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DISTRICT ATTORNEY & SAFE HORIZON TO PRESENT 15th ANNUAL STATEN ISLAND CRIME VICTIMS' VIGIL THIS THURSDAY

******Event to Feature Tributes to Murder Victims Jeanne Kane and Robert D'Amato******

STATEN ISLAND, NY – Richmond County District Attorney Daniel M. Donovan, Jr. today announced that his office, along with Safe Horizon, will be sponsoring the 15th Annual Staten Island Crime Victims' Vigil to be held this Thursday, from 6:30 to 8:00 pm in the Sipp Auditorium at Richmond University Medical Center.

The candlelight vigil will feature a number of presenters including remarks by District Attorney Donovan, State Senator Andrew J. Lanza and the Honorable Tina M. Stanford, Chairwoman of the New York State Crime Victims Board. Additional presentations will include tributes to murder victims Jeanne Kane and Robert D'Amato, the reading of poetry and victims' names, remarks by survivors of crime and a musical performance by the Reverend Timothy Mercaldo and his daughter Gabrielle.

District Attorney Donovan stated, "The relationship of my office with crime victims and their families is very often a life-long bond that goes well beyond our duties in the courtroom. I am grateful for the opportunity to join with Safe Horizon to again present this remarkable evening which brings together a broad cross-section of our community to remember those we have lost, but also our commitment to assist those victims of crime whose suffering continues. I am also grateful for the generosity of Richmond University Medical Center, the Kiwanis Club of Richmond County and Hollywood Flowers who have provided invaluable assistance in the production of this event."

EVENT: 15th Annual Staten Island Crime Victims Vigil

DATE/TIME: Thursday, April 17, 2008, 6:30-8:00 pm

LOCATION: Sipp Auditorium, Richmond University Medical Center, 355 Bard Avenue, S.I., NY

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