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When: Sunday, December 9, 2007
Time: 5:00 PM
Who: Maureen Faulkner and Michael Smerconish, co-authors of the new book, *Murdered by Mumia: A Life Sentence of Loss, Pain, and Injustice* and Joey Vento, Owner of Geno's Steaks
What: Commemoration event and book signing hosted by Geno's Steaks
Where: Geno's Steaks — 1219 South 9th Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

Book Signing and Vigil at Geno's Steaks To Commemorate 26th Anniversary of Police Officer Daniel Faulkner's Death

During the Event, Co-Authors Maureen Faulkner, Widow of the Victim, and Michael Smerconish, Radio Talk Show Host Promote Their New Book Detailing A Quarter-Century Fight for Justice Against Convicted Cop Killer Mumia Abu-Jamal

100% of the Proceeds of the Book Go to Philadelphia Victims' Children

(Philadelphia, Sunday, Dec. 9, 2007) FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE—**Maureen Faulkner**, widow of slain Philadelphia police officer **Daniel Faulkner**, will commemorate the 26th anniversary of her late husband's death with a ceremony and book signing for *Murdered by Mumia: A Life Sentence of Loss, Pain, and Injustice* (The Lyons Press, an Imprint of Globe Pequot Press; December 9, 2007; ISBN: 978-1-59921-376-7; \$24.95, Hardcover) at **Geno's Steaks** (1219 South 9th Street). Joining Maureen Faulkner for this momentous event will be hundreds of friends and supporters, including Philadelphia attorney, columnist, TV/radio host **Michael Smerconish**, who is also the co-author of the book.

Hosting the event is **Joey Vento**, owner of Geno's Steaks, who according to the book has been a long-time, adamant supporter and friend of Maureen Faulkner's. In the past, Vento has donated the daily gross proceeds from his restaurant to the Faulkner family as well as hosted the "Justice Daniel Faulkner Block Party" and the annual "Daniel Faulkner Memorial Motorcycle Run."

Geno's Steaks was chosen as the special venue for this anniversary event because it has served as a "clubhouse of sorts for Officer Faulkner's supporters," said Maureen Faulkner in the book.

On December 9, 1981, Officer Daniel Faulkner conducted a routine traffic stop while on patrol and was tragically gunned down in the street. Danny Faulkner was killed just 12 days shy of his 26th birthday, and was married to Maureen Faulkner for little over a year. "The day Danny Faulkner was killed was the day I lost my chance to have a family with my husband." Says Maureen Faulkner, "It's been a quarter century since a jury sent Abu-Jamal to death row, and it is my intention to make sure that justice is served—not only for me but for all the thousands of Philadelphians who are victims like myself and the Faulkner family."

Mumia Abu-Jamal, a cab driver and former Black Panther, was convicted and sentenced to death in 1982 for the young police officer's slaying. He currently sits on Death Row with his case is under review in the Third Circuit Court of Appeals.

"On this somber day," Maureen Faulkner challenges, "I'd like to ask **Mayor John Street** why he knowingly tried to silence **Cynthia White**, a witness to my husband's death? It's taken three years for Michael Smerconish and me to collect all of the hard facts—including the revelation of our Mayor, which I doubt the citizens of Philadelphia even know about. In my hometown, and that of my late husband who sacrificed his life to help keep this city safe, why was the Mayor acting in an illegal and under-handed manner?"

Murdered by Mumia is one of the many avenues Maureen Faulkner has taken to see justice served, and the book details her intense struggles during the last 25 years with Abu-Jamal's various supporters and apologists. Despite three years of arduous work compiling the book, both authors have pledged to donate all proceeds from it to Maureen's 501(c)3 non-profit organization, **Justice for Police Officer Daniel Faulkner**, which provides scholarship grants for the children of murder victims in Philadelphia.

For more information about the event or "*Murdered by Mumia*", please call Justin Loeber or Khuong Phan at 212-260-7576; Media@MouthPublicRelations.com or visit www.MouthPublicRelations.com.

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