



## News From State Representative Dennis Reboletti

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### **Reboletti Murderer Registry Bill Passes Committee**

Springfield, IL ... State Representative Dennis Reboletti (R-Elmhurst) passed Andrea's Law today out of the Judiciary II Committee that calls for the creation of a murderer registry.

"We currently have the right to know when a convicted sexual offender moves into our neighborhood and it should be the same for someone convicted of murder. House Bill 263 is a natural extension to the state's current sex offender and child murderer registry that will allow residents to take proper safeguards if a convicted murderer lives in their neighborhood," said Reboletti, a former prosecutor. "Law enforcement will also be put on notice as to the movement and locations of these individuals, long after they are released from custody."

The legislation, known as "Andrea's Law," is named after Andrea Will who was strangled to death in 1998 by her ex-boyfriend, Justin J. Boulay who was released from prison in November after serving only 12 of his 24-year sentence. Both Will and Boulay were students at Eastern Illinois University in Charleston at the time of the murder.

Andrea Will's mother, Patricia Rosenberg of Batavia said she supports the murderer registry.

"House Bill 263 Andrea's Law, would not only finally service justice for Andrea, but also for all of the families who have lost a loved one at the hands of another. We need to make sure there is accountability for first-degree murder beyond the prison gate. We all have the right to know if that murderer is living in our neighborhood or right next door," said Rosenberg. "I was not able to protect my child from what happened to her, but this bill may help to protect someone else – if only they knew."

Andrea Will's roommate Michelle Felde of Arlington Heights also supports the legislation and believes it will go a long way in making our communities safer.

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“It is my belief that the public has a right to know when a convicted murderer, particularly one with a history of being a domestic abuser is going to live near their homes, in their neighborhoods and near their college campuses,” she said. “I believe Andrea's Law will go a long way in making our communities and state a safer place to be. The public deserves to know. You deserve to know. I deserve to know.”

House Bill 263 calls for Illinois State Police to create a murderer registry database available on the Internet of those convicted of first-degree murder. The information would include name, residence address, place of employment, school attended and a photograph of the offender. The legislation also requires the convicted murderers to register with Illinois State Police for 10 years following their release from prison.

In March 1999, Boulay was convicted of first-degree murder. At the time of the sentence, Illinois law allowed one day cut from the sentence for every day of good behavior. Since then, Illinois adopted truth-in-sentencing laws that require those convicted of violent crimes to serve at least 85 percent of their sentences.

Upon his release from prison, Boulay moved to Hawaii with his wife and will be on parole for three years and must undergo anger management.

Due to the Boulay case, Hawaii legislators are also proposing a murderer registry.

The legislation will be sponsored in the Illinois Senate by State Senator John Millner (R-Bloomington).

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