



Join us to make a difference

A non-profit, public benefits organization serving families and friends of homicide victims.



RACHEL RODRIGUEZ ZENDEJAS

Murdered January 18, 1981

Written by her brother, Roy

My sister Rachel, her 2 baby daughters and myself, moved into an apartment on Mobil Avenue in Camarillo November of 1980.

Rachel had been separated from her husband a couple months and needed help with a place to stay, so we got a place together. She was getting her life back together studying Industrial Arts at Oxnard College.

On the weekend my sister was murdered, we had gone out to Hilton to hear our brother Mark's top 40 band play. I went home after, and Rachel went on to an after hours night club called Huntington's in Oxnard with her girlfriend. During the early morning of January 18, 1981 around 4:00 a.m., my sister was at home; I could hear her and the baby-sitters talking.

The sitters had planned to stay the night at one point, but plans changed. Rachel yelled upstairs to let me know she was taking the sitters home. I said OK. Shortly after she left, I fell back to sleep. When returning after dropping off the sitters, Rachel parked her car on the street and that's where she was attacked.

Her body was found by a newspaper delivery boy in the carport of an apartment complex across the street around 6:30am. She was raped and

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*Our Next Meeting
will be on Sunday,
September 10,
2017*

10:00 a.m.

Loch Lomond Yacht Club

San Rafael, CA

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CITIZENS AGAINST HOMICIDE

Who We Are

The majority of the board members of Citizens Against Homicide have had a family member murdered. They are surviving the devastating loss of a loved one and still suffer the continued emotional trauma of coping with our criminal justice system. We have joined together to create a voice for the survivors and friends of murder victims.

CAH Objectives

- Assist families through the complicated criminal justice system.
- Provide trial and courtroom support to victims.
- Accompany victims to parole hearings in their endeavor to keep the convicted murderer in prison.
- Provide information on pending crime legislation.

Protecting Your Own Interests

You can't prepare for the event that makes you a victim. You can only react. You need to know how to deal with the subsequent trial, sentencing and unavoidable parole hearings. CAH helps you take action to protect your own interests.

If you have friends or family who may be in need of our assistance, please pass along the information regarding our organization.

Location for Meetings

We hold bi-monthly meetings on the second Sunday of the month at Loch Lomond Yacht Club - 95 Loch Lomond Drive, San Rafael, CA. The meeting starts at 10:00 a.m. We encourage anyone interested to attend.

A Few Words From Jan

Today, I am asking myself, "why is writing my 'few words' so difficult? I am guessing it is an amazing convergence of feelings and emotions. The emotion that is foremost on my mind is the excessive number of funerals I have attended in the past few months and the even greater number of Cards related to having masses and prayer requests, etc., for an even greater number of people. They are friends of mine; people I have known for many years or they are immediate family members to very close friends. It all is so very sad. I can only hope and pray that each of these families find peace and solace in their religion and with their loved ones.

Then there is the never-ending frustration with the continuous "garbage" that rolls out of Sacramento (so-called new laws) from our Governor "MoonBeam" and his "merry band of thieves" that continue to unnerve me. They consistently cover the truth by telling us this new law will help some group of people, all the while hurting the greater population. I

cannot understand how we could have a Governor and so many State legislators who do not care about public safety and the people of the State of California. What exactly is motivating their decision to allow the early release of violent criminals from state prison? Why is it not important to them that murderers serve their full term in prison? Why do they encourage the empowerment of murderers by letting them out early? Why do they NOT want to solve old cold case murders? Why does our state money get diverted to areas of special interest that are not part of our budget nor our constitution? Why do we have YEARS of DNA (which could shed light on countless unsolved homicide cases) that is NOT being processed due to alleged lack of funds?—As a result, these cold cases stand a very slim chance of being solved and thus never prosecuted. In his own words, Governor Brown has stated that "solving old cold murder cases causes this state more money than just leaving it all alone". Not in my book, buddy!!

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It is heartbreaking for us at CAH when a family member of a murder victim calls and/or attends a meeting to share the devastation of their loss and frustration with our criminal justice system. We listen and shed tears with them. We no longer are afforded the tools we had during the administration of our previous governors; vital tools with which to help guide these families when working with law enforcement and, in turn, helping solve these murders. All DAs, detectives, police and sheriff detectives know the policies of the Governor and Attorney General and, unfortunately, many of them “fall in line”; unwilling to suffer the wrath for any actions of opposition

The one shining light I see is that we will vote in a new governor in 2018. I hope and pray we elect someone who cares about Victims and the families of the victims and someone who believes and maintains the laws of the State and the Country.

Over this next year, I am making it a goal of Citizens Against Homicide, to feature a short expose on all those running for the office of governor and attorney general. We MUST EDUCATE OURSELVES on just how much importance these candidates give to the rights of victims, the death penalty (as it is current law in California); on murderers serving their full sentences; on getting DNA processed and moved to a higher priority in our budget. Again, I can only hope and pray we find that person... who believes in the safety of the people and not obsess over the freedom of murderers. My greater hope is that all of you care enough to help me with this major project;

remember what we say at Citizens Against Homicide *“together we can and will make a difference”*.

In closing (and after sleeping on my previous paragraphs above), I realized I was placing all my energy and focus into the “ugly” news we are dealing with. Then, some wonderful thoughts reminded me of something I had recently read and took a moment to find those words. I would like to share them.

In summary the words were... that things aren't always what they seem and that sometimes that is exactly what happens when things don't turn out the way we think they should. If you have faith, you just need to trust that every outcome is or can always be to our advantage, we just might not know it until sometime later...

Maybe it was the murder of my daughter that has brought me to where I am fighting for the many hundreds of families that don't believe they have a voice...

Some people come into our lives
and quickly go

Some people become friends and stay
awhile, leaving beautiful footprints
on our hearts,

and we are never quite the same because
we have made a good friend...

Yesterday is history

Tomorrow a mystery

Today is a gift

That's why it's called the **present**

Again... remember “together we can and will make a difference”.

—Jan

Quote of the Month



“Never give up, for that is just the place and time that the tide will turn.”

—Harriet Stowe

Parole Hearing Results

Jeffrey Perrotte

Parole revoked!

Parole board disturbed by the amount of lies he told. Annual hearings from now on.

Robert Mattos

Five-year continuance! Family is pleased with the many letters opposing this murderer's release.

Parole Opposition

Samuel Evans—CDC# D-89387

Parole Hearing Date: September 13, 2017

Dear friends, family and concerned citizens, I need your help. Last year my husband and I started a petition on change.org to help keep a convicted murderer in prison. My (husband's) aunt Jill, and her twin unborn babies (Caren and Christopher) were murdered by her husband and ex deputy sheriff Samuel Evans. We succeeded, thanks to all of you who signed it. With over 3000 signatures, it persuaded our governor (Jerry Brown) to keep him behind bars. Unfortunately, we recently found out that Sam has another parole hearing on September 13th of this year. If you could sign the petition for us once again, or if you never have signed it, if you could sign it, I would greatly appreciate it. Last year, you helped us accomplish our goal. . . please help us do it once again! We don't believe Sam has been rehabilitated, and we fear for our safety should he be released. You can find a link and additional information here at www.justiceforJill.org or https://www.change.org/p/board-of-parole-please-help-us-keep-a-vicious-man-in-prison?recruiter=372737848&utm_source=share_petition&utm_medium=copylink&utm_campaign=share_petition

Thank you!!

Jenny Swafford

Recap:

31 years ago, on a cold winter's night in Big Bear Lake, California, my aunt Jill Swafford and her unborn babies Caren and Christopher were brutally murdered by her husband (and the children's father) deputy sheriff Samuel Leon Evans. He



was convicted on three counts of first degree murder and sentenced for seventy-five years to life with an earliest parole date in 2036. Thanks to California's Elderly Parole Program; a program which offers parole hearings to state prisoners who are 60 or older and have served at least 25 years. Sam's earliest parole hearing date was moved to 2016. We were unfortunately unaware of this program before, and were completely shocked.

On our previous petition we described the events which lead my aunt and her twin babies, Caren and Christopher to their gruesome murder. We have included it here as well to remind everyone of why we are desperately trying to keep Sam in prison.

Jill was nearly nine months pregnant when she was murdered on March 21, 1986. Sam was a deputy sheriff for the city of Big Bear Lake, California, and at the time of the murder had already been guilty of prisoner abuse, animal cruelty, and other miscellaneous violence, all of this by his own admission.

Sam had also been having an affair, which was, unfortunately, common

knowledge to everyone including my aunt Jill. Even though he had been cheating on her, Jill still loved Sam, and wanted to keep their marriage.

Around 3:00 a.m., while Sam was on night duty, she followed him to talk to him. They both pulled over to the side of the road, where an argument concerning the affair broke out.

By Sam's own admission, he pulled his gun, but then realized that it wouldn't look like an accident if he shot her. He bludgeoned her in the head instead with his gun, and she fell to the ground after the first blow and begged for her life. He continued to beat her head in with the weapon, a piece of her skull chipping away in the process. Thinking he had killed her, he tried to cover his actions by trying to make it look like a terrible car accident. Jill was still alive however when he put her into her car and pushed it off an embankment near the dam. After her car came crashing to a halt, he climbed down the hill.

Sam continued to bludgeoned Jill over and over again at the bottom of the embankment, and then cut up her face, presumably with his knife. After this, he placed a hydraulic car jack on top of her head. He left her wedged tightly on the floorboard, face down with her abdomen pressed down on the transmission lever and her head slightly out the right front door. Sam then called the incident in on the police radio in his squad car.

Too many details—including Sam being covered in blood, and the butt

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Parole Opposition—Samuel Evans—*cont. from page 4*

of his gun covered with both Jill's hair and her blood—did not add up for Jill's death to have been an accident. It soon became apparent that Sam had murdered her, and their twin babies Caren and Christopher.

During the trial, the doctor who performed the autopsy on Jill and the twins had stated that it would have been more humane for Sam to have shot her. Her brain was mush.

Jill was a loving, vivacious person to everyone who knew her. She cared deeply for all the people in her life. Her greatest desire however, was to be a mother, a dream that would never be fulfilled because of Sam's incredibly cruel and selfish actions. Caren and Christopher, two innocent little babies who lives had barely begun, weren't even thought of or considered by Sam when he decided to murder his wife. Along with Jill, their lives were taken much too soon.

On April 5, 2016, a parole hearing was held for Samuel Evans (Inmate ID:

CDC#D-89387), and we the family of Jill, Caren, and Christopher attended as well. Despite our pleas, the parole panel insisted that Sam is ready to rejoin society because of several commendations and his longstanding record of good behavior. They stated that the "crime was inexplicable", and that because of his good record, the crime was a "single anomaly" in his life. They also expressed that the justice system is no longer about punishment, but in determining when inmates are ready to rejoin society. Their ideals have proven that the destruction of a human life is worth only ten years of incarceration at best, which is a very dangerous attitude for our society.

As a deputy sheriff, Sam was supposed to be a model citizen; his job was to protect and serve. Instead of upholding his duty, Sam showed on multiple occasions that he is not a stable individual, and that he is dangerous to the public. He committed an abhorrent act of violence on not only the one who trusted and loved him the

most (his wife), but on his unborn son and daughter, and this shows what he is capable of. In addition, we have received many accounts from people that he abused during his time as a police officer, wielding his power and authority for his own personal ends. We do not believe that he has been rehabilitated, and that he is still a danger to society.

What we do today will determine what happens in the future. If we allow evil people to escape justice, it will become normal and acceptable for society to allow other, possibly even more dangerously wicked people to escape justice.

Thank you for taking the time to read this. We hope you will help us by keeping a dangerous murderer, like Samuel Evans, behind bars.

"The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is that good men should do nothing."—Edmund Burke

Sincere thanks from the family and friends of Jill, Caren, and Christopher Swafford.

Rachel Rodriguez Zendejas—*cont. from page 1*

strangled on the patio of a vacant unit at our apartment complex and then dragged across the street.

When I woke up, I noticed Rachel was not home and called my Mom. My Mom right away said that is not like Rachel and knew she would never stay out all night; she never had before.

I called my Mom a second time and she told me to call the police and see how long we had to wait before reporting a missing person. Right away they asked me my address and said they would be right over. I had no idea there was a

crime scene in front of our complex. Our apartment was behind another apartment building, blocking my view of the street.

Within minutes of my call, there was a knock on my door. There stood 4 detectives, and this was beginning of an unbelievable nightmare that has never ended.

What makes it even worse for our family, now 36 years later, is not knowing who killed Rachel. Catching this murderer will not bring my sister back, but we need to see this killer brought to justice.

This murderer has taken away a daughter, sister and a wonderful Mother from her two beautiful daughters. Rachel now has 2 grandsons, I granddaughter, and they will never know what a loving and carrying Grandmother they could have had.

We are asking for your help. If anyone has any information regarding the murder of Rachel Rodriguez Zendejas, please contact the Ventura County Sheriff's Office—Cold Case Unit at (805) 654-2380.

Thank you

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**WHO MURDERED
SOPHIA ULLOA
ON
DECEMBER 24, 2000**