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# **Senator George Borrello Calls on New York State Parole Board to Reconsider Release of Brutal Killer Edward Kindt**

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ALBANY – New York State Senator George Borrello has penned a letter to the state Parole Board to urge that they reconsider and deny the release of convicted murderer Edward Kindt, who has been in prison since 2000 for the brutal rape and murder of Penny Brown, a wife, mother and nurse-midwife from Salamanca.

Kindt's savage attack on Ms. Brown in 1999 stirred shock and horror in the community and beyond. On Mother's Day, while she was out jogging with her two dogs, Ms. Brown was ambushed and sexually assaulted by Kindt, who ultimately strangled her with her dog's leash. Because he was 15 at the time of the killing, he was spared a life term on his plea to second degree murder and sentenced to nine years to life in prison, the maximum sentence available for a juvenile at the time.

"Edward Kindt's vicious rape and murder of Penny Brown, a beloved nurse-midwife and devoted wife and mother, traumatized the community and left her family utterly heartbroken and grief-stricken. The callousness of the attack combined with Kindt's troubled past and lack of remorse for the killing prompted the sentencing judge to declare he hoped Kindt would never be released from prison," said Senator Borrello. "The Parole Board's decision is reckless and an insult to Ms. Brown's family and crime victims everywhere."

Following the heinous crime, widespread public discontent with the loophole in the law that prevented Kindt from being charged as an adult prompted the 2003 passage of 'Penny's Law,' a statute that raises the sentence for 14- and 15-year-olds

convicted of second-degree murder.

Senator Borrello stressed the harm of the decision and urged the Parole Board and state leaders to show more concern for victims and public safety.

“I've written to the Parole Board about this travesty and requested that they reverse this terrible decision in the name of justice and the safety of the community. Penny Brown's family has suffered more than we can imagine and deserve better than to have to live with the knowledge that this dangerous killer is out in society, free to victimize others. He should never walk free again. The Parole Board and our state leaders need to get their priorities straight. There is an unreasonable concern for the rights and freedoms of violent criminals and none for crime victims and public safety.”

The letter Senator Borrello sent to the Parole Board is attached.

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