

Statement from Gina Miller, Survivor of Washington State Patrol Trooper Tony Radulescu

September 12, 2009 was the happiest day of my life. That is the day I met Washington State Patrol Trooper Tony Radulescu #557. We were at the Puyallup fair both dressed in our uniforms doing what we loved, talking with people and answering questions. From that day on we were together. We shared so many interests it was uncanny. We are big sports fans, especially football, soccer, hockey and baseball. We talked all the time sharing life stories and supporting each other when we had rough days. He loved my two kids like they were his and in turn they loved him back. My eight year old daughter especially loved Tony because they would wrestle and he would watch cartoons with her. He talked with her when mistakes were made with a kind loving tone. I had finally found the one man I wanted to spend my entire life together. We were making retirement plans for Arizona and going to buy a house in Washington State. I love him so very much and couldn't wait to get home and give him a love and kiss.

On February 23, 2012, my whole world was shattered. I had just spoke with Tony at 1030 pm and I told him I would talk to him when he got home, I loved him and to be safe. Those were the words I always said to him and those would be the last words and last time I ever spoke with Tony. He was shot and killed on a traffic stop by a convicted felon that did not want to go back to jail. In the hours following losing Tony, it was a man hunt to find his killer. WSP knew the license plate because Tony had called it out prior to stopping the truck. During this time all I could think about was my precious Tony was gone and his killer was still out there. Would he kill another law enforcement officer that came into contact with him? How else could we get the information out there to find this horrible person!!

Washington State passed the Blue Alert this year and I am very glad. This does not ease the pain and heartache that I have. I miss Tony every day but I want to do my part to change the laws and make is safer for all law enforcement. ALL law enforcement needs to be given the tools they need to get the upper hand on the criminals. They are our protectors 24/7. This is important funding that will provide training and equipment to help in the event of a significant event in the future. Unfortunately, there will be it's just a matter of when and where. I don't want any other family to go through what our family has, wondering where the criminal is and will they be caught.

To all our government officials who will be looking at The National Blue Alert Bill, please take a minute and put yourselves in my shoes. How would you feel knowing the killer of one of your loved ones is on the loose and could harm others? The passing of the National Blue Alert Bill would not only provide much needed and necessary tools to our law enforcement, it would honor all of those who have lost their life in the line of duty. It is a way to tell the family and friends that they did not give their life in vein and they matter.

Please honor all of our Law Enforcement Officer and the fallen and pass the NATIONAL BLUE ALERT BILL.

I would be happy to address and members of the press with questions they may have. Please let me know if there is a need. Thank you to Mr. Reichert for all you have done to honor our fallen and make if safe for those who continue to serve and protect.

Sincerely,

Gina M. Miller