Mother of Murdered Girls Confronts Suspected Killer on His Death Bed

By Jeff Baillon | Fox 9 Minnesota
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A mother from St. Cloud whose two daughters were mysteriously murdered in 1974 now believes she knows who killed them.

The two girls, 15-year-old Mary Reker and her 12-year-old sister Susie, disappeared while out shopping for school supplies on Labor Day in 1974, their bodies discovered riddled with stab wounds in a quarry outside St. Cloud.

Despite the efforts of law enforcement and intense media coverage over several decades, no one’s ever been charged with the murders of the sisters.

“I felt my only hope was that there would be a death bed confession,” said the girls’ mother, Rita Reker. “That’s honestly how I felt. That’s where it was all going to end. I just hoped that I would live long enough to see that.”

Then several months ago, her phone rang. It was a tip about a 58-year-old man admitted to St. Cloud hospital. He was in room 549 south, dying from liver failure after years of heavy drinking.

The name was a familiar one to the Reker family and law enforcement.

“I wanted to confront him,” she said. “I knew I had to do that.”

Over the years, Herb Notch was questioned, and even polygraphed on two occasions, about the deaths.

**SIMILAR CASE TO REKERS**
Cops zeroed in on Notch two years after the murders when he was arrested for a crime with striking similarities to the Reker case. He was 17.

“It makes him somebody that we really are interested in,” said Lt. Victor Weiss from the Stearns County Sheriff’s Department. "He’s been on our radar since at least 1976.”

Notch and another boy kidnapped 14-year old Sue Dukowitz while she was working at a St. Cloud convenience store, took her out to a gravel pit outside of town and sexually assaulted her.

Then, to the surprise of his accomplice, Notch pulled out a knife and stabbed Dukowitz. They left her for dead, but she survived.

“He had no remorse at all,” Notch's accomplice said. “None. Like hitting a bug on your windshield.”

He agreed to an audio-only interview with The Fox 9 Investigators as long as his voice was disguised, saying he’ll never forget the last time he spoke with Notch.

It was in the 1980’s, while they were both still in prison for the Dukowitz attack.

“The guy was hissing like a snake and talking about he wants to kill everybody,” he said.

**MAN WHO FOUND REKER BODIES TALKS TO THE FOX 9 INVESTIGATORS**

Another man shared a similar “hissing” encounter with Notch. It happened years earlier, right after the Reker murders.

In 1974, Russ Platz attended an alternative high school with Notch. They also worked together bagging groceries at the Zayre discount store—the same store where the Reker girls went shopping the day they disappeared.
26 days after they went missing, it was Platz and another friend who discovered their bodies while rock climbing at the quarry. He described the crime scenes as “pretty gruesome”.

Platz said that even early on he had suspicions Notch might have been involved.

He remembers Notch always playing with a knife. He’d sit in his car in the Zayre’s parking lot on his days off and just stare at people. One day he said his gut told him to ask Notch about the Reker girls.

“I said, ‘Herb did you know about this or have anything to do with that?’” Platz said. “I don’t remember which way I worded it, but he went, 'hisssssss' and that was the only response I got out of him.”

Platz said he contacted law enforcement about his bizarre encounter with Notch, with police confirming that they remembered the account as well.

In 2016, the Fox 9 Investigators tried to interview Notch for a story about the Reker case. When reached, all Notch said was “don’t bother me any f***ing more.” and hung up.

“Their program last fall just opened up a whole area,” Reker said. “We found out a lot of new things we hadn’t known before.”

The Fox 9 Investigators sifted through old police and court records and found similarities between the Reker and Dukowitz cases not made public before. Notch was also accused of attacks on two other women in the 80’s and 90’s.

There was a psychiatric evaluation in the files which described him as having “a fearlessly savage quality about him.” He was also described as “a very dangerous person …In the right situation a homicidal individual.”

After the story aired something strange happened.

A woman who knew Notch through one of his relatives said he started to call her, asking for bathing suit pictures. He said he wanted them to go away on a trip together.

He also rambled, she said, about the Fox 9 story—never denying involvement in the Reker murders but insisting he passed a polygraph test.

She was so traumatized by his calls that she reached out to law enforcement. The Sheriff’s Department confirmed her account of Notch’s overtures.

“I would tell you the lie detector test was more inconclusive than anything,” Weiss said.

So far, there’s no physical evidence linking Notch to the Reker murders.

She said it took a few moments for Notch to realize who was confronting him.

“He just pointed right at me and said ‘I give you my word I didn’t do it,’” she recalled.

“He was totally in denial. I found him to be very angry, a very hard and very bitter person. There was no sense of remorse at all.”

She continued to try and make conversation with him, hoping he might offer some clues about the murders.

“Another thing that he said to me that I thought was really strange ‘Why can’t you just put it behind you?’” Reker said. “I told him, ‘Because they were my children, and as long as I was alive I was going to be searching for their killer.”

And then he said something which might be interpreted as a hint of a confession.

“I’m going to hell.”

She responded by telling Notch she’s been praying for him over the past four decades.

“She said, ‘You’ve got a few days left. You can make your peace with God before you die,’” Reker said. “He just said, ‘I’m going to hell and I don’t do church.’ After that he got really angry with me and he said, ‘You’re starting to piss me off.’”

CONVINCED NOTCH IS THE KILLER

The confrontation between the 82-year old mother and the suspected killer of her two girls lasted all of 21 minutes.
“I came out of there just numb,” she said. “For me, my search is over. I have no doubt that he was the person who killed them.”

Notch died a week later, but the Reker case remains open as investigators try to find more evidence to connect him to the crime.

“It's not all done--it's getting closer, but if there isn't any more after this that would be okay,” said Marty Reker, the brother of the murdered girls.

MOVING ON, NOT GIVING UP

Rita and her husband Fred, who has passed away, made the most of their lives after the deaths of Mary and Susie. They raised four other children, were active in their church and founded a support group for Parents Of Murdered Children.

Rita says a strong faith is the rudder that’s guided her through a decades long storm of emotions.

But at last, after looking into Notch's eyes, she’s found her peace.

“I guess I had to see who my children faced in the last moments of their life,” she said. “There was nothing left of him to be fearful of.”

Reminder: 2018 National POMC Conference & Effective Leadership Training

Our 32nd Annual National Conference is right around the corner!

WHAT: POMC’s 32nd Annual National Conference

WHERE: The DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Washington D.C. - Crystal City; 300 Army Navy Drive, Arlington, Virginia 22202.

WHEN: August 2 - 5, 2018

It is also the 40th Anniversary for the organization Parents Of Murdered Children.

Are you interested in completing POMC’s Effective Leadership Training? Space may still be available!

WHERE: The DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Washington D.C. - Crystal City; 300 Army Navy Drive, Arlington, Virginia 22202.


We will not be having Effective Leadership Training at our 2019 Conference, so please consider completing it in 2018.

Forms to register for both the Conference and ELT are available on our website: www.pomc.org.

POMC Member
Dawn Terrizzi
Awarded

Dawn Terrizzi recently received a Chief’s Achievement Award at the Delray Beach Police Department’s quarterly awards ceremony!

Dawn is a Contact Person in Delray Beach, Florida as well as a volunteer for the Remembrance Program for which she writes and sends out cards each month to many survivors in remembrance of their loved ones. Dawn was an award winner at the 2017 POMC Conference as well as a workshop presenter at many of our Conferences over the years. Dawn facilitates a Chapter support meeting in Delray Beach and is very active with the Miami-Dade Chapter as well as helping out in many other ways both with local Chapters and National.

Poster for Mary and Susan Reker, who went missing on Labor Day in 1974.
A Message from the Board Room

With POMC National Board of Trustees

Hello Survivors! As you know the 32nd National Conference is coming up August 2-5. The Effective Leadership Training is July 29th -31st. The National Board is looking forward to seeing you there.

Interested in becoming a National Board Member? If so, please write a short introduction of yourself. Tell us about you and about your loved one. What can you offer The National Board? You must commit to attending two National Board Meetings in Cincinnati, Ohio. These meetings are over a weekend in the Spring and in the Fall. The third board meeting you are required to attend is right before the conference, at the conference site. (National Board members can not be a convicted felon.) If interested, please email / mail your letter to the Executive Director, Bev Warnock at the National Office.

The newly formed National Board Committee is the Committee for change for POMC’s future. (CFCFPOMCF) We would like to thank the survivors for their quick return of the surveys. We are gathering information and we are looking forward to seeing how we can make things more “Survivor Friendly”. We are taking this information seriously.

CFCFPOMCF would like to hear from you with your ideas. We will be at the conference. Stop us and say “Hello”.

See you at the conference!

The Committee For Change For POMC Future (CFCFPOMCF)

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Marvin Bryant
Beckie Miller
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“NEVER DOUBT THAT A SMALL GROUP OF THOUGHTFUL, COMMITTED CITIZENS CAN CHANGE THE WORLD; INDEED, IT’S THE ONLY THING THAT EVER HAS.”

-MARGARET MEAD
A Message from the Executive Director

In the Spring issue of the Survivors Newsletter there was an article about Restorative Justice that we received some complaints about. Survivors were upset and felt that we were promoting to help murderers get out of their sentence early and or upset that we were helping murderers in general. We apologize for upsetting anyone who read the article in the Spring issue and got a different idea than what the article was about. We have written an article in this issue on Page 6 to help everyone understand our purpose.

While we don’t promote Chapters to go into prisons to tell inmates about the pain of having their loved one murdered, we won’t stop them from doing this either. If any individual in a Chapter feels that this is what they want to do for themselves, then POMC is not going to tell them they can’t. We hope after reading the article in this issue everyone will realize that everyone has different thoughts and feelings and may not think or feel the same thing as you on certain topics.

The National Office has been extremely busy these last couple of months. Many of our members attended the movie “The Amendment”, the story of Brooks Douglass and victims’ rights during National Crime Victims’ Rights Week. The National Office held our 2nd Grief Retreat Weekend in Cincinnati, Ohio in May and had good attendance. Everyone who attended thought it was a comforting experience and one of the best weekends they have had since the murder of their loved one. New friendships were formed and we hope that they can continue to communicate and support one another.

The Conference is quickly approaching and we are excited to have it in the Washington D.C. area. The Conference will be held at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Washington D.C. - Crystal City, which is located in Arlington, Virginia. We have many educational and supportive workshops planned for Friday and Saturday. Many of the workshops which have become “attendee favorites” will be presented as well as many new topics we think you will find beneficial. This is such a great area for sightseeing as there is so much history among the many different monuments, memorials and free museums. You could come early or stay late and see so much. From the hotel room you may be able to see the Pentagon and Arlington Cemetery, and the hotel even has a rooftop revolving restaurant where you can see a lot of the beautiful monuments and the White House. So, even if you didn’t get a chance to sightsee you can still see a lot from the hotel. We hope that many of you can attend the Conference to find the support that you need and deserve since the murder of your loved one.

It is so heartbreaking to hear of all the mass violence that is happening all over the United States and across the world. What is happening to our country with so much violence? Why should our kids be afraid to go to school… and why should they have to experience the violence that is happening in schools? For the ones that do survive these traumatic events, they now have to live with the trauma for the rest of their lives. The ones who lose their lives in these unspeakable events now have families and friends that are thrown into a horrible world of grieving the murder of their child, sibling, grandchild, niece/nephew, cousin, friend, etc. Who was at the right place at the right time in school where they are supposed to be? We surely can’t use the phrase “at the wrong place, at the wrong time.” What can we do to stop this never ending violence that is happening at concerts, in schools, in parks, in movie theatres and other places where individuals should be and feel safe? I am happy to hear that the kids are speaking out about the violence, which they don’t want to experience it in their lives more than they already have, so hopefully the future will be more peaceful.

We also have some personal exciting news about one of our staff here in the office, Kayla, has just given birth in May to her first child. Her husband, Curtis and Kayla, welcomed into this world a boy named Brooks Alexander. We wish them all the luck and love there is for a new baby. Unfortunately, Kayla and Brooks will not be able to come to the Conference this year because the baby is too new but, hopefully they will be there next year. Last year, the California Conference was Kayla’s 1st experience and she is so disappointed that she can’t come this year but looks forward to seeing everyone again next year in Denver, Colorado for the 2019 National Conference!
POMC’s Perspective on the Recent Restorative Justice Article

In the Spring 2018 Survivors Newsletter, there was an article titled “Victim families use their pain to help murderers change, in hopes of preventing other murders, parents of murder victims visit with convicted murderers.” This article began and ended with a disclaimer from the National Office stating “Parents Of Murdered Children allows any and all Chapters or members to be involved with “impact of crime classes” in prisons as long as the prisoners do not get released early for their involvement. Many of our Chapters are involved with prevention programs similar to the one mentioned in the Restorative Justice article and POMC respects those rights without judgment to those who do or do not take part in any type of such programs.

For many of the Restorative Justice programs, individuals do not know the inmate population they are speaking to. It could be a group of prisoners who were involved in crimes not resulting in the death of an individual(s). So, for those who choose to take part in these programs, they may be doing so as a way to try and change the lifestyle these criminals live, to prevent them from possibly taking the life of someone, if or when they are released.

97% of inmates will be released into society and with recidivism of crime after release being at more than 60%, Restorative Justice Programs hope to change this. And even if inmate participants are only there for other crimes, not murder, which is largely the case, when inmates are released from prison their crimes often escalate. Restorative Justice educates them to what their crimes have done not only to victims, but society and their own families.

Victims speaking to this issue hope to reach them on an emotional level about those effects as they have families too.

Beckie Miller from the Valley of the Sun Chapter says “It is a profound experience for a victim when sharing our stories of victimization, not only homicide, but child abuse, sexual abuse, assault, substance abuse, domestic violence, elderly crimes, property and robbery crimes etc., to a room full of inmates and seeing many of them brought to tears to realize the impact of a victim sharing honestly, though with great difficulty, their tragedies. Victims who participate in these classes do so to try and make a difference because they know that if they can reach even one inmate and save one family from having to endure what they already have, it will have been worth it.” Beckie is also the first to say that “in our large Chapter of more than 1,700 families there are only a few victims willing to speak in the prisons, but those that have participated do so over and over. It is exhausting emotionally and yet rewarding and the classes and victim stories do make a difference.”

POMC did not mean to offend any readers with the publishing of this article, but we do understand if individuals take a stand against Restorative Justice programs, as it is their choice and we are not here to judge, just as we are not here to judge those who decide to take part in these programs for their own personal reasons.
Dedication Page

My Joseph, My JAM:
My Poem written to my beloved Joseph.

A beautiful morn at 6:07, a precious angel came down from
heaven;
he quickly encountered the awe of the room;
he stole my heart after embracing my womb.

My babe is beautiful, so perfect and sweet;
he awaited his family for soon he would meet.

That smile on his face so tender and mild;
thank you, sweet Jesus, for my darling child.

I will call him Joseph after my dad,
a spirited heart and a wonderful lad.

He would love all the earth in all of its glory and take hold of
each life that entered his story.

From fish to turtle, to hamster to crab,
he filled every nook and with gusto would grab.
My son he lightened the world with his smile,
not knowing his time would be but a while.

He traveled here and there and hugged those he met,
as I found out the time to go was not yet.

He was to wait till the day of summer, July;
I was to learn of tears still to cry.

My Joseph left all and knew we would see how some would
not answer and flee from our plea.
But this will not work when all’s said and done,
'cause the witness is here, my Holy one.
My son had a heart to all he did show;
he came to the sky as a colorful rainbow.

Joseph took “up” with Jesus and many and at the same time,
he gave me my penny.

The jewel is round and brilliant indeed;
it lay on my breast to fulfill my aching need.

The tears do not stop; they seem 24-7,
from a hot summer day in the month of seven.

My Joseph who came in the year eighty-seven smiles down on
his mom and sends kisses from heaven.

He is always beside me to enlighten my way;
he knows what’s inside and just what to say.

I love you, my son, with all of my heart;
we travel as one and are never apart.

Be still and try calm my dear sweet mother;
I’ll love you forever for there is no other.

I have been through the valley and am now with the lamb;
keep faith, hope and love, your precious JAM.

“Nineteen years my gift,” he is now safely home.

In Loving Memory of Joseph Anthony Miranda

April 22nd, 1987 - July 20th, 2006

My book is non-fiction and the story must be told. It is the
true account of a family's fight for truth and justice.
Joseph had incredibly strong faith as we all do. His death
has been confirmed a homicide by an assault by the
expert medical examiners yet the prosecutor tells us that
homicide by an assault is not a crime. God is a just God
and I will never give up my fight to obtain justice for my
beloved son.
A much deserved ‘Thank you’ to those who keep the Remembrance Program going!

Many of you receive a heartfelt card yearly on the anniversary of the death of your loved ones. Every month, the National Office prepares 700-1,000 cards, envelopes, survivor information sheets and stamps to be divided and mailed out to our Remembrance Program writers, all who are volunteers for the National Office.

There is currently a total of 32 volunteers for this program who offer their time and kind words each month to survivors in the form of a card, which means so much to those on the receiving end. The National Office receives many calls, emails and cards thanking us and the writer for remembering them during that difficult time.

We would like to thank all of the writers who have volunteered their time to this program, without you, it would not be possible. Since this program started, we have had many individuals who devoted their time writing and sending these cards out each week. We are so thankful for everyone’s efforts over the years.

We wanted to take time to show appreciation to our writers who are currently volunteering their time, and if there was a list of all writers since this program began, they too would be listed.

Current Writers (as of May, 2018):
- TC Anderson - California
- Sylvia Banks - Michigan
- Alexandria Barry - Florida
- Marlene Behler - Ohio
- Melissa Buchanan - Kentucky
- Cristina Burt - Vermont
- Caroline Caldwell - Texas
- Susie Chrisman - Ohio
- Dorothy Chubb - Texas
- Kathy Clarrage - Maine
- Ruth Delia-Maloney - Florida
- Donna Di Giacomo - Pennsylvania
- Dee Engle - Arkansas
- Nella Flack - Ohio
- Lynda Fucarino - Arizona
- Samantha (Glover) Springfellow - Illinois
- Patricia Hammond - New York
- Donna Heid - Ohio
- Lisa Jacques - Arizona
- Linda Jones - Florida
- Justine Kingsley Ferreira - Georgia
- Colette Krinock - California
- Filomena Mazzone - New Jersey
- Victoria McGrath - Florida
- Patricia Nichols - Illinois

Current Writers (as of May, 2018):
- Shirley Olivier - Texas
- Martha Rago - New York
- Joan Roback - Indiana
- Amanda Rodriguez - California
- Lisa Savala - Missouri
- Dawn Terrizzi - Florida
- Yasmine Thomas - Ohio
- Jackie Whitehead - Texas
- Elizabeth Wilson - Arizona

If you have not been receiving an anniversary card, please contact me directly at kmecarthy@pome.org or (513) 721-5683 and I will make sure we have the correct mailing address for you or add you to our database to ensure you receive these cards in the future.

If you ever have interest in volunteering for the Remembrance Program, reach out to me and I can see if we have any openings for new writers.

Again, thank you to everyone who has volunteered their time to the Remembrance Program, both in the past and currently. Those receiving your cards are very appreciative of them as are we at National for your willingness to write.

“That moment when you forget your volunteering to help better lives, because it’s bettering yours”
Thank you to our Chapters, Contact Persons, State Coordinators and any members who offered support through POMC in times of tragedy.

At the beginning of 2018, the country was faced with yet another tragedy which was the direct result of violence. On Wednesday, February 14, 2018, Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida experienced heart-wrenching loss after a mass school shooting took the lives of 17 individuals, both students and staff and injured many others. It seems that these horrible occurrences are becoming far too often in today’s world.

Local POMC Chapters, Contact Persons, State Coordinators and members gave their support. The Fort Myers Florida-Lee County Chapter of POMC hosted a blood drive in honor of the students and staff of Stoneman Douglas High School as well as in honor of the Parkland, Florida community.

We are thankful to all Chapters, Contacts Persons, State Coordinators and members of POMC who have reached out when crisis occurred in their city or state over the years and offered help and support in whatever ways they could.

In the last five years these individuals have been there for many unthinkable acts of violence such as but not limited to the following:

- Aurora Theater shooting (2012)
- Sandy Hook School shooting (2012)
- Boston Bombing (2013)
- Charleston Church shooting (2015)
- San Bernardino shooting (2015)
- Pulse Night club shooting (2016)
- Club Blu shooting (2016)
- Sutherland Springs shooting (2017)
- The Las Vegas shooting (2017)
- New York City attack (2017)
- Stoneman Douglas High School (2018)
- Santa Fe High School (2018)

Unfortunately this list of violent occurrences is a very long one that only seems to continue to grow.

Chapters, Contacts Persons, State Coordinators and members of POMC have offered support and services in times of tragedy as far back as 1978, when POMC was first founded. Not only are they there for these larger acts of violence but for any individual who has lost someone to any form of violence.

Our hearts go out to everyone affected by these tragic events as well as to anyone who is faced with the loss of a loved one.

In Loving Memory Of Joye Ellen Frost

Joye Ellen Frost, 66, died on March 12, 2018, after a prolonged, valiant struggle with cancer.

In 1998, Joye was introduced to Washington D.C. and landed her job at the Office for Victims of Crime. Joye served for almost two decades as a dedicated crime victims rights’ advocate and a visionary leader in the Department of Justice, Office for Victims of Crime (OVC). She began her career as a Program Specialist, and was promoted to Principal Deputy Director and Acting Director; then, in 2013, President Barack Obama appointed Joye as the OVC Director. Her mission was to empower all crime victims and to ensure that all victims had access to the best possible support services, particularly those victims who had historically faced insurmountable barriers as they sought the help they needed and deserved.

Joye is survived by her son, Aaron Whatley; Al Stewart, her soul mate and partner; father, Jack Andrew Frost; mother, Maurine (Monnie) Frost; siblings, Jack Andrew Jr. (Louanne) Frost; Christopher James (Kathy) Frost; Gay Lynn (Ronald) Robles; Merrie Maurine (Marilyn Eppich) Frost; Sophia Koen; numerous nieces and nephews, great nieces and nephews, extended family, friends, and co-workers.
Maintaining the Beauty of the MURDER WALL...Honoring Their Memories

Time and much travel have put stress on the many panels of the Murder Wall... Honoring Their Memories, and scratches, nicks, and dents need to be repaired. Many of the cases that are used to transport the Wall have split or broken, handles have fallen off, and the protective material inside each case needs to be replaced.

Currently, the Wall is made up of 33 panels, displaying over 4,000 victims’ names, dates of birth and dates of death.

In order to maintain the beauty of the Wall, POMC continues to seek donations to help make some of the repairs. To help, please use the form below.

Donations made in memory/honor of, will be in the next issue of Survivors.

POMC-Wall Repair
(Please Print)

Name:______________________________________

In memory/honor of:__________________________

Address:____________________________________

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Amount enclosed: $_________  Check:____

Money Order :____  Visa:_____   MC:______

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Return to:
Parents Of Murdered Children, Inc.
635 W. 7th Street, Suite 104
Cincinnati, Ohio 45203

Donations to Maintain the Beauty of the Murder Wall... Honoring Their Memories

Thank you for your donation to maintain the Murder Wall:

- Henry & Audrey Bosley
  in memory of Robert Bosley
- Denise Coleman
  in memory of Timothy Staunton
- Carol Leonhardt
  in memory of Janet Marie Lenonhardt
- Susie & Rodney Chrisman
  in memory of Jarrod Chrisman
- Dorothy & Albert Chubb
  in memory of Dwayne Chubb
- Howard & Ann Klerk
  in memory of Lisa Marie Weaver
- LC & Sherry Nolan
  in memory of Shannon Marie & Alexandra Jordan Nolan-Broe

WALL BOOKLETS HONOR THEIR MEMORIES

POMC’s Murder Wall...Honoring their Memories is a beautiful memorial to the more than 4,000 murder victims whose names appear on the Wall. Behind each name there is a face and a story of a person whose life was taken prematurely. It is time to tell those stories.

Memorial booklets, which travel with the Wall, are compiled as an ongoing project of National POMC. Cost is $20.00 to include one page, front and back without a photo, or $30.00 if you wish to have a photo included. The photos are non-returnable and must be no larger than 2 1/2 by 3 1/2 inches.

Forms are available on the POMC Web Site at: www.pomc.org or by calling National at (888) 818-POMC.
The names that appear in this issue of Survivors are those that have been submitted to the National Organization of POMC, Inc., with full or partial payment before May 1, 2018. Names after this date will appear in the next issue.

The Wall consists of solid walnut panels with each holding 120 brass plates inscribed with the name of the victim, along with the date of birth and the date of death. A donation of $75 is required before a name will be inscribed on a plate and permanently mounted on a panel. (See order form inside this edition.) Not only is this donation a tribute to the memory of your loved one, but it is a tribute that will guarantee that the memory of those we miss so deeply will survive forever. The Wall is a powerful statement of the violence in our society and of the numbers of loved ones senselessly killed by others. Not only does it give comfort, but also hope, because every name on it cries out silently for awareness, prevention and justice.

Murder Wall...Honoring Their Memories

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Murder Wall...Honoring Their Memories Order Form

Anyone interested in having their loved one’s name inscribed and permanently mounted on the Wall should fill out the order form below. Make checks payable to “POMC Wall,” or for your convenience, Discover, Visa, MasterCard, and American Express are accepted.

Send to: Parents Of Murdered Children, 635 W. 7th Street, Suite 104, Cincinnati, Ohio 45203

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Loved ones name ________________________________

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PAYMENT INFORMATION

Choice of payment (check one): Pay in full for $75.00 OR 3 payments of $25.00 each

Payment type: MC Visa Am. Express Discover Check

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SUBMITTERS INFORMATION

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City, State, Zip ___________________________________

Phone Number ___________________________________

Relationship to victim ___________________________________

The name will be added to the panel upon payment in full. Once your plate has been permanently mounted on the panel, you will be notified. New panels join the Wall as they are completed.
**Parole Block Program**

*With Bev Warnock*

**Support for the Parole Block Program**

**1660 Convicted murderers have been denied parole through POMC’s Parole Block Program!**

**Hearing Results**

**Denied Petitions:**
- Jon Adams
- James Anderson
- Nicholas Alaniz
- Brian Amaro
- Cheryl Brewer
- David Owen Brook
- Carlos Faulkner
- Alejandro Guerrero
- Danny Lee Hill
- William Mixon
- Manuel Pacheco
- Gregory Prysock
- Jason Rich
- Shawn Sanchez
- David Seibs
- Mardi Elaine Swartz
- Clinton West
- Tony Rae Wik

**Released:**
- John Harvey
- Thomas Opozda

**Died in Prison:**
- Rick Knapp

**In memory of:**
- **Jarrod Chrisman** from Susie & Rodney Chrisman
- **Dwayne Chubb** from Albert & Dorothy Chubb
- **Shannon Marie & Alexandra Jordan Nolan-Broe** from LC & Sherry Nolan
  - **Timothy Staunton** from Denise Coleman
  - **Jill Valzey** from Howard & Carol Velzey
  - **Lisa Marie Weaver** from Howard & Ann Klerk

**LETTERS TO THE PBP**

Hello Beverly Warnock,

Just a note to let you know that we attended the Parole Release Hearing for BUDDY VELARDE, on April 5, 2018 for one of the three that murdered our son, RAUL J. PAYAN (Ralphee) on January 16, 2005. Glad to report that BUDDY VELARDE was DENIED PAROLE.

Thank you and POMC for all your help, and those who took the time from their personal lives by submitting petitions.

We hope and pray to have the same outcome with the other two (2) murderers, ARTHUR RIOS, CEDC#F54577 and PAUL VELARDE, CDC #F54521 who have scheduled Parole Hearings on June 6, 2018.

Again, “Thank you”,
Arlene & Ralph Payan
PAROLE HEARINGS TO BE HELD

Hearing Date: August 2018
Kenneth Eugene Patrick   ID#: AB3641

On March 22, 2005, Robert Austin Bukey was brutally murdered by his cousin’s husband Kenneth Eugene Patrick. Patrick drove Robert to a remote area, shot him in the back of the head, and stripped him of his personal belongings and identification leaving him for the animals to find. Robert’s body was found the next day by rock collectors. Robert had just inherited $160,000 which Patrick and his wife were in complete control of the trust. It was determined that in 2005, Patrick and his wife had embezzled $111,000 from the trust.

Patrick pled guilty to second degree murder and was sentenced to 15 years to life in prison. He will have only served 12 1/2 years when he is considered for parole.

To protest, please write to: Richard J. Donovan Correctional Center
480 Alta Road
San Diego, CA  92179

Hearing Date: August 1, 2018
Shaun Thomas Turk ID#: F-47732

On December 3, 2004, Paul Allen Howell, a 17 yr. old senior at Santana High School (Santee, CA) attended his winter formal with his girlfriend. After the winter formal, as was tradition, many of the students attended a house party, hosted by a graduating students friend. At the party, Paul was attacked and stabbed numerous times by Shaun Thomas Turk and accomplices, which was a retaliation from gang members who were upset that Paul had a fist fight with one of their members a few weeks prior…and had won the fight. Paul had no gang ties.

Turk was convicted of 2nd degree murder and was sentenced to 16 years to life. He will have only served 14 years when he is considered for parole.

To protest, please write to: Board of Parole Hearings
Attn: Pre-Hearing Correspondence
PO Box 4036
Sacramento, CA  95812-4036

Hearing Date: August 6, 2018
Horatio Gene Brown   ID#: 504421

On June 11, 2006, Adam Ryan McIntosh was murdered by Horatio Gene Brown at a car cruise-in held in a parking lot. There was an earlier incident involving Brown spinning car tires throwing gravel at classic cars. Brown returned to the scene, armed with a handgun with two friends and shot and killed Adam.

Brown pled guilty to manslaughter and was sentenced to 10-22 years, 3-7 years for carrying a concealed weapon and 2 years for felony firearms. He will have only served 12 years when he is considered for parole.

To protest, please write to: Michigan Department of Corrections
Attention: Parole Board Victim’s Coordinator
PO Box 30003
Lansing, MI  48909
Marsy’s Law Needed in Maine
By William Guerrette, Jr.
April 4, 2018

I remember it like it was yesterday. It was the middle of the night on May 27, 2008, and I was asleep in bed when my house alarm woke me up from a dead sleep. What happened next can only be described as unimaginable. I entered the hallway to uncover the disturbance and was viciously attacked by a machete-wielding intruder. I could do nothing to stop the attacker from then turning on my innocent 10-year-old daughter and harming her beyond all belief. The terror was indescribable.

Neither my daughter nor I was supposed to survive, but we did. What happened that night changed our lives and the lives of our family forever. We are both left with permanent mental and physical challenges. One of the hardest parts is that this attack was likely avoidable and preventable.

The man who directed the attack on us was out on bail from jail for a robbery he had committed against me in my home – the home we were attacked in – six months before. He had failed to appear at the trial on the robbery. A judge had issued a bench warrant for his arrest.

We had no knowledge of his failure to appear, that the trial had been called or that the judge had issued a new warrant for his arrest. Had I known any of this information, I could have taken appropriate actions to protect myself and my family. However, since there is no constitutional requirement in Maine for victims of crime to be notified at key moments that affect their case, we were never told.

This is why I believe we so need Marsy’s Law for Maine.

This proposed amendment to the Maine Constitution would make sure that individuals like me have rights in their cases equal to those of the people who have committed crimes against them. In my case, this could have made all the difference, allowing me to prepare for the worst-case scenario, potentially saving myself and my daughter from the indescribable pain and anguish, both physical and mental, that we still suffer from – not to mention the lifelong trauma the attack and its aftermath have caused my family.

Sunday marks the beginning of National Crime Victims’ Rights Week. There are various events in Maine that commemorate this important week for people like myself and my family. The theme for this year’s events is “Expand the Circle: Reach All Victims.” According to the Office for Victims of Crime at the U.S. Office of Justice Programs, this theme emphasizes the importance of inclusion in victims’ services, helps better ensure that every crime victim has access to services and support and illustrates how professionals, organizations and communities can work in tandem to reach all victims.

I am a former Maine legislator, having served in the Maine House of Representatives. I know the difference between laws that seem to make a difference on the surface but really accomplish nothing, and those that actually can benefit myself and fellow citizens. I sincerely care about people and making their lives better. I have met the call to service for the people of Maine and continue to do so by supporting important community causes. And as the survivor of a nightmare that many cannot relate to, I am absolutely confident that Marsy’s Law for Maine is a critical next step in developing crime victims’ rights in this state. And it satisfies exactly what the mission of this year’s National Crime Victims’ Rights Week calls for all of us to do: work together to reach all victims.

One of the men who is responsible for the attack on us is serving life while the other was sentenced to 50 years in prison. I hope to still be alive when this man is released. However, if I am not, I need to be able to pass away with the peace of mind knowing that my little girl has the constitutional right to be notified of his release, so she and our family can protect her and make her feel safe for the rest of her life.

Next month marks 10 years since my daughter and I were violently attacked. Take my word: Statutory protections are simply not enough for families like mine. If there ever has been a cause for which it is appropriate to amend the Maine Constitution, this is it. Maine needs Marsy’s Law for Maine.

The proposed amendment to the Maine Constitution would make sure that individuals like me have rights in their cases equal to those of the people who have committed crimes against them.
Thank You
Thanks to all those who have chosen POMC as their charity of choice. Your donation has helped thousands of surviving family members; stopped the early release of 1,660 convicted murderers; assisted in POMC’s Second Opinion Services; provided the National newsletter, Survivors, to those who cannot afford it and so much more. POMC’s outreach would not be able to exist without your continued support.

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With
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We want to take this opportunity to thank the following volunteers for the valuable services that they provide to other survivors on behalf of POMC, Inc. If you would like more information about our volunteer opportunities, please contact Sherry Nolan, National Volunteer Coordinator, at: 888-818-7662 OR snolan@pomc.org

There are hundreds of survivors across the U.S. who volunteer for the National Organization of POMC as Chapter Leaders, Co-Leaders, State Coordinators and Contact Persons. If you feel that you are at a point in your life where you are ready to reach out to others who have suffered the loss of a loved one due to violence, please contact me. The following states are in need of someone to offer support services through phone and email support, support group meetings, court accompaniment, local events bringing about awareness, education, and advocacy to victims of crime, and remembrance programs for the surviving family members who’s loved ones lives were taken from them.

In this 2018 anniversary, POMC acknowledges those Chapters with Articles of Association that were signed between May 1st and August 30th of the year they became a probationary Chapter

- Saginaw County Chapter/ Michigan - 5 years
- San Antonio Texas Chapter/ Texas - 29 years
- Trumbull County Chapter/ Ohio - 30 years
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- Colorado Front Range Chapter/ Colorado - 35 years
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CP/SC/CL UPDATES

If you have a message of interest, a great fundraising idea, upcoming Chapter events, special awards or recognitions received or ideas that you would like to share with our “POMC family”, please mail them to my attention: Sherry Nolan at National POMC or email them to snolan@pomc.org. The deadline for receipt of the next newsletter articles is September 1, 2018. Please note: due to deadlines or overflow of articles, etc., we may not be able to include all of those received in the next SNL, but may keep them for future newsletters.
Contact Person/Chapter Leaders/State Coordinator Corner

I new Chapter has joined the National POMC family since our last Survivors Newsletter and has opened its door to offer support:

The Dallas Fort Worth Chapter of POMC
Chapter Leader: Althea Jackson (Parent-Survivor)
Arlington, Texas
214-270-5846
jacksonelaine192@gmail.com

Meetings: 1st Monday of each month, 6:30-8:30 PM
Methodist Charlton Family Medicine, Conference Room 3
3500 Wheatland Road
Dallas, Texas  75237
For direct line to Althea Jackson (Chapter Leader) about meetings: 214-270-5846

1 new Contact Person has joined the National POMC family since our last Survivors Newsletter and has begun offering support:

Sarah Commerford (Parent-Survivor)
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In Loving Memory of
Claudia Joy Wallace-Place (McLoughlin)
9/29/1944 – 5/10/2018
Santa Cruz

Claudia Joy McLoughlin Wallace-Place died as she lived: with strength, grace, a loving spirit and thinking of others! Born in San Jose she attended Willow Glen schools; moving to Ben Lomond in her sophomore year she graduated from San Lorenzo HS. She lived in Hawaii as a naval wife for 12 years before moving back to the Mainland. For 20+ years, she was a full-time union representative for UFCW #428 (now Local #5), AFL-CIO in San Jose.

She is survived by husband Frank Place, daughter Carlena Grandey, son Greg Wallace, sister Patti Brady, granddaughters Jaden and Faith Grandey, grandsons Tony Beal and James Wallace along with a large, loving extended family and 100’s of friends. She was preceded in death by her daughter Carolen Wallace, parents Myra and James P. McLoughlin. Knowing she probably couldn’t change her fate, she sent an email to friends shortly before her death: “Thank you for being in my life, for arguing with me when needed, for loving me when wanted. Please begin adding a ½ hour a day of movement in to your schedule. All my love, Claudia.” She asked for a party not a funeral: on September 29 (her birthday) a celebration will be held; please bring a “Claudia story” (time & place will be announced in August).

In lieu of flowers, please send a contribution in memory of Claudia Wallace-Place to Parents Of Murdered Children - National POMC 635 West 7th Street, Suite 104 Cincinnati, Ohio 45203
Email: natlpomc@pomc.org; Claudia having experienced such a tragedy, was a long-time POMC grief counselor.
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The catalog provides color photos and a listing for all POMC items: books, bumper stickers, brochures, clothing, magnets, music, etc.

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635 W. 7th Street, Suite 104
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Dedication Pages are included in each publication of the Survivors Newsletters. Not only is this a way to memorialize our loved ones, it also helps to defray the cost of publishing the newsletter. We offer this opportunity to pay tribute with poems, photos (black and white only), letters/loving thoughts or special requests.

A donation of $25.00 is requested for each 3 1/2 x 4 inch square used, 2 squares for $50.00, 3 squares for $75.00, whole page $100.00.

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As long as I live,
you will be remembered.
As long as I live,
you will be loved.”

- Unknown

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