

CHRONOLOGY FOR ANGELA COREY

1981 - Corey was hired as an Assistant State Attorney in Florida's Fourth Judicial Circuit Court (Duval, Nassau, and Clay Counties).

1981 - 2006 - As a prosecutor for the state, Corey tried hundreds of cases, including sixty-five homicides.

1991 - Harry Shorstein, a Democrat, was appointed to be State Attorney for the Fourth Judicial Circuit.

2005 - Shorstein changed Corey's work assignment from Director of the Gun Crime Unit to Director of the County Court, which handles misdemeanors. She trained newly hired lawyers to be prosecutors.

2006 - Corey announced that she would run against her boss, Harry Shorstein to be State Attorney.

November 2006 - When Shorstein received complaints about Corey as a supervisor, he fired her. Corey said it was because she was running against him. He then announced he would not run for re-election.

2007 - John Tanner, the State Attorney for the Seventh Judicial Circuit, hired Corey. Shorstein was overseeing a grand jury investigation of Tanner's handling of a Flagler County Jail investigation.

August 2009 - Corey asked Florida's U. S. Senators not to recommend Shorstein for the position of U. S. Attorney for the Middle District of Florida because he used "the grand jury for personal vendettas" and said she would refuse to speak with Shorstein if he were appointed. He was not appointed.

August 26, 2008 - Corey won the election with over 64% of the votes.

2009 - Soon after taking office, Corey fired ten assistant state attorneys, over half of the investigators, and forty-eight support employees. That year she sent 230 juvenile felony cases to adult court, twice the number in all the years before she became State Attorney in the Fourth Judicial Circuit Court.

March 14, 2011 - Toddler David Galarrage, the younger half-brother of Cristian Fernandez, was taken to the hospital; he died two days later from a fractured skull and bleeding brain.

June 2, 2011 - Corey sought and received a grand jury indictment of twelve-year-old Cristian Fernandez for killing his two-year-old brother and for aggravated child abuse, making him the youngest person ever charged with murder in Florida. By combining the two cases, Corey turned the charge into one of felony murder, meaning she would not have to prove premeditation for the murder and could ask for a sentence of life without parole. Although Cristian, whose mother was twelve when he was born, had suffered from repeated physical and sexual abuse, Corey decided to try him as an adult, ignoring widespread pressure to try him in juvenile court. She eventually claimed she had always intended for him to accept a lesser plea (which he did in 2013), so he was never really in danger of receiving a life sentence.

December 2011 - Corey was listed as a host for a fundraiser for the re-election of Public Defender Matt Shirk. She was trying to convince Shirk to accept a plea agreement for Cristian Fernandez.

January 5, 2012 - Corey charged Cristian Fernandez with sexual battery of his younger half-brother, a charge that was later thrown out by a judge.

February 26, 2012 - George Alexander, a twenty-eight-year-old neighborhood watch volunteer, shot and killed seventeen-year-old Trayvon Martin as he was walking from a store in Sanford, Florida to the home where he was staying. A few hours later, the Sanford Police Department declared that they would not be arresting Zimmerman because he had fired in self-defense.

March 2012 - Marissa Alexander, a thirty-one-year-old African American woman from Jacksonville, was sentenced to twenty years in prison for firing a warning shot to stop her abusive husband from attacking her. Her husband was not hurt.

March 22, 2012 - After both Sanford Police Chief Bill Lee and Seminole County State Attorney Norm Wolfinger resigned from the Zimmerman case, Governor Rick Scott appointed Corey to be the Special Prosecutor. Sandy D'Alemberte, former president of the American Bar Association and former president of Florida State University, emailed that he could not "imagine a worse choice for a prosecutor to serve in the Sanford case." One reason he gave was that she could not "command the respect of people who care about justice." Michael Hallett, the Chairman of the University of North Florida's Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice, said the Zimmerman case would enable her to shift the media focus away from the Cristian Fernandez case and "to show concern for a black victim."

April 2012 - In responding to a question about Florida's Stand Your Ground Law, Corey said, "I've prosecuted a woman who shot her husband and killed him because he slapped her, and we argued that [the slap] was not deadly force and she was convicted and sent to state prison."

April 11, 2012 - Corey charged George Zimmerman with second degree murder.

May 2012 - Corey prosecuted Marissa Alexander. Alexander refused to accept a three-year sentence plea; a jury declared her guilty; and she received a mandatory minimum sentence of twenty years.

June 2012 - In *Miller v. Alabama*, the Supreme Court ruled that giving a juvenile a mandatory sentence of life without parole is unconstitutional. This meant that Corey could no longer legally threaten Cristian Fernandez with such a sentence.

June 2012 - Alan Dershowitz, a defense attorney and professor at Harvard Law School, criticized Corey for not giving Zimmerman's defense team the pictures of Zimmerman showing his injuries after the killing, as well as not taking the case to a grand jury. She then tried to convince Harvard University to fire Dershowitz and threatened to sue him for libel and slander, as well as to have him disbarred.

June 14, 2012 - Ronald Thompson, a white military veteran in his sixties, received a twenty-year sentence for having shot twice in the ground to try to scare off some teenagers who were threatening his neighbor (the grandmother of one of the young men). Angela Corey had refused to accept the three year sentence a review judge had said was the only constitutional sentence they could impose. Eventually, Thompson was freed on appeal. He is quite ill and may or may not face another trial.

October 2012 - Travis Swanson, a Jacksonville African American youth, was sentenced to twenty-two years in prison for a robbery with a BB gun that he was allegedly involved in at seventeen. He was pressured to confess without having been read his Miranda Rights. While Angela Corey was not the trial attorney in the case, it did occur under her jurisdiction.

November 23, 2012 - Michael David Dunn, a forty-six year old white software developer became so irritated

with the loud music (what he called “thug music”) coming from a car next to him, that he fired into the car and killed Jordan Davis, a seventeen-year-old African American.

February 2013 -- Cristian Fernandez pled guilty to manslaughter for the death of his two-year-old half-brother in 2011 when Christian was twelve years old. He was sentenced to detention in a juvenile facility until his nineteenth birthday.

February 20, 2013 - Corey announced that she would personally prosecute Michael Dunn for the first-degree murder of Jordan Davis.

April 19, 2013 - A fourth high-level employee in the State Attorney’s Office resigned because of disagreements with Corey, including over her decision to grant herself and another official an increase in their pension fund (a legal action).

July 13, 2013 - Corey fired Ben Kruidbos, an information technology director in her office, for making public his charge that Corey had withheld from the defense photos of Trayvon Martin that supposedly would make him seem less sympathetic.

July 14, 2013 - A jury of six women (five white, one Latina) decided that George Zimmerman was innocent of either second-degree murder or manslaughter when he shot and killed Trayvon Martin.

July 15, 2013 - Corey stated in a press conference that the case against Zimmerman was never “about race or the right to bear arms.”

July 16, 2013 - Ben Kruidbos announced that he would be filing a whistleblower suit against Corey.

September 23, 2013 - This is the current date set for the trial of Michael Dunn for the murder of Jordan Davis, with Angela Corey named the prosecuting attorney.

Other Kinds of Activities for Corey: She has been active in the Duval County Republican Party and Republican Women’s Club; has served on the Board of Directors of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and the Criminal Justice Advisory Board for Florida State College at Jacksonville; served on the transition teams for Governor Rick Scott and Attorney General Pam Bondi; is on the board of Trustees at Episcopal High School of Jacksonville; teaches Sunday School at St. John’s Episcopal Cathedral; has taught various classes at various schools on topics such as interrogation techniques, search and seizure, and courtroom demeanor. She has received several awards for her work as a prosecutor.