



Federal Criminal Jurisdiction

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Types of Response Criminal vs. Terrorism vs. Counterintelligence



Special report
Missing persons



Jurisdiction



- International Laws and Conventions Relating to Maritime Offenses Committed Against Individuals
 - Five Principles of International Law
 - Territorial – Based upon the place where the offense is committed
 - Nationality – Based upon the nationality of the offender
 - Protective – Based upon whether the national interest of a country is harmed or endangered
 - Passive Personality – Based upon the nationality of the victim
 - Universal – Based upon the physical custody of the perpetrator of certain offenses considered heinous and harmful to humanity





Venue

- The trial of all offenses begun or committed upon the high seas, or elsewhere out of the jurisdiction of any particular State or district, shall be in the district in which the offender, or any one of two or more joint offenders, is arrested or is first brought
 - Case Law defines “first brought” as the location where a subjects civil rights are first infringed upon (arrest)



Venue

- but if such offender or offenders are not so arrested or brought into any district, an indictment or information may be filed in the district of the last known residence of the offender or of any one of two or more joint offenders
- Stepansky ruling (April 20, 2000)



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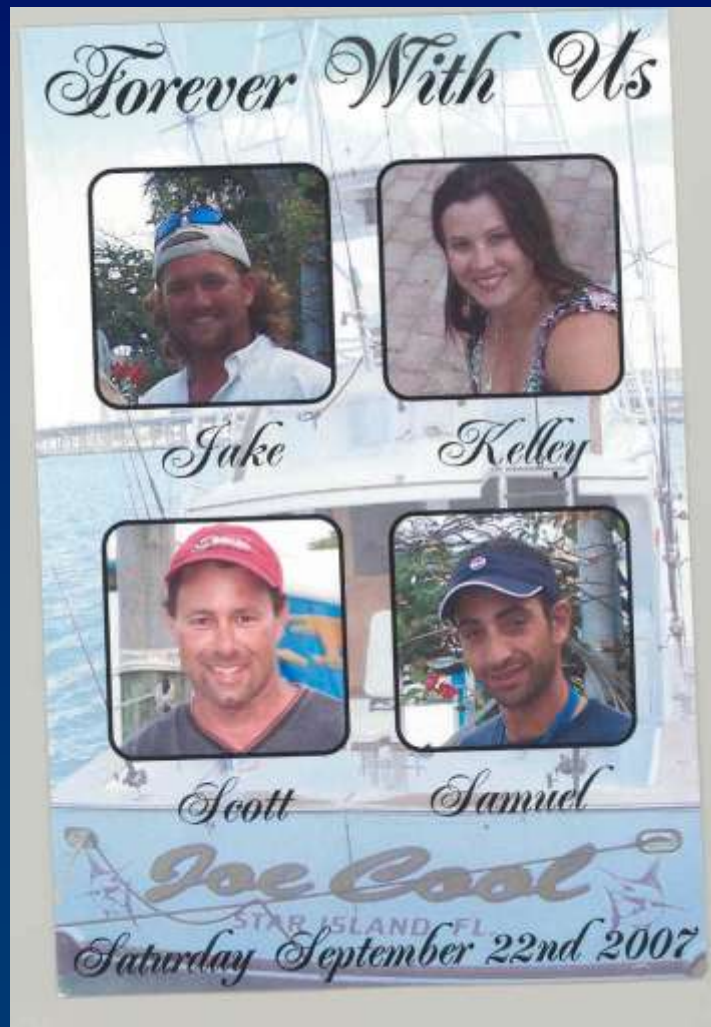


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Private Vessels





Pirates





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