

**Official Statement from the Family of Michelle Wilkins  
March 20, 2015 5:45pm**

Two days ago, our daughter Michelle was brutally attacked while responding to a Craigslist ad for maternity clothes. Her attacker beat, cut, and strangled her, and according to initial reports, then removed her unborn daughter with an ordinary kitchen knife, leaving Michelle for dead. We cannot begin to fathom the depths of depravity and evil which drove her attacker, and trust that between law enforcement and our legal system; they will make sure justice is carried out. One life was ended and another scarred beyond imagination in this senseless act, with scores of others negatively affected.

The focus of Michelle's family and friends, who are numerous and spread around the world, is her physical recuperation from the attack and then a focus on her long-term recovery. Her medical condition is guardedly optimistic, and we hope for a full physical recovery. We are so are thankful for the many expressions of sympathy we've received from around the world, but particularly from those who don't know Michelle personally. We are touched that so many have felt compelled to reach out to her with expressions of kindness, sympathy, and spiritual unity. She is aware of your generosity of spirit and expresses her gratitude.

For the many people who have generously reached out to assist Michelle with her recovery and expenses, they can mail their donations to:

The Michelle Wilkins Trust Fund  
C/o The Kapsak Law Firm, LLC  
1610 Hover St, Suite 203  
Longmont, CO 80501

For those who are spontaneously and generously collecting donations on Michelle's behalf on social media, we request they be forwarded to the above address to ensure they reach Michelle.

Finally, we are eternally grateful to the first responders and emergency personnel of Longmont. They are heroes in every sense of the word. Together with an extraordinarily professional staff at Longmont United Hospital, they saved our daughter's life and continue to care for her with heartfelt compassion and understanding. Words cannot begin to express what we are going through right now, but being surrounded by these professionals who have cared for her so wonderfully gives us some comfort.

Please continue to respect our wishes for privacy as our family continues to grieve, recover and heal.