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### Following Violation of Marsy's Law Rights Victim's Mother to Seek Remedy in Court for First Time in Illinois

*Hearing on the Case will Take Place Friday, September 10 at 10:00 am  
Winnebago County Criminal Justice Center  
650 W. State Street  
Rockford, IL 61102*

Schaumburg IL, September 8, 2021 - For the first time since Illinois voters ratified the constitutional amendment strengthening the rights of crime victims known as Marsy's Law, a victim is seeking remedy in court for violating her rights.

Elizabeth Alvarado, the mother of a victim of a fatal DUI crash in 2016, has requested a Winnebago County Circuit Court order a "re-do" of a hearing to address the violation of her rights as a victim. The prosecution failed to discuss with Alvarado a plea deal that reduced the charges against the defendant. They also failed to notify Alvarado of the plea and sentencing hearings that took place without her, depriving her of the opportunity to appear and be heard in the matter. The omissions violate the Illinois Constitution and several statutory provisions, according to the court filing. Despite the length of the Case, Alvarado has remained an active and committed participant throughout the process.

A hearing on Alvarado's motion will take place on Friday, September 10, at 10:00 am.

"I just don't understand why they did this to me," said Elizabeth Alvarado, the mother of the victim in this Case. "How could they have just forgotten about me? How could this have happened?"

The Alliance Against Intoxicated Motorists (AAIM) has been helping Alvarado navigate the criminal justice system since the case was first filed in 2016. AAIM is now helping to seek remedies for the violation of her Marsy's Law rights.

"Too many mothers have had to endure the pain that Elizabeth Alvarado has lived through in losing a child in an impaired driving crash. She remained committed to pursuing justice for her son only to have her constitutional rights violated," said AAIM Executive Director Rita Kreslin. "Victims need to have the opportunity to have their voices heard. We're proud to stand by Elizabeth in this landmark case to ensure that all victims receive the rights that they are entitled to."

To learn more about the Alliance Against Intoxicated Motorists, visit [www.aaim1.org](http://www.aaim1.org) For more information on the rights guaranteed to victims in Illinois through Marsy's Law, learn more [here](#).