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‘BABY LUKE’ BILL INTRODUCED TO STRENGTHEN DRUGGED DRIVING LAWS

MADISON....On Tuesday, July 1, Representative Mark D. Gundrum (R-New Berlin) and Senator Sheila Harsdorf (R-River Falls) will introduce legislation toughening Wisconsin’s laws related to drugged driving.

A press conference will be held at **9 a.m.** at the intersection of **16th and Wells** in Milwaukee to introduce this important piece of legislation to make Wisconsin’s roads safer. This location is where a driver high on cocaine ran a red light in December of 2001, crashing into a vehicle driven by one of Gundrum’s constituents, Michelle Logemann of Waukesha.

As a result of the collision, Michelle was hospitalized in critical condition and lost her young son, Baby Luke. Michelle was seven and a half months pregnant with Baby Luke at the time of the crash. Immediately following the crash, Baby Luke was delivered prematurely and died approximately twelve hours later of head injuries.

Since beginning her recovery from her own injuries related to the crash, Michelle has been committed to strengthening Wisconsin’s laws against drugged driving so dangerous drivers like Paul Wilson will not have the freedom to continue endangering innocent Wisconsin citizens.

The “Baby Luke” bill would make it easier to prosecute individuals who get behind the wheel of a vehicle after doing illegal drugs, by requiring only a showing that the offending driver did in fact have a Schedule I illegal drug in his/her system, such as marijuana, cocaine, heroine, methamphetamines, etc.

Gundrum will be **joined at the press conference by Michelle Logemann and her husband Bill Logemann, as well as District Attorneys E. Michael McCann (Milwaukee).**