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“WORKERS COMP KILLED MY HUSBAND”: WIDOW OF INJURED WORKER TO BLAST LACK OF CARE THAT DROVE INJURED WORKER TO SUICIDE

Thousands of Injured workers are being denied care

The widow of an injured worker who was refused medical treatment, and killed himself in despair on July 23rd, has placed the blame for her husband's death squarely on the shoulders of California's workers' compensation system. Jamie Tracey, widow of David Michael Tracey, will hold a news conference in the State Capitol on Monday, August 16th, to blast the system that killed her husband.

David Michael Tracey, age 40 and a father of four children, worked for the same employer for 17 years. Three and a half years ago, David suffered a crushing injury on the job. He developed Reflex Sympathetic Disorder (RSD) as a result of the injury. After years of his and his attorney's efforts, David was unable to get the care he needed. "The [company's] attorneys never gave credence to the urgency of attention posed by our doctors and attorneys. As a matter of fact, we were completely ignored," Ms. Tracey wrote.

WHO:

**Jamie Tracey, widow of David Michael Tracey
Senator Richard Alarcón**

WHAT:

News conference on how workers comp killed her husband

WHEN:

Monday, August 16th, 2004 @ 10AM

WHERE:

State Capitol, Room 1190

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