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SUPPORT FOR THE HALVERSEN FAMILY

Please see the attached letter from Rosalie Halversen, widow of Firefighter James “Jimmy” Halversen, regarding the upcoming parole hearing of William Soddors, the individual convicted of Jimmy’s senseless murder. In April 2026, Soddors will again appear before the New York State Board of Parole seeking release.

The Halversen family is requesting continued support through letters of opposition to oppose parole. Members are encouraged to submit a letter prior to the April 1, 2026 deadline. Instructions and required information, including the inmate’s DIN, are provided in the attached letter.

How to Submit a Letter of Opposition:

- Members wishing to submit a letter must do so electronically to the New York State Board of Parole prior to April 1, 2026.
- Letters must include the inmate’s name and DIN number:
Re: William Soddors DIN: 99A1352
- To submit your letter, visit the NYS Department of Corrections and Community Supervision (DOCCS) Victim Support webpage:

<https://doccs.ny.gov/form/letters-in-support-or-opposition>

As we have done in the past, we stand together in support of Firefighter Jimmy Halversen and his family. Please help spread the word and do what we can to support the Halversen family in their ongoing fight for justice.

Fraternally,

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Dear family and friends,

January 4, 2026 was **29 years** our Jimmy was tragically, without remorse and without hesitation, taken from us. A loss so overwhelming it still weighs heavily on our hearts every single day.

In September of 1998, **William Soddors** was charged and convicted with the murder of our James "Jimmy" Halversen. His sentence was **25 years to life**. Being sentenced "**to life**" means that after 25 years, he is eligible for a parole hearing every two years until he is released or continues to be denied. To us, "to life" means an ongoing fight for justice.

In October 2021, he filed for **early parole**, six months before his eligibility. Thanks to our combined efforts, the parole board denied the request after receiving an overwhelming number of Victim Impact Statements. January of 2022 marked the initial 25 year sentence. Three months later, in April of 2022, the initial eligibility for parole was made available. This was again denied. Two years later, January 2024 marked 27 years, he was up for parole a second time. Once again, with all of our efforts an overwhelming number of Victim Impact Statements was received and in April 2024, he was **denied** parole.

Now, in April 2026, we are once again faced with the reality of his next parole hearing. My daughters and I are asking for your continued support in justice for Jimmy. Every letter is, and always will be, appreciated and matters more than words can say. Please see the **email addresses** below as all correspondence is now electronic. This will forever be a part of our lives and we are grateful for your love, friendship, and support.

With endless gratitude and love,

Rosalie Halversen

Deadline for letters: April 1, 2026

New York State Letters in Opposition to the Board of Parole

You must include the following DIN in your letter:

Re: William Soddors DIN: 99A1352

For immediate family only (Parents/ Spouse/ Siblings/ Children):

Email to: DOCCSVictimAssistance@doccs.ny.gov

For all others (Extended Family/ Friends/ Coworkers/ Firefighters/ Police Officers, etc):

Message at: <http://doccs.ny.gov/form/letters-in-support-or-opposition>