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**National Coalition Against Violent Athletes To Announce NCAA Initiatives**

***Athlete Victims Unite To Urge Congress to Force NCAA Violence Policy, Audit***

**NEW YORK** - The National Coalition Against Violent Athletes (NCAVA), joined by victims of athletes, will address the epidemic of collegiate athlete violence in a press conference in New York City to be held at the Lincoln Building Conference Room, 60 East 42nd Street on October 25, 2005 at 10:30am.

This historic event will include victim testimony regarding brutal assaults at the hands of athletes and cover-ups by colleges and universities across the country. Those speaking include Baine Kerr, the attorney representing the victims of the University of Colorado sex scandal; Amy McQuillin, victim of Dodgers pitcher Carlos Perez who recently won a \$15 million judgment against the former player; Alison Jennings, gang rape victim of Oklahoma State University football players; Lindsay Charles, gang rape victim of Notre Dame football players, and notable victims of athletes and their families from Mississippi, North Carolina, Cincinnati and others.

"We are growing weary of the National Collegiate Athletic Association's (NCAA) reluctance to establish any sort of policy against athlete violence in the face of increasing revenue, although they are a 501c3 nonprofit," states Kathy Redmond, founder of the NCAVA. "We are urging Congress to continue an investigation into the organization they commissioned, which reaps billions of dollars on an unpaid, unregulated and unaccountable labor force at the expense of the nation's taxpayers."

The press conference will present a series of initiatives being sponsored by the NCAVA to include violence policies by the NCAA and a full audit of the NCAA's records by Congress.

"The NCAA must forward their income to maintain their nonprofit status, and based on victims' personal accounts of cover-ups at universities, we want full disclosure of where the money is going. Congress has the power to do that and should make the full audit of its publicly financed intercollegiate oversight commission a priority over the professional, private enterprise of baseball," says Redmond.