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*The Justice Coalition began in 1995 because one man's priorities were changed. Ted Hires was the average businessman working 60 to 80 hours a week and looking out for himself until that day when he and his staff were held at gunpoint and robbed. Being a victim of crime, Ted found the criminal justice system worked harder for the criminal than the victim. As a result of Ted's experience, he formed a (501C3) non-profit organization, the Justice Coalition, and is making an effort to change the Fourth Judicial court system for the better.*

*Since 1995, the Justice Coalition has been fighting crime every step of the way. Fugitives captured are through a partnership with local media and law enforcement agencies.*

The Justice Coalition's

**Victims' Advocate**

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**THE JUSTICE COALITION'S OBJECTIVES**

- To be available for innocent victims of violent crime
- To educate the general public on criminal justice issues
- To be pro-active in the fight against crime

**Advertising Deadline**

The deadline for advertising copy for the **March 2008 Edition** of the JUSTICE COALITION'S VICTIMS' ADVOCATE is **February 10, 2008.**

**THE SECRET WORD GAME**

Hidden in the text of the Victims' Advocate is the **SECRET WORD** for the month of **January**. The rules are simple:

1. Find the word.
2. Telephone the Justice Coalition office 783-6312.
3. The first person who telephones the correct Secret Word wins a Gift Certificate to Sonny's Real Pit Barbeque Restaurant.
4. You can only win once in a twelve month period.

**SO START SEARCHING!**

Exclusions: no persons employed by the Justice Coalition, Sonny's, nor their families are eligible.

**Kelli...**

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was being reported on TV, and they wondered with terrible foreboding if one of the victims was their beloved Kelli.

Rushing to the crime scene at the Palisades Apartments on West University Blvd., Judith saw her daughter's car but officers would not confirm or deny if Kelli was dead. It wasn't until Sunday, when they were asked to identify her body at the morgue, that they knew for sure – Kelli was never coming home.

Today Judith is a woman with a mission. She closely follows the city's crime commission activities, she attends community meetings of citizens who are fed up with senseless murders, and she speaks her mind when blame is placed on everyone but those responsible. At a meeting on the Westside in December Judith remembered one man who stood and yelled to City Council members that they didn't understand what it was like to be raised in an underprivileged neighborhood, to have to eat government-subsidized cheese, that not having a job is the reason people sell drugs and commit murders.

Awaiting her turn, Judith stood and refuted the man's assertions. She was raised in the Durkeeville projects, she grew

up eating government-subsidized cheese, but not once in her life did it enter her mind to go out and buy or sell drugs, much less take a gun and kill someone.

Despite a financially disadvantaged childhood, she finished school (which is the privilege of every child in America), got a job and worked her way up to become a vice president of one of the nation's largest financial institutions. When, after 24 years she lost her job last February due to outsourcing, she still didn't turn to a life of crime. That was her choice! That is everyone's choice.

Judith says people think it is hard to raise a son, but she is proud of 24-year old Joshua today. She taught him about personal responsibility, that all his actions have consequences. She pledged her undying love and support for him, but let him know in no uncertain terms that if he ever did anything wrong and landed in jail, he should not make his one phone call to her. If he did the crime, he would do the time.

Besides the sadness in Judith's eyes, there is a puzzled look. She glances at a calendar with pictures of puppies on my wall and says, "I couldn't even

kick one of those dogs, let alone kill it. What kind of person do you have to be to murder another human being in cold blood? How does someone get to a point in his life that he has no conscience, that he can eradicate a promising life such as Kelli's with no more concern than if she were an animal?"

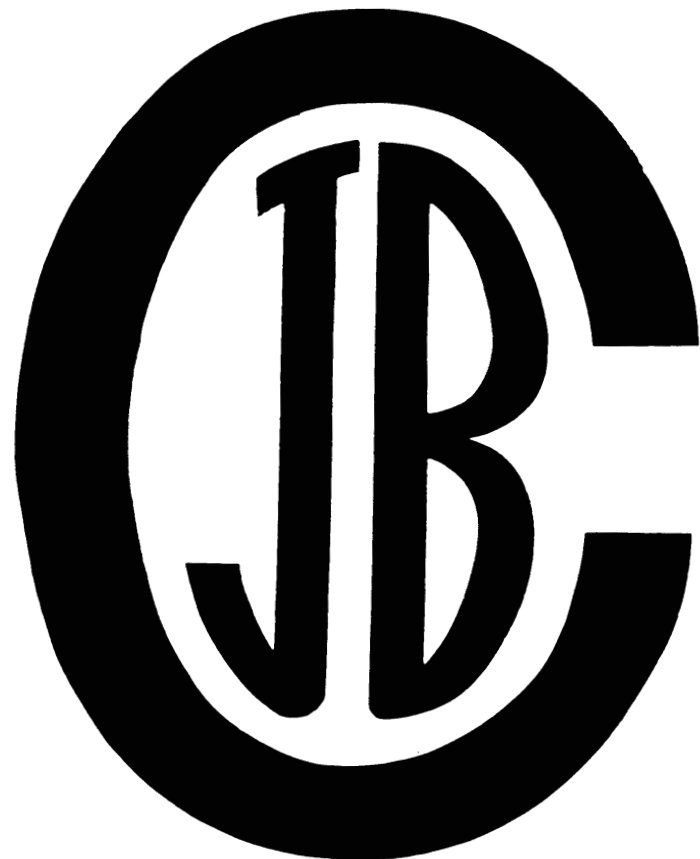
She forcefully continues: "I want criminals to serve their time. We tend to lose focus on who the victims are. For some reason our hearts bleed for the newly reformed criminal. They get educated, find God, 'pay their debt to society,' and the community is then up in arms about their rights. What about Kelli's right to live? What about the REAL VICTIMS? These criminals should get out of prison only when they find a way to bring back to life the people they've murdered. That is the only restitution I am interested in."

And where is that individual who ruthlessly murdered her child? Judith is determined to find an answer.

*If you know anything about this double murder that occurred inside a Southside apartment on Sept. 8, 2007, please call JSO Homicide at 630-2172.*

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