



**THE VANESSA T. MARCOTTE  
FOUNDATION**

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**STATEMENT FROM VANESSA MARCOTTE'S FAMILY**  
**Motion Hearing to be held June 9-11, 2021**

June 9, 2021 — It has been five years since Vanessa Marcotte was killed by an act of violence in Princeton, MA on August 7, 2016. When attacked, Vanessa was taking a walk near her family home in Princeton during a visit. She was 27 years old. At that time in her life, she was living in New York City and working her dream job in Marketing at Google. A motion hearing related to the case will be held at Worcester County Superior Court June 9-11, 2021.

The family released the following statement: “Vanessa’s family, friends and everyone involved with the Vanessa T. Marcotte Foundation look forward to justice being served. We miss Vanessa every single day. She was a remarkable young woman, and her senseless death fuels the Foundation’s mission to empower women and reduce female objectification and harassment. Vanessa would have wanted us to take action. We think she’d be proud of what we’re accomplishing in her honor to make the world a safer place.”

The Vanessa T. Marcotte Foundation was established in 2017. Since its inception, it has trained thousands of women at self-defense workshops. It provides funding for youth programs on self-defense, media literacy, and empowerment, and funds high school programs on healthy relationships and safety awareness. The Foundation has produced several webinars on violence prevention topics for women and men. Their website, [vtmf.org](http://vtmf.org), is a frequently-visited destination for safety content.

Vanessa loved to run, so many of the Foundation’s fundraising efforts revolve around running. Their most critical fundraiser is their annual 5K Run/Walk. The 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Vanessa T. Marcotte Foundation 5K Run/Walk will be held virtually this Saturday, June 12<sup>th</sup> (visit [Runforvanessa.org](http://Runforvanessa.org)). Additionally, the Foundation has charity teams for the Boston Marathon, New York City Marathon, NYC Half, and Falmouth Road Race.

“Every 98 seconds a woman is assaulted in the United States, and one in ten girls have experienced harassment,” said Caroline Tocci and Ashley McNiff, co-founders of the Vanessa T. Marcotte Foundation. “We honor Vanessa with our dedication to addressing the root causes of these problems and empowering women to live boldly and fearlessly.”

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