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## **News Release**

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### **Melanie Rieger Memorial Conference Panel Discussion to Air on Connecticut Network**

Hartford, CT – On Saturday evening at approximately 8 p.m., the Connecticut Network will be broadcasting the panel discussion and keynote speech from the Thursday session of the Annual Melanie Rieger Memorial Conference held at the Department of Correction Maloney Center in Cheshire. Please check CT-N.com for the dates and times for re-broadcasts.

The panel discussion is titled *Surviving Victimization – Transforming Victimization into Advocacy*. Tom Monahan of WVIT Channel 30 News will act as the moderator. The panelists include: Marc Klaas of Klaas Kids Foundation, Christine McFadden of MSSM Friendship Scholarship Foundation, Mildred Muhammad of After the Trauma, Inc. and ex-wife of the DC Sniper, Maxine Russell of Justice For Americans In China and Hon. Susan Handy, Presiding Judge Criminal, New London Judicial District. The discussion is scheduled to begin at 9 a.m.

At 10:30 a.m., there will be a keynote speech from Muhammad, a domestic violence survivor, author, and founder of After the Trauma, Inc., an organization whose focus is on helping female survivors of domestic abuse. Muhammad was married to John Muhammad, the convicted DC Sniper. In her book, *Scared Silent*, she discusses her own personal struggles through their abusive marriage.

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