

Victims of murder forgotten; survivors suffer pain, apathy

This past week, April 13-19, was designated as National Victims Week. Who would know that, and are there people who care about it?

We so commonly see crimes sensationalized by the media and seldom see the aftermath and the suffering of the victims.

I am talking about people who did not choose nor deserve to be thrown into the world of the judicial system because a perpetrator turned innocent people's lives into a living hell – emotionally, physically and financially.

My son Devin was a victim of murder and I am a survivor. I am a member of Parents of Murdered Children. If you were to attend a POMC group meeting, it would break your heart, shock and horrify you, and show you that not only the person murdered is a victim but those who loved him or her are also victims.

I and other survivors like myself wonder why we have to fight harder for our rights, as few as they are, when the perpetrator seems to have them all.



For example: What happens to the family when their child's killer is yet to be caught?

What happens to the family when time after time court dates are postponed and delayed as the defense manipulates and controls the system to meet the needs of the perpetrators?

Isn't it sad that there is a National Victims Week which very few know about. All victims deserve a voice all year round.

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