



**“HABITUAL SENTENCING ENHANCEMENT “A VITAL TOOL RARELY USED BY ATTORNEY GENERAL’S OFFICE BUT NONETHELESS PRICELESS. ALLIANCE FOR SAFE COMMUNITIES ASK’S AG NERHONA, DO YOU REALLY HAVE A LACK OF TOOLS IN YOUR TOOLBOX?? ALLIANCE EXAMINES TWO RECENT PREVENTABLE TRAGEDIES THAT SHARE VERY SIMILAR CIRCUMSTANCES TO APPLY THIS TOOL**

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New year 2021 saw two fatal car crashes that while very different were very similar. Aramus Segura and Gregory Miller took the lives of both Olivia Pasaretti and Nanleo Mariz Albizu, respectively in the most violent of car crashes. Both men caused these horrific crashes. Both women were left to die on the roadside. Olivia Passaretti was only 17 years young and did not even know Aramus Segura, or his destructive intentions that night. 34-year-old Nanleo Mariz Alibzu was the fiancé of the depraved Gregory Miller.

Both men shared lengthy criminal records including but not limited to sex offender status, B&E, obstructing law enforcement, burglary, home invasion, larceny and more.

Gregory Miller committed his most recent offense while not being on probation and was released on 1/4/22 for the car crash and fatality he was charged with. Aramus Segura violated probation at the time of his intended crash and fatality, resulting in his current incarceration.

Both men’s extremely lengthy criminal histories allowed the attorney generals office to file notice of habitual sentencing enhancement years before 2021.

This filing for Segura could have taken place in 2019, for Miller as far back as 2013.

**Habitual Sentencing Enhancement can be utilized when:**

Two or more felony convictions with terms to serve, subjects the person on conviction for a third offense, “to the habitual sentencing enhancement” of up to an additional 25 years to serve. Filing of this habitual enhancement sentencing is done no later than 1<sup>st</sup> pretrial in Superior Court.

While our current AG hardly uses this tool, it is available to him in his “toolbox”!

If enhancement sentencing had been filed, these men might still be serving sentences, and these women may still be alive.

Habitual Sentencing Enhancement isn't applied lightly, but certainly some offenders call for it, and these two men are "prime examples".

In conclusion the Alliance for Safe Communities rephrases the question to Attorney General Peter Nerhona,

Why are you unwilling to apply "Habitual Sentencing Enhancement" when we are clearly reaching uncontrolled levels of chronic repeat violent crime on our streets and in our communities? The death toll is rising on your watch AG Peter Nerhona.

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