

## **Iwaniec Post-Sentence Statement 01-15-09**

*We would like to extend our deepest gratitude and thanks to the following:*

To the District Attorney's office, Pat Carmody, and the Carmody family. Pat, you are the "best of the best". Your countless hours and sacrifice have been a tribute to Kenton. We wish Kenton could have met you in person. You served Kenton well and you were his voice.

To the Crime Victims' Center of Chester County, you are an amazing organization. You have been our backbone through this entire ordeal. We cannot imagine dealing with the last 10 months without your love, support, and expertise.

To the men and women of the Pennsylvania State Police, you have touched our lives in many ways. Kenton was so proud to have walked among you. He was fortunate to be your brother and we are honored to have you as family. You have shared our loss and have been at our side every step of the way.

To the PA DUI Association, you are a group of people passionate about your cause. You are committed to education and making a difference in variety of venues. We are inspired by your dedication.

To MADD, we appreciate your continued effort to honor victims. Your work is paramount to changing DUI legislation.

To our communities, your continued response and support is overwhelming and heartfelt. Whether it was responding to the accident, making a financial contribution, or keeping us in your thoughts and prayers, we are forever appreciative.

To our friends and family, your love for Kenton is reflected in many ways. You continue to aid us in keeping Kenton's memory alive, which is the greatest gift of all. We often express how fortunate Kenton was to have the love of his extended family and close friends.

### *Response to the sentence:*

Kenton dutifully exhibited the values and morals of a "soldier of the law". He lived life with honor and dignity. He had an innate gift of genuine kindness, a radiating love, a contagious energy, and a sincere desire to serve. On March 27, 2008 Kristina Quercetti took that all away. Our family is now forced to live with a deep emptiness echoing through each of us. Our hearts are broken and they cannot be repaired.

Mrs. Quercetti did not deserve a break. She received the biggest break already—her life and the life of her innocent son.

No amount of time that she will spend in jail will bring Kenton back. It will not make it right. But that isn't what we expected. We were looking for a strong and deserved punishment that will help others learn from her mistakes and deter the future loss of innocent lives.

This sentence says we are not going to tolerate drinking and drugged driving. Kenton and the honor, dignity, courage, and faith in which he lived can live on by this. We need to value human life. Kenton and all other innocent victims deserve it. We cannot condone these behaviors. Mrs. Quercetti made the *choice* to drink and drive, take illegal drugs, drive erratically, speed, not turn on her headlights, put her child and everyone else on the road that night at risk. She made those choices. This was not the time for leniency. This was the time to make a difference and say "this is not ok".

Our family is committed to a lifetime of honoring Kenton by battling drinking and drugged driving. Judge Nagle's judgment of Mrs. Quercetti will live on forever. We will use his decision as a positive tool to educate others on why drinking and drugged driving is absolutely 100% unacceptable and will be dealt with as such.

Kenton truly made a difference in this world and will continue to have an impact as we honor him, share his story, and fight for justice for the innocent victims of drunk and drugged driving.