He takes crimes committed against the elderly very seriously.

Lieutenant Swanson has a great working relationship with John Edwards, who leads the MDT. Every month, Lt. Swanson sends John Edwards a list of all of the crimes where there is a victim who is age 65 or older, and they work together with Bettina Jones to make sure that the offenses that meet the parameters for evaluation by the MDT make it onto the review list. Then Lt. Swanson gets a comprehensive report from the detective who is working the case. Lt. Swanson then circulates an action plan to each detective following the meeting. Lt. Swanson also invites detectives to the meeting to present if there's anything unusual about the matter that requires the MDT's attention.

MDT Role: Sarah Sanders: Victim Witness Advocate

Sarah has been employed by the Happyville Victim Witness Advocate Office for three years. She has her BA in Psychology and plans to return to graduate school in Social Work. As a member of the Victim Witness Office, **Sarah helps** ensure the Happyville victims and witnesses of crime receive fair and compassionate treatment while participating in the criminal justice system. Sarah also works to make sure that victims receive the rights entitled to them under the Virginia Crime Victims and Witness Rights Act. Sarah also tries to reduce the psychological trauma associated with being a victim of a crime by helping victims with emotional support, crisis counseling, advocacy, referrals to local social service agencies.

Additionally, if a criminal prosecution is initiated, Sarah knows how to give information on the status of the case, status of the person arrested, the court system and their rights as a crime victim and address safety concerns. The legal process, frequently long and complicated, often fails to address the unique needs of victims. However, the victim advocates are available to make sure that these needs are addressed.

Case Scenario 1: Victim is an 83-year-old female living alone with signs and symptoms of dementia. APS received referral with allegations of self-neglect. During the APS investigation, suspicious activity on victim's bank account is discovered. Victim's son, who lives out of state, is named power of attorney and health care proxy. He stopped responding to APS. Preliminary review of victim's bank statements indicate that her son is using her account to pay some of his bills.

Case Scenario 2: Victim is an 85-year-old man. Suspected perpetrator is his daughter. She is telling him that she is receiving medically required "treatment" twice daily, and despite having active Medicaid, these treatments are not covered and require \$120-170, which the victim provides in cash to her twice daily. Son has reported to APS that the suspected perpetrator has a history of drug abuse. Victim was recently hospitalized, and the medical records documented bruising consistent with physical abuse.

Case Scenario 3: Victim is a 67-year-old woman who was found dead in her apartment. According to the autopsy, the manner and cause of death were homicide by stab wounds. Suspected perpetrator is her 69-year-old boyfriend. He has no prior criminal record and worked for 40 years as a long-distance truck driver. The homicide detectives have learned that the victim and the suspect were engaged in the business of buying wholesale cocaine and cooking it in her apartment. The homicide detectives realized that her credit cards were missing from her wallet, and her car was taken from its parking spot outside her apartment. The suspect has been located in Florida, in part because he used her credit cards all the way down Interstate 95. He has made a confession but alleges that there was a dispute over money, and she was enraged.

Case Scenario 4: Victim is 91 years old and requires 24-hour care. Suspected perpetrator is victim's niece living in the home and providing care to the victim. Case was referred to APS and law enforcement due

to suspicious transactions on bank statements and unpaid bills in the home. Upon investigation, law enforcement determined there was enough evidence to arrest the suspected perpetrator but there were concerns about the impact on victim being left alone and without care.

Case Scenario 5: Victim is an 83-year-old woman who is confined to her bed at a skilled nursing care facility located in the city. She has signs and symptoms of dementia. She has previously complained that a male caregiver in the facility has been sexually aggressive with her, but while those concerns have been documented, they have been dismissed as being without merit. APS was called because a female caregiver went into her room and found the male caregiver about who the victim had complained in her room with the door closed with his pants and underwear around his ankles. Our victim was not wearing underwear.

Case Scenario 6: Victim is a 91-year-old man who is now in the hospital and APS was called because of massive bedsores and because his body appeared to be "frozen" into position. Law enforcement officers were commenced an investigation, and they learned that the victim's primary caregiver was his step-granddaughter, with whom he was living in the upstairs bedroom of a 2-bedroom apartment in a housing project. Investigation showed that he was confined to a urine and feces-soaked armchair and went outside so infrequently that most of the neighbors didn't even know he was living there. Investigation continued and officers realized that step-granddaughter had rerouted all the victim's direct deposits into her accounts. Step-granddaughter has been somewhat cooperative and has also stated that she has "power-of-attorney" to make medical and financial decisions for victim but will not produce a document showing that authority.

Case Scenario 7: Victim is a 73-year-old female living alone in her own home. Suspected perpetrator is her grandson, who is a financial advisor and has been acting as such for the victim. Numerous checks have been written to the grandson in addition to suspicious financial transactions and investment decisions. Eventually, a conservator was appointed but grandson continued to attempt (with at least one success) to gain access to victim's bank account.