

**ADVISORY COMMISSION ON THE ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE**

**MAY 13, 2008**

**TESTIMONY OF SANDY HEVERLY**

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/VICTIM ADVOCATE/MULTIPLE DUI VICTIM**

**STOP DUI**

**3321 SUNRISE AVENUE SUITE 107**

**LAS VEGAS, NEVADA 89101**

**(702) 456-7867 OR 376-1238**

Advisory Commission on Admin. of Justice  
Exhibit 9 pg 1 of 14 Date: May 12, 2008  
Submitted by: Sandy Heverly

**GOOD AFTERNOON JUSTICE HARDESTY AND COMMISSION MEMBERS.**

**MY NAME IS SANDY HEVERLY AND I'M THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND VICTIM ADVOCATE FOR STOP DUI. I'M ALSO A PROUD RESIDENT OF NEVADA FOR 44 YEARS.**

**THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK TO YOU TODAY.**

**I'M PROVIDING THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION TO ADVISE YOU OF OUR EFFORTS TO ELIMINATE DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE, THE SERVICES WE PROVIDE TO THE INNOCENT VICTIMS OF DUI CRASHES, AND TO VOICE OUR CONCERNS REGARDING ASSEMBLY BILL 510.**

**STOP DUI IS AN INDEPENDENT, 100% SELF SUFFICIENT 501-C3 NON PROFIT ORGANIZATION, DEDICATED TO ELIMINATING DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE AND ASSISTING THE INNOCENT VICTIMS OF THIS VIOLENT CRIME. STOP DUI DOES NOT SOLICIT DONATIONS.**

**WE ARE THE ONLY ANTI DRUNK DRIVING ORGANIZATION IN THE COUNTRY THAT PROVIDES DIRECT, AND IMMEDIATE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO INNOCENT DUI VICTIMS WITHOUT SUBROGATION.**

**WE PROVIDE FUNDING FOR FUNERALS, MORTGAGE PAYMENTS, RENT, UTILITIES, MEDICAL AND AUTO INS, AUTO REPAIR, FOOD, CLOTHING, PRESCRIPTIONS, MEDICAL EQUIPMENT AND OTHER MISCELLANEOUS NEEDS.**

**SOME OF THOSE MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS HAVE INCLUDED COMPUTERS, INSTALLATION OF SECURITY DOORS AND LIGHTING, REPAIRING AC UNITS, AND THE PURCHASE OF A RACING BIKE AND GEAR FOR A 75 YEAR OLD VICTIM TO COMPETE IN THE CORPORATE CHALLENGE. MRS. HANEY DID VERY WELL IN THE COMPETITION AS SHE WON SEVERAL GOLD MEDALS.**

**WE'VE ALSO PROVIDED A DISNEYLAND VACATION FOR ONE OF OUR VICTIM FAMILIES. SOMETIMES THE BEST TREATMENT ISN'T MEDICINAL.**

**AT THE REQUEST OF ANOTHER OF OUR VICTIMS, WE HAD THE CASKET OF HER 4 YEAR OLD DAUGHTER EXHUMED FROM PALM MEMORIAL GARDENS IN LAS VEGAS, AND HAD IT TRANSPORTED TO NORTHERN CALIFORNIA, FOR PLACEMENT AT A CEMETERY CLOSE TO WHERE THE MOTHER IS NOW LIVING. MRS. ZONE AND HER FAMILY ARE NOW ABLE TO VISIT KATRINA ON A**



**REGULAR BASIS.**

**VICTIMS HAVE DIFFERENT NEEDS THAT SOMETIMES REQUIRE AN UNCONVENTIONAL ASSISTANCE APPROACH. STOP DUI MAKES EVERY EFFORT TO MEET THOSE NEEDS.**

**WE BELIEVE A COMPREHENSIVE VICTIM ASSISTANCE PROGRAM REQUIRES MORE THAN HOLDING A VICTIMS HAND AND GIVING THEM A PAMPHLET.**

**OUT OF STATE VICTIMS RECEIVE ALL OF THE ABOVE SERVICES INCLUDING AIR FARE, HOTEL ROOMS, RENTAL CARS AND CELL PHONES.**

**WE ASSIST OUR SURVIVING VICTIMS THROUGH THE STAGES OF GRIEF AND THAT INCLUDES THE SPECIAL GRIEVING THAT INJURED VICTIMS EXPERIENCE AS WELL.**

**SOME VICTIMS WHO HAVE SUFFERED SUCH CATASTROPHIC INJURIES, WISH THEY WOULD HAVE DIED IN THE CRASH, BECAUSE THEY FEEL THEY'VE BECOME A BURDEN TO THEIR FAMILIES AND TO SOCIETY AS WELL.**

**OFTEN TIMES THIS ADJUSTMENT PROCESS TAKES MANY YEARS BEFORE THE VICTIM IS ABLE TO RE ENTER AND FUNCTION IN THE MAIN STREAM OF SOCIETY.**

**WE PROVIDE GUIDANCE AND ASSISTANCE THROUGHOUT THE ADJUDICATION PROCESS, BEGINNING WITH THE FIRST ARRAIGNMENT TO THE LAST PAROLE HEARING AND BEYOND.**

**I'VE OFTEN SAID ENTERING THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM IS LIKE BEING LOST IN A FOREIGN COUNTRY AND NOT SPEAKING THE LANGUAGE -**

**AND ONCE YOU LEARN THE LANGUAGE, IT'S A RUDE AWAKENING INDEED.**

**WITH REGARD TO THE PAROLE BOARD - I'VE ATTENDED COUNTLESS PAROLE HEARINGS WITH VICTIMS, AND ON BEHALF OF VICTIMS, IN LAS VEGAS AND CARSON CITY.**

**EACH AND EVERY TIME, WE WERE TREATED WITH COURTESY, RESPECT, DIGNITY AND PATIENCE. WE VERY MUCH APPRECIATE THE EFFORTS OF THE PAROLE COMMISSIONERS AND THEIR STAFF, TO ACCOMMODATE THE UNIQUE NEEDS OF OUR VICTIMS.**



**I ALSO WANT TO TELL YOU THAT TRACI DOREY, VICTIM ADVOCATE FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS, HAS BEEN A TREMENDOUS HELP TO US. ALWAYS SENSITIVE AND CONSIDERATE TO THOSE WHO ARE TRYING TO GRASP AN UNDERSTANDING OF THE PRISON SYSTEM AS IT RELATES TO THEIR OFFENDER.**

**STOP DUI HAS PROVIDED HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS IN DIRECT DUI VICTIM ASSISTANCE AND TENS OF THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS TO LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES FOR DUI EQUIPMENT, SPECIAL PROGRAMS, FST AND DRE TRAINING.**

**HUNDREDS OF VEHICLE CLUBS HAVE ALSO BEEN PROVIDED TO THE CLARK AND WASHOE COUNTY SPECIALTY COURTS FOR THEIR SERIOUS AND MODERATE OFFENDER PROGRAMS.**

**WE SPONSOR AND PARTICIPATE IN NUMEROUS DUI AND VICTIM RIGHTS AWARENESS AND EDUCATION PROGRAMS AT THE LOCAL, STATE AND NATIONAL LEVEL.**

**OUR VICTIM IMPACT PANEL PROGRAM WHICH IS UNIQUE TO ANY OTHER, CURRENTLY REACHES MORE THAN 7,000 DUI OFFENDERS A YEAR. (APPROXIMATELY 90,000 OFFENDERS IN THE PAST 15 YEARS) IT'S RECEIVED NATIONAL RECOGNITION AND CARRIES A 92% SUCCESS RATE.**

**I RECENTLY HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO INTRODUCE THE STOP DUI VIP CONCEPT AND OUR VICTIM SERVICES PROGRAM TO YORK COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA AND I'M HAPPY TO TELL YOU IT'S ON IT'S WAY TO BECOMING ONE OF THE PREMIER PROGRAM'S OF SOUTH CAROLINA.**

**STOP DUI IS REPRESENTED ON NUMEROUS BOARDS, AND COMMISSIONS, INCLUDING THE PRESIDENT'S COMMISSION ON DRUG FREE COMMUNITIES. STOP DUI PLAYED A SIGNIFICANT ROLL IN DEFEATING THE "MARIJUANA POLICY PROJECT" ATTEMPTS TO LEGALIZE MARIJUANA IN NEVADA.**

**WE'VE BEEN DEDICATED, AND DILIGENT, FOR MORE THAN TWO DECADES, PARTICIPATING IN ENACTING SOME OF THE TOUGHEST DUI LAWS IN THE COUNTRY.**



**LAWS THAT HAVE LED THE NATION IN CREATIVITY AND EFFECTIVENESS, LAWS THAT HAVE HELPED SAVE LIVES, AND LAWS THAT HAVE GIVEN A VOICE AND SOME SEMBLANCE OF RIGHTS TO CRIME VICTIMS.**

**MANDATORY PRISON SENTENCES FOR FELONY DUI OFFENDERS, NO PLEA BARGAINING, TRUTH IN SENTENCING, CHILD ENDANGERMENT, OPEN CONTAINER, MANDATORY 12 HOUR HOLDS, CRIME VICTIM COMPENSATION AND VICTIM IMPACT STATEMENTS WERE HIGH ON OUR LIST AND WERE ACCOMPLISHED. BUT, THERE'S MUCH MORE TO BE DONE.**

**CONCURRENT SENTENCES FOR OFFENDERS RESPONSIBLE FOR MULTIPLE DEATHS AND INJURIES MUST BE ELIMINATED. EACH AND EVERY VICTIM MUST BE ACCOUNTED FOR, ACKNOWLEDGED, AND ADDRESSED INDIVIDUALLY.**

**CONCURRENT SENTENCING WHERE MULTIPLE VICTIMS ARE INVOLVED IS DE HUMANIZING. IT BEGS THE QUESTION OF WHICH VICTIMS DIDN'T COUNT? EACH AND EVERY VICTIM IS A FLESH AND BLOOD HUMAN BEING AND THEY DESERVE THEIR INDIVIDUAL JUSTICE.**

**CONSIDER THIS MOST RECENT EXAMPLE - RONALD JAYNE WAS SENTENCED ON MAY 2ND OF THIS YEAR TO 15 TO 45 YEARS FOR KILLING 5 PEOPLE AND SERIOUSLY INJURING 3 - ALL IN ONE FAMILY.**

**THE WORST DUI CRASH IN THE HISTORY OF NEVADA, IN TERMS OF THE TOTALITY OF DEATHS AND INJURIES TO ONE FAMILY.**

**JAYNE RECEIVED THREE CONSECUTIVE SENTENCES OF 5 TO 15 YEARS AND THE REMAINING 5 SENTENCES TO RUN CONCURRENT WITH THE THREE CONSECUTIVE. 5 VICTIMS IGNORED, 5 VICTIMS UNACCOUNTED FOR. THIS IS REPREHENSIBLE. THIS SENTENCE SCREAMS INJUSTICE.**

**THIS IS A PERFECT EXAMPLE OF WHY WE PURSUE MANDATORY SENTENCES AND WHY JUDICIAL DISCRETION LEAVES US COLD. THIS IS WHY CONCURRENT SENTENCES INVOLVING DEATH AND INJURY SHOULD BE ABOLISHED.**

**MRS. DOMINGUEZ, WHOSE DAUGHTER, SON, GRANDSON AND TWO NIECES WERE KILLED, WOULD LIKE TO KNOW HOW MUCH ACTUAL TIME RONALD JAYNE, ASSUMING HE ACCRUES ALL GOOD TIME CREDITS, WILL SPEND IN PRISON FOR ANNIHILATING HER FAMILY.**



**STOP DUI IS VERY ACTIVE IN LEGISLATIVE REFORM THAT'S RELEVANT TO DUI AND CRIME VICTIMS RIGHTS. AND THAT'S WHY I'VE BEEN ATTENDING THESE MEETINGS.**

**THIS COMMISSION HAS BEEN GIVEN A VERY DAUNTING AND CHALLENGING TASK AND I APPRECIATE THE EFFORT EACH OF YOU ARE MAKING TO FIND THE APPROPRIATE BALANCE OF JUSTICE, FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY, AND PUBLIC SAFETY.**

**YOUR RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE LEGISLATURE WILL PLAY A SIGNIFICANT ROLL IN DETERMINING THE DEGREE OF JUSTICE CRIME VICTIMS SHOULD BE ENTITLED TO, AND THE EXTENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY THE CITIZENS OF NV CAN EXPECT.**

**HAVING WORKED WITH THOUSANDS OF CRIME VICTIMS IN NEVADA AND ACROSS THE COUNTRY, I KNOW FIRST HAND IT'S NOT EASY, NOR COMFORTABLE, CONFRONTING THEIR PAIN AND SUFFERING.**

**FROM WHAT I'VE OBSERVED, THIS COMMISSION HAS DONE SO WITH PATIENCE, COMPASSION AND SENSITIVITY, AND I THANK YOU FOR THAT.**

**FRANKLY, THEIR ARE SOME WITHIN OUR SYSTEM THAT WOULD BENEFIT GREATLY FROM OBSERVING THIS COMMISSION'S DEMEANOR WHEN COMMUNICATING WITH CRIME VICTIMS.**

**DURING THE PAST 25 YEARS AS A VICTIM ADVOCATE, I'VE SEEN THE BEST AND WORST OF HUMANITY. CRIME VICTIMS WHO HAVE EXHIBITED SUCH EXTRAORDINARY COURAGE AND PERSEVERANCE HAVE LEFT ME IN AWE.**

**I'VE ALSO BEEN IN THE PRESENCE OF PERPETRATORS WHO ENGAGE IN HEINOUS, VIOLENT CRIME AND HAVE NO RESPECT FOR HUMAN LIFE OR THE LAW. THEIR RIGHTS SHOULD NEVER OUT WEIGH THOSE OF THEIR VICTIMS, BUT ULTIMATELY DO IN MANY CASES.**

**I BELIEVE EVERYONE WHO WORKS IN THE LEGAL SYSTEM SHOULD NEVER FORGET, THE VICTIMS ARE THE FOUNDATION OF THE CRIMINAL AND CIVIL JUSTICE SYSTEM -**

**WITHOUT THEM, THERE WOULD BE NO NEED FOR THESE ENTITIES TO EXIST. AND FRANKLY, FOR THE MOST PART, THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE**



**SYSTEM IS NOT VICTIM FRIENDLY. JUST RE-READ ASSEMBLY BILL 510.**

**NOT ONLY ARE VICTIMS MURDERED, TORTURED, INJURED, RAPED, MOLESTED, ROBBED, ABUSED, BATTERED, ASSAULTED AND SCAMMED BY THE OFFENDER, OFTEN TIMES THOSE THAT SURVIVE ARE RE VICTIMIZED BY THE SYSTEM AGAIN, AND AGAIN, AND AGAIN -**

**AND NOW, IT APPEARS IN SOME CASES, WILL BE RE - VICTIMIZED ONCE AGAIN, BY AB 510 LEGISLATION THAT FURTHER REDUCES THE TIME THEIR PERPETRATORS WILL SPEND IN PRISON.**

**IT APPEARS NEVADA WILL REWARD THE BEHAVIOR OF SOME THESE PREDATORS WITH THE DOUBLING OF GOOD TIME CREDITS, COMPLIMENTS OF AB 510.**

**THIS IS SO OFFENSIVE IT'S ALMOST BEYOND COMPREHENSION. ONCE AGAIN, JUSTICE IS NOT ONLY BLIND ON THIS ISSUE, BUT APPEARS TO BE DEAF AND DUMB AS WELL WHEN IT COMES TO RECOGNIZING THE VICTIMS PERSPECTIVE.**

**FOR THE 5TH CONSECUTIVE YEAR, NEVADA HAS RANKED NUMBER 1 FOR THE BEING THE MOST DANGEROUS STATE IN THE NATION.**

**INSTEAD OF DOUBLING THE GOOD TIME CREDITS WE SHOULD BE DOUBLING THE SENTENCES - AND NO, I DON'T HAVE A PROBLEM WITH HAVING MY TAXES RAISED TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL AND EXTENDED SUPERVISION AND RETENTION.**

**WITH RESPECT TO PRISON REFORM, WE BELIEVE ALL ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUG RELATED OFFENDERS SHOULD BE MANDATED TO ATTEND AA AND NA MEETINGS WHILE INCARCERATED. IF THEY CAN SIT AND WATCH TV THEY CAN CERTAINLY SIT IN ON THOSE MEETINGS. SOMETHING MIGHT CLICK.**

**EVERY TREATMENT PROVIDER I'VE EVER ASKED HAS TOLD ME THEIR SUCCESS RATE IS THE SAME WHETHER THE PERSON ENTERS TREATMENT VOLUNTARILY OR IS MANDATED TO ATTEND.**

**THERE'S BEEN DIALOG AT THESE MEETINGS ABOUT THE 1995 TRUTH IN SENTENCING LEGISLATION REGARDING IT'S PURPOSE AND EXPECTED RESULTS.**



**THUS FAR, ABSENT FROM THE CONVERSATION IS A VERY IMPORTANT ELEMENT THAT'S BEEN OVER LOOKED.**

**THE TRUTH IN SENTENCING LEGISLATION FOUGHT FOR ON BEHALF OF CRIME VICTIMS BY SENATOR MARK JAMES, WAS DESIGNED TO PROVIDE SOME SEMBLANCE OF JUSTICE CRIME VICTIMS COULD UNDERSTAND, AND DEPEND ON.**

**SPECIFICALLY, MANDATORY MINIMUMS. IT WAS ALSO INTENDED TO HELP SIMPLIFY THE VERY COMPLICATED MEANS OF TRYING TO UNDERSTAND JUST EXACTLY WHAT THE SENTENCE MEANT - IN TERMS OF ACTUAL TIME A PERPETRATOR WOULD BE INCARCERATED BEFORE BECOMING ELIGIBLE FOR PAROLE AND OR RELEASED.**

**AS FOR TRYING TO FIGURE OUT WHAT THE REMAINING INCARCERATION TIME WOULD BE IF THE OFFENDER WAS DENIED PAROLE, OR CHOSE TO EXPIRE THE REMAINING SENTENCE - THE CALCULATIONS BECOME COMPLICATED AS THEY CHANGE FROM WEEK TO WEEK AND MONTH TO MONTH, REQUIRING A CONSTANT VIGIL ON THE PART OF THE VICTIM.**

**AND EVEN WITH THE TRUTH IN SENTENCING LEGISLATION, OFFENDERS ARE STILL ONLY SPENDING APPROXIMATELY 50% OF THEIR MAXIMUM SENTENCE!**

**THE ONLY SENTENCE WE'RE ABSOLUTELY SURE OF IS THE ONE THE VICTIM RECEIVES - WHICH IN SOME CASES IS DEATH, IN OTHER CASES LIFE, WITH NO PAROLE, NO PROBATION, NO GOOD TIME CREDIT, NO COMMUTATION, NO APPEALS.**

**WITH REGARD TO AB 510 AND IT'S POTENTIAL IMPACT ON FELONY DUI CLASS B OFFENDERS - WE'VE RECEIVED A NUMBER OF DIFFERING INTERPRETATIONS AS TO HOW OR IF IT WILL IMPACT THESE OFFENDERS.**

**AB 510 IMPLIES THE MANDATORY MINIMUMS REGARDING CLASS A & B OFFENSES ARE STILL REQUIRED TO BE SERVED BEFORE BECOMING ELIGIBLE FOR PAROLE, AND GOOD TIME CREDITS WILL REMAIN DEDUCTED FROM THE MAXIMUM END OF THE SENTENCE ONCE THE MINIMUM HAS BEEN SERVED.**

**HOWEVER, THE LANGUAGE IN AB 510 APPEARS TO ALSO SUGGEST THOSE**



**CREDITS, WHILE BEING REDUCED FROM THE MAXIMUM SENTENCE, ARE SUBJECT TO BE INCREASED TO SOME DEGREE OR DOUBLED.**

**CURRENTLY, DUI FELONS ARE CLASSIFIED AS "NON VIOLENT" AND GIVEN SPECIAL CONSIDERATION WITH REGARD TO THEIR PLACEMENT AND RELEASE.**

**I ASSURE YOU, DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE IS NOT AN ACCIDENT, AND BEING ASSAULTED WITH A TWO TON MASS OF STEEL, HAVING OUR LOVED ONES BODIES BURNED, DECAPITATED, PARALYZED, AND LITERALLY TORN TO PIECES, IS NOT - NON VIOLENT.**

**AND YES, WE KNOW THESE PERPETRATORS DON'T CHOOSE SPECIFIC VICTIMS - ANYBODY WILL DO, YOUR FAMILY OR MINE. THAT'S WHY IT'S CALLED MURDER AT RANDOM.**

**THESE OFFENDERS CAUSE MORE DEATH, INJURY AND DESTRUCTION THAN ALL OTHER MURDERERS, RAPISTS AND THIEVES COMBINED.**

**SO GIVEN THE CURRENT NON VIOLENT CLASSIFICATION OF THESE OFFENDERS, WILL INCREASED GOOD TIME CREDITS BE AFFORDED TO THEM UNDER AB 510?**

**THIS IS OUR CONCERN AND WHY WE CONTINUE TO SEEK DEFINITIVE CLARIFICATION. I BELIEVE MR. SMITH'S TESTIMONY CLARIFIED THE ANSWER TODAY - DUI FELONS WILL BENEFIT WITH THE DOUBLING OF GOOD TIME CREDITS.**

**NEARLY EVERY PIECE OF CRIMINAL AND VICTIM RIGHTS LEGISLATION THAT I'M AWARE OF, WAS BORN ON THE BACKS OF VICTIMS.**

**ASSEMBLY BILL 510 IS AN ABORTION OF THE CRIME VICTIMS EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE SOME SEMBLANCE OF JUSTICE THROUGH MANDATORY MINIMUMS AND TRUTH IN SENTENCING LEGISLATION.**

**WE MUST NOT DILUTE APPROPRIATE JUSTICE FOR CRIME VICTIMS OR COMPROMISE PUBLIC SAFETY.**

**ON BEHALF OF STOP DUI, I RESPECTFULLY REQUEST THIS COMMISSION TO REMAIN VIGILANT REGARDING PUBLIC SAFETY, AND TO OFFER STRONG RECOMMENDATIONS TO OUR LEGISLATURE TO MAINTAIN TRUTH IN**



**SENTENCING AND MANDATORY MINIMUMS FOR THOSE WHO HAVE CAUSED DEATH, AND OR, PHYSICAL AND FINANCIAL INJURY.**

**CRIME VICTIMS DESERVE AT LEAST THAT MUCH....THEY'VE PAID THE ULTIMATE PRICE FOR IT.**

**IN CONCLUSION, I THANK YOU FOR TAKING THE TIME TO CONSIDER OUR CONCERNS.**

**SANDY HEVERLY**



# STOP



*A Nevada grassroots non-profit organization dedicated to stopping the violent crime of driving under the influence and assisting the innocent victims of this crime.*

*STOP DUI is 100% Self Sufficient!*

Visit our web site at [www.stopdui.org](http://www.stopdui.org)

Services include the following:

- ◆ **VICTIM ASSISTANCE** - Support groups and one on one interaction that addresses sudden violent death, injury, grieving, recovery and the judicial system. STOP DUI advocates act as liaisons between the victim and the law enforcement community. Needy, innocent victims receive financial assistance ie; funeral, airfare, rent, utilities, food, medical equipment and other necessities. Financial assistance is reviewed on a case by case need basis. Three officers and the executive director determine the amount and duration of the financial assistance. Victims are also provided transportation and accompaniment to doctors, attorneys, social service, social security, shopping and court.
- ◆ **EDUCATION & AWARENESS** - STOP DUI "Victim Impact Panels" are presented once a month in the Clark County Library Theater, 1401 E. Flamingo Road, Las Vegas, NV. Approximately 500 DUI offenders attend the program each month. Panels are comprised of victims and others who tell their personal stories of how their loved one was killed or injured, or how they, themselves were injured and how this crime impacted their lives. Graphic slides depicting the victims are included in the presentation. The purpose of the V.I.P. is to provide an opportunity for the offenders to see and hear the reality of DUI with the hope of reducing recidivism. The panels also provide a therapeutic experience for the participating victims. The Las Vegas STOP DUI Victim Impact Panel has a 92% success rate with deterring recidivism. The program is coordinated and conducted by the executive director.

STOP DUI creates messages for public service announcements, billboards, bus shelters, bumper stickers, posters and electronic reader boards. Heightened awareness programs are presented on the four major holidays of the year. The Red Ribbon Campaign is the most comprehensive, beginning in November and running through January 1st. STOP DUI supports and participates with sobriety check points and saturation patrols throughout the year. STOP DUI donates breathalyzers and also provides educational opportunities to local law enforcement agencies. A speakers bureau is provided to the community and is comprised of victims, law enforcement and others. Presentations are made to schools, churches, civic organizations, hotels, nite clubs, re-hab centers, prisons and others.

- ◆ **LEGISLATIVE REFORM** - STOP DUI pursues all legislation and ordinances that will benefit victims of crime in general and DUI victims in particular. Legislation or ordinances that create or toughen DUI laws is aggressively sought.

3321 SUNRISE AVENUE • SUITE 107 • LAS VEGAS, NV 89101  
(702) 456-7867 • FAX (702) 459-5073 • TAX ID # — EIN 88-0312216  
[www.stopdui.org](http://www.stopdui.org)



## SANDRA HEVERLY

### BIOGRAPHY

Sandy Heverly is the Executive Director and Co-Founder of STOP DUI, a Nevada grassroots non-profit organization dedicated to stopping the violent crime of driving under the influence and assisting the victims of this crime. As Executive Director and Spokesperson for STOP DUI, her responsibilities include overseeing and coordinating all activities of the organization and working in all phases of its development.

Ms. Heverly's involvement with the anti-DUI movement began in Las Vegas, Nevada in 1983. Her impetus was the horrific victimization of her family by a drinking driver. Sandy, her mother, her husband and four children were all very seriously injured in the crash. Her mother's injuries ultimately led to an untimely death. The offender was under age, had two prior DUI's, was driving on a suspended license, speeding, ran a stop sign and left the scene. He received a \$100.00 fine for his crimes.

Sandy quickly learned that entering the criminal justice system is akin to being lost in a foreign country and not speaking the language. She also learned that driving under the influence was not viewed as a serious or violent crime by the public in general and the judiciary in particular. Due to her family's tragic experience she believed she could change that perception and help future victims of this violent crime. She established a Victim's Assistance Program that includes immediate financial assistance to needy DUI victims. STOP DUI is the only anti-DUI organization in the country that provides that level of assistance.

Ms. Heverly has worked with and provided victim assistance to thousands of DUI victims. This includes helping victims through the grieving and recovery process, assessing financial and counseling needs, assisting with the preparation of victim impact statements and accompanying victims to all court proceedings from arraignment to parole hearings. She works closely with the judicial system to provide the best possible outcome for the victim.

Recognizing the importance of education and awareness to the crime of driving under the influence, Ms. Heverly founded and coordinates a speakers bureau that presents to schools, civic organizations, businesses, prisons and juvenile offender facilities. Believing that DUI offenders should see and hear first hand the devastation caused to DUI victims, Sandy created the first DUI victim Impact Panel concept in the nation.

Sandy has given thousands of presentations including the American Medical Association, The National Judicial College, The National Association of State Troopers and hundreds of local, national and international media interviews. She created and appeared in numerous public service announcements, introduced SADD (Students Against Destructive Decisions) to Nevada students and has traveled extensively throughout Nevada and the U.S. spreading the anti-DUI message. Sandy has worked with many celebrities on the issue including Stevie Wonder, Burt Reynolds, The Oak Ridge Boys, Debbie Reynolds, Siegfried and Roy and others.

Ms. Heverly's legislative efforts include passage of laws to benefit the innocent victims of crime in general and DUI victims in particular. Her involvement has contributed to Nevada enacting some of the toughest DUI laws in the nation i.e. Mandatory incarceration for felony offenders, DUI victim compensation, crime victims oral impact statement, mandatory alcohol server-seller training ordinance in Clark County, bail revision (Clark County Judges set the highest DUI bail in the country) open container law, DUI child endangerment statute, truth in sentencing, mandatory chemical testing for all DUI



offenders, increased penalties for hit and run offenders, mandatory attendance for DUI offenders to victim impact panels, establishing .08 as the illegal BAC for Nevada and initiated vehicular homicide legislation to raise the penalty for DUI death after a third offense to a category a felony with a penalty of 25 years to life imprisonment. Sandy also successfully pursued the creation of a specialized DUI Prosecution Unit in the District Attorney's Office. It is the only one of it's kind in the nation.

Ms. Heverly has promoted the anti-DUI message via electronic and print media, reader boards, bill boards, bus shelters, signage in offices and businesses, on cabs, buses, law enforcement and emergency vehicles, in parades, on jetliners, Hoover Dam, McCarran International Airport, sky divers, and from hot air balloons.

Sandy has sat on numerous boards and committees to address crime victim rights and DUI issues. Most notably, the Governors Commission on Drinking and Driving, National Association of Blacks in Criminal Justice, The Clark County Citizens Coalition for Victims Rights, The Surgeon Generals Advisory Board on Drunk Driving, the National Commission Against Drunk Driving, and the Nevada Advisory Council on Impaired Driving. Most recently, 2006, Sandy was selected to sit on the Presidents Advisory Commission For Drug Free Communities.

In 2003 Sandy coordinated a coalition ("Nevadan's Against Legalizing Marijuana") to defeat the attempts of the Marijuana Policy Project to legalize 3 ounces of marijuana in the State of Nevada. Her tireless efforts contributed to the Marijuana Ballot Initiative being defeated 61% to 39%.

Ms. Heverly has received many local, state and national awards for her grassroots activism some of which include the Clark County Community Coalition for Victims Rights "Gary Collie Award" for exemplary contributions to the cause of victim rights and services, the "Clark County Humanitarian Award", STOP DUI "Caring Enough To Make A Difference" award, United States Congressional Recognition Award for outstanding leadership and achievement, United States Senate Achievement award, Southland Corporation "Splendid Torch" award, J.C. Penny "Golden Rule" award, Clark County District Attorney's Meritorious Service Award, Clark County School District Office of Substance Abuse Education and Prevention Award, Attorney General's Silver State Citizens Award, Twice received the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration "Public Service Award", Safe Communities Partnership Award, Stand Tall Don't Fall Award, "Dan Miller Award for Excellence", Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce Woman of Achievement Award, Attorney General's Woman's Role Model Award, and The Attorney General's "Spirit of Nevada" Award.

Ms. Heverly was also honored by President George Bush, U.S. Attorney General Richard Thornberg and the U.S. Department of Justice in a Rose Garden Ceremony for her outstanding contributions regarding victim's rights and DUI legislation. She was selected by the President's Cabinet from among 200 individuals from around the nation to receive this award which is the most prestigious in the victim rights arena.

Sandy enjoys reading, interior design, gardening and visiting historic cities.

Ms. Heverly was born on April 14<sup>th</sup>, is married to John. They have four children, David, Bonnie, Tony, and Jennifer and four grandchildren, Giana, Brianna, John and Jorden. Sandy has been a resident of Las Vegas and Henderson since 1964.



# STOP



*A Nevada grassroots non-profit organization dedicated to stopping the violent crime of driving under the influence and assisting the innocent victims of this crime.*

*STOP DUI is 100% Self Sufficient!*

Visit our web site at [www.stopdui.org](http://www.stopdui.org)

Services include the following:

- ♦ **VICTIM ASSISTANCE** - Support groups and one on one interaction that addresses sudden violent death, injury, grieving, recovery and the judicial system. STOP DUI advocates act as liaisons between the victim and the law enforcement community. Needy, innocent victims receive financial assistance ie; funeral, airfare, rent, utilities, food, medical equipment and other necessities. Financial assistance is reviewed on a case by case need basis. Three officers and the executive director determine the amount and duration of the financial assistance. Victims are also provided transportation and accompaniment to doctors, attorneys, social service, social security, shopping and court.
- ♦ **EDUCATION & AWARENESS** - STOP DUI "Victim Impact Panels" are presented once a month in the Clark County Library Theater, 1401 E. Flamingo Road, Las Vegas, NV. Approximately 500 DUI offenders attend the program each month. Panels are comprised of victims and others who tell their personal stories of how their loved one was killed or injured, or how they, themselves were injured and how this crime impacted their lives. Graphic slides depicting the victims are included in the presentation. The purpose of the V.I.P. is to provide an opportunity for the offenders to see and hear the reality of DUI with the hope of reducing recidivism. The panels also provide a therapeutic experience for the participating victims. The Las Vegas STOP DUI Victim Impact Panel has a 92% success rate with deterring recidivism. The program is coordinated and conducted by the executive director.

STOP DUI creates messages for public service announcements, billboards, bus shelters, bumper stickers, posters and electronic reader boards. Heightened awareness programs are presented on the four major holidays of the year. The Red Ribbon Campaign is the most comprehensive, beginning in November and running through January 1st. STOP DUI supports and participates with sobriety check points and saturation patrols throughout the year. STOP DUI donates breathalyzers and also provides educational opportunities to local law enforcement agencies. A speakers bureau is provided to the community and is comprised of victims, law enforcement and others. Presentations are made to schools, churches, civic organizations, hotels, nite clubs, re-hab centers, prisons and others.

- ♦ **LEGISLATIVE REFORM** - STOP DUI pursues all legislation and ordinances that will benefit victims of crime in general and DUI victims in particular. Legislation or ordinances that create or toughen DUI laws is aggressively sought.

3321 SUNRISE AVENUE • SUITE 107 • LAS VEGAS, NV 89101  
(702) 456-7867 • FAX (702) 459-5073 • TAX ID # — EIN 88-0312216  
[www.stopdui.org](http://www.stopdui.org)