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A big shout out to ALLISON CLAYTON of Lubbock, whose sleuthing on an appointed case resulted in the reversal of a conviction just before Christmas. It seems that D was charged with failure to register as a sex offender based off a 2002 conviction in Oklahoma?for assault with intent to commit a felony (based on an allegation D, then 19 years old, had slept with a 14-year-old).

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A big shout out to appellate adept Keith Hampton for his win in the long-running case of Greg Kelley?finally found innocent in the CCA. All the judges agreed he was innocent, and left undisturbed Judge King?s findings and conclusions regarding Kelley?s other claims of ineffective assistance and due process. His case was sent back to Williamson County, where DA Shawn Dick had no plans to further pursue charges against him.

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Kudos to ex-prez Randy Wilson for an impressive victory in Federal Court in hometown Abilene. D, charged with Possession of More than 5 grams with intent to deliver, had 2 prior drug convictions and faced 10 years to life. Undisputed evidence showed that while the D was being arrested, he was patted down twice before the officer discovered over 11 grams of meth in the pocket of his shorts.

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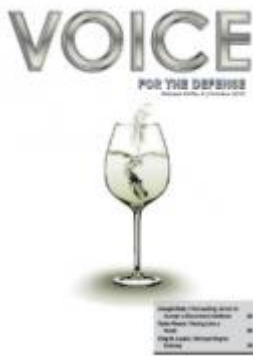
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A big shout out to Dean Watts of Nacogdoches for his recent win in the 12th Court of Appeals, who affirmed his motion to suppress. D was stopped for failing to change lane on a roundabout, then subsequently was arrested for DWI. The trial court granted the motion and the State appealed.

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A big shout out to Richard Gladden of Denton for his recent appellate victory at the Second COA in *Dowdy v. State*,

No. 02-18-00112-CR (Tex. App. Fort Worth 7/30/19) (not designated for publication). The jury convicted Appellant of POM, Class A, and sentenced him to 180 days in the county jail and fined him \$4,000. Somehow, the jury left the verdict form completely blank, though.

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District Court Judge Jed Rakoff's recent sentencing explanation in *United States v. Sayoc* is truly remarkable.

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Tip of the hat to Bill Mason of Cleburne, who last month secured the big NG on an Indictment for Aggravated Sexual Assault and an extraneous Indecency With a Child. D was a 55-year-old step-grandfather with no priors, and ?victim? was ?6 or 7? at the time of the alleged assault.

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