Statement of Cindy Arndt

My name is Cindy Arndt

I'm here today to speak to you on behalf of my friend, Lorry Borowski, who I have known since grammar school. Lorry was outgoing & funny. She was beautiful, independent, she was giving and a happy go lucky young woman. Her laugh was contagious and her smile would brighten your day. Her loyalty to her family and friends was unwavering.

The last time I saw Lorry was in early May of 1982. We had lunch at Kopper Kitchen in Elmhurst. On May 15th I was called into Elmhurst Police station and questioned. It was then that I learned that my friend was missing. Lorry vanished on her short walk to work. I was devastated and numb. I lived in fear of the unknown monster, afraid to leave my house alone or even walk the dog. Five months later Lorry was found murdered and then shortly after Kokoraleis and his crew were in custody.

Thomas Kokoraleis has Lorry Ann's blood on his hands. The horrific details of Lorry's death are so sick and disgusting that I cannot wrap my head around the fact that there's even a possibility that this monster could one day walk free. I feel he is dangerous, he has no conscience and no respect for human life.

I fear he has had 35 years for this sickness to manifest, and we are all in danger. I promised Lorry's Mom years ago that even though Lorry no longer had a voice that I would always speak up and seek justice for her. I felt that everyone in the United States needed to be warned that he was going to be released.

Kokoraleis terrorized and paralyzed our community in the 80’s and now because of his possible release we are forced to relive the pain we've tried to bury the last 35 years. I feel he's terrorizing us all over again with his impending release. I feel Kokoraleis doesn't deserve a second chance. Does Lorry get a second chance of at the life she deserved? He stole that from Lorry and all his other victims. I'm terrified and I believe we are all in danger if he gets released. And the thought of seeing him standing in a grocery store or watching him pull up in a car as I cross the street…makes my skin crawl.
He'll have to be somebody's new neighbor and he might just be yours. In 1982 it was Lorry that was on her way to work and now, well now it's our children that we need to protect from this killer. I pray to God to please spare the Borowski family any more devastating pain and reliving this again and again. This has been a tragic emotional roller coaster of injustice that we have been forced to relive again and again. He gave up the right to a second chance when he took the lives of the women we loved.

Cindy Arndt
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