



COLD CASE PROJECT OF MONTEREY COUNTY

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Via email

Board of Directors

Ann Kern
President

Dear Cindy, Betsy, Carol and Members of the MC Bar Association Foundation,
I hope the new year is off to a wonderful start for you all.

Bill Clark
Secretary

I am writing to share our latest newsletter, which outlines our progress over the last quarter of 2025 and celebrates the success of last year's Monterey County Gives campaign. Because of your generous gift, we were able to inspire additional supporters and secure funding needed to continue pursuing our mission of solving cold cases in Monterey County.

Michael Bruno
Treasurer

In this edition, I recount our recent court victory—a first-degree murder conviction in the 2010 case of Yvette Martinez of Greenfield. As both a supporter and volunteer with the Cold Case Task Force, I had the privilege of attending the trial and meeting with Yvette's family after the verdict.

Dr. Bruno Dias
Board Member

Their gratitude that Yvette had not been forgotten was profoundly moving. Though her mother has since passed, she was able to witness earlier proceedings and see the defendant taken into custody. The family's perseverance and grace reminded our entire team why this work matters so deeply.

David J. Hober
Board Member

When justice is finally achieved in a cold case, it offers a measure of healing to families who have waited for years. The family even offered a prayer at the close of our time together, choosing forgiveness over hate—an extraordinary moment none of us will forget.

Matthew L'Heureux
Board Member

Please know how grateful we are to MC Bar Association Foundation. Your support truly makes this work possible. If you would ever like to learn more about our progress, I would welcome the opportunity to connect.

Warm Regards,

Dr. Darnell Whitt
Board Member


Ann Kern
President

"Every cold case has a story to tell, waiting for someone brave enough to listen" The Book of Cold Cases, Anderson

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THANKS TO YOUR GENEROUS DONATION, THE COLD CASE PROJECT OF MONTEREY COUNTY IS TURNING COLD CASES INTO CLOSED CASES.

THANK YOU FOR STANDING WITH US AND KEEPING HOPE ALIVE FOR VICTIMS, FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES AFFECTED BY VIOLENT CRIME.

TOGETHER, WE GIVE VOICE TO THE VOICELESS AND HOPE TO THE HEARTBROKEN.

Dear Monterey County Bar Association/Foundation Members:
Our heartfelt appreciation for your tremendous efforts on our behalf! Thank you, Ann Kern & the Board