

LEGAL NOTICE

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**Small Estate
Notice of Appointment
Notice to Creditors
Notice to Unknown Heirs**

To all Persons Interested in Estate No. 19734, the

Estate of Cole M. Johnson, Jr.

Notice is given that Louis I. Kaplan, of Fisher & Winner, LLP 2002 Clipper Park Road, Suite 108; Baltimore, Maryland 21211 was, on March 13, 2015, appointed personal representative of the small estate of Cole M. Johnson who died on July 2, 2014 without a will.

Further information can be obtained by reviewing the estate file in the office of the Register of Wills, or by contacting the personal representative or the attorney.

All persons having any objection to the appointment shall file their objections with the Register of Wills within 30 days after the date of publication of this Notice.

All persons having an objection to the probate of the will shall file their objections with the Register of Wills within six months after the date of publication of this Notice.

All persons having claims against the decedent must serve their claims on the undersigned personal representative or file them with the Register of Wills with a copy to the undersigned on or before the earlier of the following dates:

- 1) Six months from the date of the decedent's death, except if the decedent died before October 1, 1992, nine months from the date of the decedent's death; or
- 2) Thirty days after the personal representative mails, or otherwise delivers, to the creditor a copy of this published notice or other written notice, notifying the creditor that the claims will be barred unless the creditor presents the claim within thirty days from the mailing or other delivery of the notice.

Any claim not served or filed within that time, or any extension provided by law, is unenforceable thereafter.

By: Louis I. Kaplan
Personal Representative

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Richard Given, Proper Person
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To all Persons Interested in Estate No. 19548, the

Estate of Emily Louise Given

Notice is given that Richard Given of 9346 Calvary Circle; Salisbury, MD 21801 was, on March 10, 2015, appointed personal representative of the small estate of Emily Louise Given who died on October 20, 2014 without a will.

Further information can be obtained by reviewing the estate file in the office of the Register of Wills, or by contacting the personal representative or the attorney.

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Task Force Hears The Personal Stories Of Addiction

"It's starting in middle school and parents are naive," Lori Ergang, the parent of an addicted person, told members of the Maryland Heroin and Opioid Emergency Task Force.

She said that the families of people with substance abuse problems are often at a loss to know where to turn when faced with this issue in their families.

Paster Thomas Lantieri is in long-term recovery - and he is in mourning.

He lost his son, Brandon, to an overdose.

"I buried him this past September from heroin," Lantieri

said.

Lantieri continues to work with organizations and individuals involved in helping those addicted to drugs.

He said several things are needed: more opportunities in society for people in recovery, frank discussions of the reality of drugs and the way it decays the family structure, the recognition of addiction as a public health issue and that addiction involves a spiritual reality.

Patricia Jones described society's programs to deal with drug abuse as "a broken system."

She helps an organization

that provides 21 beds for people to find their recovery, saying that employment is difficult to find for those in recovery and that mental health assistance is difficult to obtain.

Jennifer Turk told the task force that Cecil County needs an in-county detox center.

One young woman, Leeann Cook, wore her Girl Scout sash as she asked the task force to set up a "Scared Straight" program for young people so they can really see how drug abuse will ruin their future.

Candy Bathon said watching a

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Meeting On Heroin

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Adams and County Executive Tari Moore reflected on the session and what it means for the fight against heroin use in the county.

"My impression of this is that this problem, addiction, is not underground anymore," Sheriff Adams said, explaining that people have to acknowledge the problems in the community in order to be able to tackle those problems.

For Adams, who served in the county's schools as a DARE officer and received state recognition for his efforts, focusing on drug abuse issues is a priority as Sheriff.

While the Sheriff's office is thought of as only a law enforcement agency, Adams said the Sheriff's job goes beyond law enforcement when it comes to drug abuse.

"We touch all of the issues - prevention, enforcement and treatment," Adams said, explaining prevention is always a goal of law enforcement agencies and through the Sheriff's responsibility of managing the detention center, treatment for drug addiction is a part of the Sheriff's job.

Sheriff Adams said the prevention message and programs combatting drug abuse have to be ongoing and consistent.

"With addiction, if you don't keep trying, you can't make a difference," Sheriff Adams said.

Since a large percentage of the detention center inmates have drug abuse issues, Adams said he is looking to add Vivitrol to the fight against drugs.

This medication, which is designed to be administered once a month, is an opiate blocker - meaning that if someone takes an opiate after taking the medication, they will not get the effects of the illicit drug, the Sheriff explained.

He explained that the medication is an important way to help get inmates off drugs.

"It bridges the gap between when they leave the detention

center and go get help," Adams said.

When people enter the jail and their bodies lose the toxic drugs, they also lose their resistance to the opiates. If they get out of the detention center and take their opiate of choice at their former level of usage, they will likely overdose and could die, Sheriff Adams said.

With Vivitrol, the addict has a better chance of recovery, Adams explained, noting that the fact that an inmate would want the medication is a great sign.

"If you take that shot, you really want to get better," Adams said.

While it is important to get the major drug dealers off the streets, the Sheriff said it is not productive to arrest and jail addicted individuals.

"We cannot arrest ourselves out of this problem," Adams said, adding, "I am very much about prevention."

The fight against addiction has to include prevention as well as law enforcement intervention and treatment, he said.

"That bucket (of addiction) will continue to fill up with people unless we work on prevention," Sheriff Adams said.

He said repeating the messages to educate the public about the dangers of substance abuse worked with cigarettes.

"The addictive substance we've made the best strides against is nicotine," Adams said.

Adams said it is important to get the message to people, particularly young people, to think before they act.

"Our society has really become a spontaneous society," Adams said, explaining that people are making too many quick and instant decisions - a dangerous practice when it comes to trying addictive substances.

County Executive Tari Moore said the Heroin Task Force meeting in the county was a success.

"Part of what they asked me to do today was to talk about what the county has been doing

to fight substance abuse and what the county plans to do moving forward," Moore said.

By inviting officials and citizens from Harford, Kent and Queen Anne's counties, Moore said the Governor's Task Force event offered a great opportunity to talk about programs and issues they are facing.

"What I am excited about is all of us working together," the County Exec said.

Moore said Cecil County started working on substance abuse initiatives more than a year-and-a-half ago when state statistics revealed that Cecil had the highest rate of drug overdose deaths in the state.

Then-Governor Martin O'Malley came to Cecil County to offer assistance with programs.

Moore named a special advisor on the issue, Ken Collins, and has worked with the Health Department and other county resources to come up with ideas, programs and plans.

The county recently updated their program and accomplishments and distributed the information during Tuesday's meeting.

"I think we had some good programs to share," Moore said.

In addition to working with groups in the county and now working with other counties, Moore said the Maryland Association of Counties is also working on the substance abuse issues.

Moore said she was impressed with the resolve of other counties to work on the projects and was moved by the people who attended the meeting to share their personal stories of addiction and ideas to help combat the problem.

The Heroin Task Force will hold a total of six meetings around the state. The next session is set for Baltimore on April 15. Moore said she plans on attending the meeting to see what additional information she can find to help Cecil County's fight against heroin.