

**GORDON AND ELAINE  
RONDEAU, Georgia  
Parents of Renee Rondeau,  
murdered in Illinois in 1994**

Gordon and Elaine Rondeau's 29-year-old daughter Renee was killed by a man and woman who followed her home, robbed her, and murdered her in her apartment. The man received a sentence of life without parole; the woman received a sentence of 60 years in prison.

The Rondeaus have formed an organization called the Renee Olubunmi Rondeau Peace Foundation to promote awareness and the need for broad-based public support in the struggle against crime and violence in America. They are also members of Fight Crime: Invest in Kids, a national advocacy organization of police officers, sheriffs, district attorneys, and survivors of crime. Gordon serves on the Board of Directors of the National Organization for Victim Assistance (NOVA).

“The idea that the threat of punishment would have deterred these two, who were hard-core drug users and whose brains had been burnt out years before on cocaine, is sadly mistaken and does not allow us to understand the complex social issues that lead human beings into lives of crime. Most important, it prevents us from identifying the kinds of things that are necessary to prevent crime. If we're trying to deal with the problem of killing, to turn around and support a process that itself kills is counterproductive. It sends the wrong message: it tells kids that we can rationalize taking a human life.”

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*Gordon and Elaine Rondeau*



*Renee Olubunmi Rondeau*