

**PAT WEBDALE, New York
Mother of Kendra Webdale,
murdered in New York in 1999**

Pat Webdale's 32-year-old daughter Kendra was killed in 1999 when Andrew Goldstein, who had been diagnosed with schizophrenia a decade earlier, pushed her onto the New York City subway tracks. Andrew Goldstein was convicted of second-degree murder and sentenced to 25 years to life; that conviction was overturned on appeal and he then pled guilty to manslaughter and was sentenced to 23 years in prison followed by five years of post-release supervision.

Pat, a participant in MVFHR's "Prevention, Not Execution" project, has testified against the death penalty in New York and was active in working for the passage of "Kendra's Law," which mandates court-ordered outpatient treatment for people with mental illness who pose a risk for violence and have refused voluntary treatment. She is now working to make that law permanent.

"Kendra's murder has affected our family in lasting ways. I feel gratitude that I was Kendra's mother, but I will never get over the pain of living without my daughter. I want better treatment of mental illness, to prevent such tragedies, rather than an eye for an eye. Killing another person never brings back the person you lost, and it's like doubledoing the crime."

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