

On The FRONTLINE



Meet Dallas Proveaux, a passionate Line dancer from the USA. Dallas is known as a great photographer and you probably have seen some of her outstanding work within these pages many times. However Dallas has a most unusual career...

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Homemade bomb found by detectives

Tips over the weekend lead deputies to the device in thick brush in Palm Harbor.

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PALM HARBOR — Pinellas County sheriff's deputies Tuesday found a homemade bomb deep in the brush off Lake St. George Drive.

Detectives were led to the spot, an area covered by thick, 8-foot-high brush and thought to be owned by Progress Energy, after receiving several tips Monday, said sheriff's spokesman Sgt. Jim Bordner.

At 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, detectives found what Bordner described as a "crudely made homemade explosive device" 50 feet into the overgrown area east of Lake St. George Drive, which is near Tampa Road.

The area where the bomb was found is south of the Lake St. George subdivision at Shorncliffe Lane. But the explosive device wasn't near any homes, Bordner said, and no one was evacuated.

Detectives cordoned off the area and called the

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Hi my name is Dallas Proveaux. My daughter (Stacy—Webmistress for Carol Craven's World Line Dance Newsletter) and I live in Largo, Florida with our two cats, and four birds. I adore Largo. It has a small town quality but is in the middle of a metropolis that has everything to offer. Theaters, museums, multiple sports arenas, and five places to dance. All less than an hour away.

I am not sure exactly what got me interested in Line dancing. It may have been Billy Ray Cyrus and his Achy Breaky Heart or it could have been the club Stampede that opened close to where I lived. Everyone was going there and having a blast. Nancy Morgan was my first dance instructor. Her enthusiasm was contagious.

I don't have a favorite choreographer. All have written dances that I enjoyed and all have written dances that I didn't. But I definitely have respect for the talent required to choreograph a dance. When it comes to music, I love it all. If it makes me want to get up and dance that's all that matters. I like country, hip-hop, pop, and gospel. If you can dance to it, then it's a 10 in my book.

Now let's see—why am I writing this article? Oh yeah! I am also a Forensic Science Specialist with the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office in Pinellas County, Florida. Most of you will more readily recognize what I do if I call myself a Crime Scene Investigator. I respond to crime scenes to document, process,

and collect evidence. Hopefully with the end results being that we get the bad guy locked up. I have been a CSI for approximately fifteen years. And I have pretty much seen it all. At least I hope I have.

I never know when I go to work what the day will hold. I could end up processing burglaries, domestic violence cases, or end up on something far worse. Last week I had a bomb call. My job was to photograph the area, the bomb, and then collect the dismantled bomb once the bomb squad detonated the end cap. I then transported the pieces from the bomb back to our lab where I processed them for fingerprints. Fortunately, we don't have a lot of bomb calls. We handle everything from

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Squad for help. A 300-foot safety radius was set and other a local "open" law enforcement officials joined the device.

Pinellas County Sheriff's Office spokeswoman Debbie Carter said her agency was a bomb technician to the scene who "partially dismantled" the device.

Bombardier would not describe what the device was made of or how it appeared to be put together.

No arrests have been made and detectives are working to determine where the parts of the bomb came from.

Photo: El-Khoury.com by Michael



Sheriff's Deputy Thomas Petta, center left, and forensic officer Dallas Proveaux carry evidence of a homemade bomb, found Tuesday in the brush off Lake St. George Drive in Palm Harbor.

shoplifting to homicide. If there is evidence to be gathered then we will be there.

Our job takes us to places I never imagined going. Flying in helicopters, crawling in ceilings, climbing down into sewers, climbing up ladder trucks, and onto roofs. I have to tell you I don't like the ladder trucks!

This job isn't for the faint of heart. We also handle cases that will really get to you.



Dallas @ Class



Stacey, Billy Ray & Dallas

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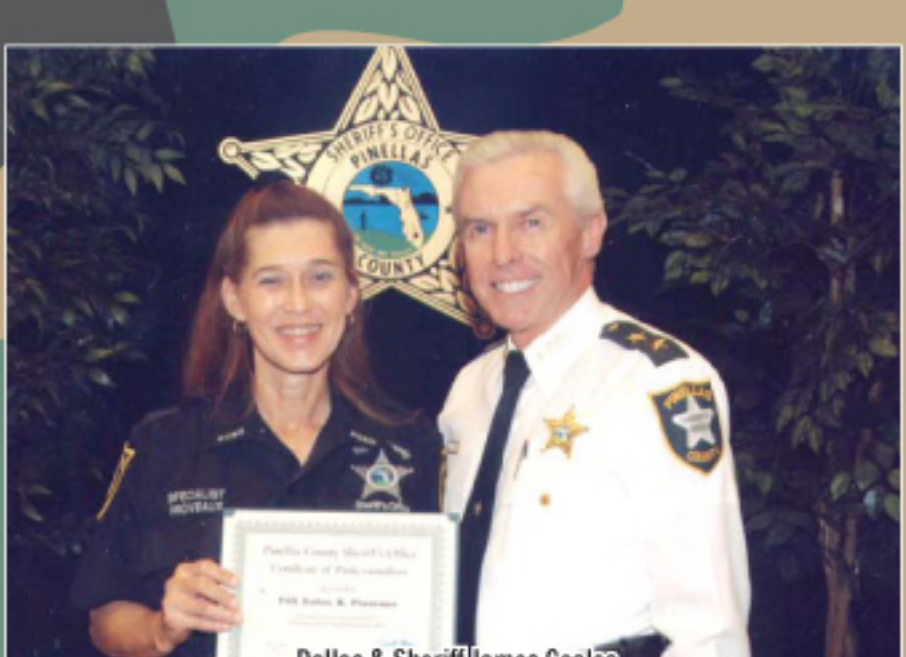
Elderly neglect or abuse brings tears to your eyes. The abused children break your heart, and you feel rage towards the rapist. I absolutely despise the animal abuse cases. This job can and will assault your senses over and over again. But helping to put the criminal behind bars gives immense satisfaction.

Dancing is my therapy. I try to go dancing two to three times a week. And of course there are the glorious events! JG2 Marathon, Tampa Bay Linedance Classic, and the Boston Linedance Showdown to name a few. Nothing could be further removed from my job. I arrive at dance class and the day melts away. It's a party with happy people with happy feet. It's hugs and

hellos and how are you. Once the music starts and you are moving with the rhythm it's all good. I hope to continue dancing for many many years because you see, when I caught the dancing bug I never got over it. I have other passions like reading, crime novels of course, and going to the gym. But dancing is my first love. And like many first loves, it is still the best.

Dallas Proveaux

Linedancer Magazine would like to take this opportunity to thank Dallas for some of the photographs of US events we regularly feature. Dallas, you are definitely a one off!



Dallas & Sheriff James Coales



Dancing in her dreams!

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