

**LINDA GREGORY, Florida
Wife of Gene Gregory, murdered
in Florida in 1998**

Linda Gregory's husband, Seminole County (Florida) Deputy Sheriff Gene Gregory, was killed in 1998 by Alan Singletary, who was then killed himself during the police standoff that resulted.

Linda, a participant in MVFHR's "Prevention, Not Execution" project, has been active in working for reform of mental health laws and improving services. She also works to train members of law enforcement in crisis intervention,

"I never felt good that Alan Singletary was dead. I just thought, what a tragedy that might have been prevented. It was a heartbreak for everybody. When people aren't able to get the treatment or the services that they need, they can become violent. What good is it going to do to kill someone who is not really responsible for the death? Some people don't understand why I see it this way. They say, "Well, they still did it." Yes, they did it, but they were ill. That's what did it, the illness, so if we combat the illness, and educate the public, then we'll be able to help someone instead of killing them."

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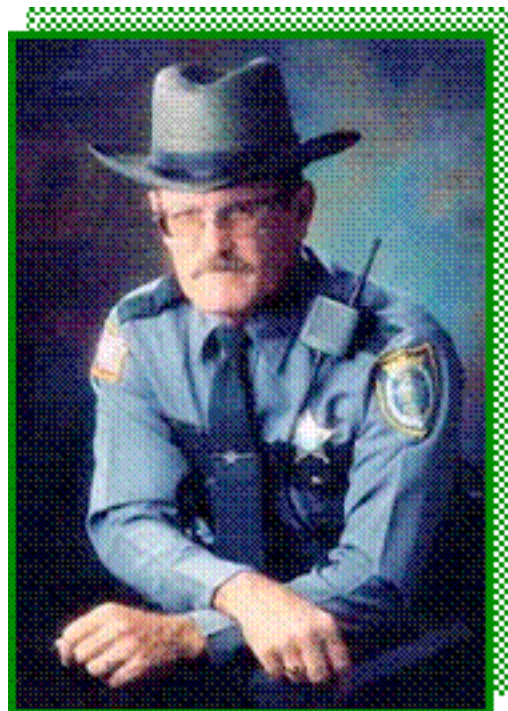
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