

sexually assault her. She struggled and got away while he was removing his clothing. The trial started in front of Judge Kerr Karasov but Dale pled guilty to attempted 2nd degree CSC after the jury was seated and had heard one day of testimony. On December 16th, Judge Kerr Karasov sentenced him to serve 102 months at Stillwater with a credit of 192 days in custody. He has two prior CSC convictions, one from 1986 and another from 1988.

*David Lee Cross* was found guilty of 1st degree murder by a jury in front of Judge Pierce. In June 1996, he assaulted his girlfriend while parked on the side of the street. The driver of another car saw him slapping her and grabbing her hair and summoned the police. When the police arrived, they found her lying on the sidewalk. She was taken to the hospital but was pronounced dead upon arrival. Cross has a long history of assaulting her. On December 11th Judge Pierce sentenced him to life in prison at Stillwater.

*James D. Pilot* was found guilty by a jury of attempted 1st degree murder and 1st degree CSC. On May 11, 1996, he sexually assaulted and nearly killed his girlfriend's best friend. He is 24 years old and has four prior domestic violence charges. Two are from April of 1996 and one is from May 7th, 1996. During the trial, part of his attorney's proof of Pilot's innocence was that he has no history of "this sick behavior." The trial took place in front of Judge Solum and sentencing is scheduled for January 22, 1997.

*Joanne Beard* was found guilty by a jury of 2nd degree murder in front of Judge Lefler. The victim, a five month old boy, died as a result of a shaking injury that the jury determined was inflicted by her. The infant was in her home for daycare. She is scheduled to be sentenced on January 15, 1997.

*Deandre Ramon Robinson* was found guilty by a jury of two counts of 1st degree CSC. He forced his girlfriend's 14 year old daughter to have intercourse with him on two occasions. He indicated that he liked young girls because an older lady had sex with him when he was young. He has a prior conviction from 1983 in Illinois for Deviate Sexual Assault. The trial took place in front of Judge Oleisky. Robinson is scheduled to be sentenced on January 14, 1997.

*Bruce Harris* was found guilty by a jury of 1st degree murder. The victim was a 63 year old woman that he knew because they had lived on the same floor of their apartment building. A concerned relative called the police when the victim did not answer her door after 6:00 a.m. on December 12, 1995. She had been stabbed eight times, four times with a knife and four times with a fork. Three of the wounds were clearly fatal and penetrated her heart. Bones in her throat were broken and indicated that she had also been strangled. A bone near her left eye was fractured and she had bruises in her vaginal area. The trial was held in front of Judge Blaeser who sentenced Harris to life in prison without possibility of release, the mandatory sentence in murder cases involving sexual assault.

## Domestic Violence Chronology

Bruce Allen Freitag is 41 years old. He has been charged in Hennepin County with domestic violence-related crimes 12 times. Six have been dismissed and he pled guilty to six. Most of the assaults were against women with whom he was in an intimate relationship or their family or friends. He also has two felony convictions, one for burglary and one for escape from custody while at the ACF.

**#1** December 1978  
Burglary Felony

**Criminal complaint:** He forcibly entered an apartment while the owner was away and stole miscellaneous personal property and killed two pet boa constrictor snakes.

**Outcome:** Sentenced in front of Judge Iverson to serve 21 months at Stillwater.

**#2** 9/25/86  
5th degree assault Misdemeanor

**Outcome:** 1/23/87 Given a stay of imposition of sentence by Judge Forsythe for one year if he had no new assault, disorderly conduct or breach of peace charges during that period. This sentence was imposed on 4/4/88 because of a new offense. See #3 below.

**#3** 12/9/87  
5th degree assault Misdemeanor

**Criminal complaint:** A KAF (known adult female) received a phone call from a male friend that made Freitag jealous. He tore the phone off the wall and began choking her. She left to call the police but he was gone when the police arrived. He returned later and the KAF told him to leave. He started packing and as she tried to leave he grabbed her hair and her arm and pushed her nose into her face. Officers arrived and arrested him.

**Outcome:** 4/4/88 - #3 - He was sentenced to serve 90 days at the ACF, with 90 days stayed for one year if he complied with these conditions set by the court: all the conditions as set on #2 (see below) plus no assaults, disorderly conduct, or breach of the peace charges. This stay expired before he got any new charges.

4/4/88 - #2 - Sentenced (judge not indicated) to 90 days at the ACF and parole after 60 days with conditions of: evaluation for chemical dependency and domestic abuse treatment, follow recommendations of ACF counselor and probation, and no possession or consumption of alcohol, drugs or marijuana. He was given credit for 19 days in custody.

**#4** 4/25/89  
5th degree assault Misdemeanor

**Outcome:** 5/16/89 Case dismissed (no judge indicated).



**#5** 6/24/89  
5th degree assault Misdemeanor

**Outcome:** 7/27/89 Dismissed in front of Judge Hedlund.

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**#6** 11/14/89  
5th degree assault Gross Misdemeanor  
Disorderly conduct Misdemeanor  
4th degree property damage Misdemeanor

**Criminal complaint:** Freitag walked into his former girlfriend's home while her brother was present. An argument ensued and he was told to leave but refused. The former girlfriend attempted to call the police but Freitag ripped the phone out of the wall, damaging the wires in the receiver. As she tried to get to a neighbor's home to call the police, he slapped her across the face and punched her with his fist in her ribs, knocking the wind out of her. Her brother stepped in and hit Freitag in the face with a lamp. Freitag then fled.

**Outcome:** 2/21/90 Case dismissed in front of Judge Duffy.

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**#7** 2/18/91  
5th degree assault Misdemeanor

**Criminal complaint:** His former girlfriend was at her residence with their infant son and her 11 year old daughter. She was napping and awoke to find him standing over her with his face very close to hers. He was wearing boots and began kicking her and striking her with closed fists. She yelled for her daughter to go to the neighbor's to call the police. He continued to assault her for about 15 minutes, pulling her hair and landing kicks and blows on various parts of her body, including her face, head, arms, legs and torso. She told police that he had threatened to kill her and kidnap their son in the past and that she was afraid of him.

**Outcome:** 4/25/91 Case dismissed in front of Judge Wieland.

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**#8** 3/6/93  
Disorderly conduct Misdemeanor

**Outcome:** 5/10/93 Judge Alton continued the case for dismissal for one year if he had no new assault, breach of peace, or disorderly conduct charges. Assault #9 occurred within this year. On 6/9/94 a clerical entry indicates that #8 was dismissed.

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**#9** 3/18/94  
Making Terroristic Threats Felony  
Dangerous Weapon Misdemeanor

**Criminal complaint:** Freitag repeatedly called the manager of a bar and said he would be there in 10 minutes to shoot everyone with a .9 millimeter and a shotgun. The police were summoned and while they waited in the bar he called again. The officer took the phone, identified himself as a police officer, but Freitag said he didn't believe him and once again threatened to shoot everyone

in the bar. The officers were able to arrest him at his home. The manager/owner of this bar was his girlfriend's mother's employer. The plea transcript alleges that he was calling the mother because that was the way they arranged child visitation. A new assault occurred before he was sentenced on this assault. See #10 below for the outcome.

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**#10** 7/31/94  
3rd degree assault Felony  
4th degree assault Felony

**Criminal complaint:** An off duty police officer in full uniform, directing traffic for the Norwest Cup bicycle race, heard a man yelling and then saw him punch a woman in the face. He approached the woman to find out what was happening and she said her ex-boyfriend was hassling her. When the officer attempted to talk with Freitag, he tried to get away and the officer and a civilian stopped him by knocking him to the ground. During the scuffle he grabbed the officer's fingers and pulled them back. After Freitag was arrested, the officer got medical treatment for his swollen fingers and it was determined that he had at least one, and possibly two, broken fingers. Freitag was out of custody on conditional release awaiting his sentencing on case #9 when these assaults took place.

**Outcome:** 10/10/94 - #10 - Sentencing in front of Judge McKinsey. Freitag pled guilty to count 2 and count 1 was dismissed. He was sentenced to serve 13 months at Stillwater but this would be stayed for two years if he followed these conditions: the same conditions as the ones on case #9 (see below) plus no contact with the KAF, and restitution to the injured officer. This sentence if imposed would run concurrently with the sentence on case #9.

**Outcome:** 10/10/94 - #9 - Sentencing in front of Judge McKinsey. He pled guilty to count 1 and count 2 was dismissed. He was sentenced to serve 18 months at Stillwater but this time would be stayed for one year if he followed certain conditions: chemical dependency evaluation, no contact with the bar, the bar owner or his former girlfriend's mother (she works at the bar and was the original recipient of the phone calls), domestic abuse counseling, follow recommendations of probation, serve one year in the ACF with work release but no weekend furloughs. This sentence was to run concurrently with the sentence on case #10 (see above). 12/30/94 - #9 - He failed to return to the ACF while out on work release and his sentence was executed as a result. The escape from custody occurred on 12/16/94.

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**#11** 12/16/94  
Escape from custody Felony

**Criminal complaint:** While serving his sentence from the two previous felonies, he left on work release at 6:10 a.m. but failed to return at the scheduled time of 6:00 p.m. He was then put on escape status.

**Outcome:** 6/27/95 - #11 - Sentencing in front of Judge Bush. Freitag pled guilty and was sentenced to serve 180 days at the ACF but it would be stayed for two years if he followed certain

conditions: no new escape charges, or same or similar offenses. This sentence was revoked on 7/15/96 when he pled guilty on a new offense. See #14, below.

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**#12** 1/20/96  
5th degree assault Misdemeanor

**Outcome:** 1/25/96 Case dismissed in front of Judge Albrecht.

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**#13** 4/16/96  
5th degree assault Felony  
5th degree assault Felony

**Criminal complaint:** His former girlfriend said he came to her apartment asking for some of his diabetes medicine. When she opened the door, he pushed his way in, grabbed her and tackled her onto a chair. She struggled to break free and he grabbed her about the neck, choking her and putting his hand over her mouth. He said "I'm gonna hurt you bad if you scream. I'm gonna put the fear of God in you." She was able to escape and call the police. They observed redness on the right side of her neck and fresh bruises on her arms. After a brief struggle with the police, Freitag was arrested at the scene. Before he was sentenced on this case he committed a new offense. See #14, below.

**#14** 4/24/96  
Harassment Felony  
Violation of an Order for Protection  
Gross Misdemeanor

**Criminal complaint:** While Freitag was in custody in the Hennepin County Jail, the KAF received 25 letters from him

from the period between 4/24/96 through 6/21/96. Excerpts from some of the letters are as follows: ... "please help me come home, I miss you so much, I beg you don't let them people find you from down here. And I beg of you, not to talk to them, they want to lock me up for 5 years, I can't do time like that anymore. They might tell you, you may get in trouble by not coming to court, you can't unless they summon you to court...don't let them people try and tell you that I did do what your papers said, you tell them you made it up, or I'm gone for a long time, I know you don't want that to happen...". He also left voice mail messages for her saying..."Hey [KAF] I know I'm not supposed to call you.. whatever I said to you that day and done...whatever...I don't mean this shit... I'm lost you know, and I hope you're not going to follow through in doin' what you're doing...Remember the statement you gave to domestic abuse on what I did? If you talk to them people downtown, everything you said that I did to you, you have to deny that, alright?" The KAF had an active Order for Protection during this time period.

**Outcome:** 7/15/96 - #14 - Sentencing in front of Judge Swanson. Freitag pled guilty to count 2 after it was reduced to a misdemeanor and count 1 was dismissed. He was sentenced to serve 90 days at the ACF with credit for 90 days already served.

**Outcome:** 7/15/96 - #13 - Sentencing in front of Judge Swanson. Freitag pled guilty to count 2 and count 1 was dismissed. He was sentenced to serve one year and one day in Stillwater and given credit for 91 days in jail.

**Outcome:** 7/15/96 - #11 - Revocation in front of Judge Swanson. Freitag admitted that he violated the conditions of the stayed sentence. His sentence was revoked and he was given credit for 91 days served, so no commitment was necessary.

### Felony Charges in Hennepin County

There were 22 CSC charges and 28 domestic violence charges in November.

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ACF (with credit for 213 days served in jail). She also resentenced White on **Pending Case #2** to 365 days at the ACF stayed for two years on the following conditions: verified weekly attendance at Alcoholics Anonymous; no alcohol or controlled substance use; follow all orders of family court; no contact with his wife; no criminal activity; no criminal charges; participation in the Domestic Abuse Project or therapy as recommended; no disorderly conduct charges; no drug related offenses; no mood altering chemicals; no use of non-prescription drugs; follow all recommendations of his probation officer; random urinalyses; participate in a new Rule 25 evaluation; no violations of the order for protection; and obtain Alco-sensor from 180 Degrees or LCA for five months within 24 hours of release from ACF.

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**Bruce Allen Freitag** was profiled in our January 1997 newsletter. In the previous ten years, he had been charged with 12 domestic violence related crimes in Hennepin County -- he pled guilty to six of those charges and the other six charges were dismissed. Examples of behavior from the six charges to which he pled guilty include: choking the victim; grabbing her hair and arms and pushing her nose into her face; repeatedly making terroristic threats over the phone; punching the victim in the face; forcing his way into the victims house, grabbing her and tackling her onto a chair, and grabbing her by the neck, choking her, and putting his hand over her mouth; and harassing the victim by sending her twenty-five letters in a two month period of time and leaving threatening phone messages.

On July 15, 1996, Freitag pled guilty to felony 5th degree assault and was sentenced to serve one year and a day at Stillwater (with 91 days credited for time served in jail). On the same day, the prosecutor dismissed a felony charge of harassment and Freitag pled guilty to a reduced charge of violation of an order for protection) -- he was sentenced to serve 90 days at the ACF with credit for 90 days already served. He also admitted to violating the conditions of a stayed sentence for escape from custody -- that sentence was revoked and he was given credit for 91 days served. On December 16, 1996, Freitag was released from correctional custody after serving five months for the felony assault.

**2/20/97 New Case**

- **Violation of an Order for Protection (Gross Misdemeanor)**

Criminal complaint: Freitag went to the home of the victim and tried to enter her home in violation of an OFP.

Event: On 2/27/97, Freitag posted a \$1,200 bond and was released from custody.

Event: On 5/27/97, Freitag pled guilty before Judge Nordby, sentencing was set for 8/12/97, and he was released from custody on the following conditions: no contact with the victim, follow all recommendations of his probation officer, no same or similar offenses, and no violation of the existing order for protection.

Event: On 8/13/97, Judge Nordby ordered a bench warrant because Freitag did not appear for sentencing the day before; the previous bond of \$1,200 was forfeited and a new bail of \$5,000 was ordered. As we go to print, Freitag's whereabouts are unknown. SIP lists Raymond Cantu as the prosecutor and Geoffrey Isaacman as the public defender.

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**Anthony Thomas Woods** was profiled in our February 1997 newsletter. In the previous eight years, he had been charged with 25 domestic violence crimes in Hennepin County -- he pled guilty to 11 of those charges, 12 charges were dismissed, and two charges were still pending when the February newsletter went to print. Examples of behavior from the 11 charges to which he pled guilty include: picking up the victim and throwing her to the ground (observed by ambulance personnel); disconnecting the phone and then pushing the victim around by grabbing her shoulders and punching her in the chest with a closed fist; threatening to push the victims 12-year-old son out of the apartment window and then pushing her to the floor; striking the victim in the stomach when she was three months pregnant; grabbing the victim by the neck and then hitting her and pushing her to the ground (observed by a police officer); and dragging the victim by the hair and kicking her in the ribs (observed by several witnesses).

**11/12/96 Pending Case #1**

- **2 counts Domestic Assault in the Fifth Degree (Gross Misdemeanor)**
- **Disorderly Conduct (Misdemeanor)**

Criminal complaint: The victim was visiting with friends and went to use the restroom when Woods came barging into the room. He immediately began punching her in forehead. This split her forehead open, caused a great deal of bleeding, and required several stitches.

**12/11/96 Pending Case #2**

- **Dangerous Weapon in a Courthouse (Felony)**

Criminal complaint: Woods appeared in Courtroom 557 of the