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## MEDIA ADVISORY

### PEF, murder victim's daughter and lawmakers to highlight need for Judi Scanlon bill to become law

**Buffalo - On Monday, July 24 at 2 pm.,** members of the New York State Public Employees Federation (PEF) along with Kelly Scanlon-North, Erie County District Attorney Frank Clark and state Senator George Maziarz will hold a press conference to urge the governor to sign the Judi Scanlon bill (S.207 Maziarz/A.2570 Hoyt).

**The press conference will take place in front of the Erie County court building at 25 Delaware Avenue.**

Judi Scanlon, a PEF member, RN and intensive case manager at the Buffalo Psychiatric Center was murdered in November of 1998 while conducting a home visit to a mentally ill client in Buffalo. Judi's daughter, Kelly Scanlon-North will speak from personal experience about the tragic loss of her mother eight years ago and why the Judi Scanlon bill is essential to providing basic protections to mental health workers.

PEF President Roger Benson will talk about PEF's seven year battle to get the bill passed by both houses and detail the importance of getting the governor to sign it.

DA Frank Clark's office successfully prosecuted the case against Judi's killer. Clark will discuss the value of having workplace violence prevention measures in place.

State Senate sponsor George Maziarz of Newfane, will explain protections the bill will provide and the importance of extending crime prevention efforts to the workplace.

PEF is the state's second-largest state-employee union, representing 54,000 professional, scientific and technical employees.

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