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SENATOR KENNEDY IS KEYNOTE SPEAKER FOR DEATH PENALTY JOURNALISM AWARDS

DPIC to honor Bill Kurtis, Seattle Post-Intelligencer, WNYC, and Sound Portraits Productions for excellence in coverage of capital punishment

WASHINGTON, DC -- Senator Edward Kennedy (D-Mass.) will offer keynote remarks during the Death Penalty Information Center's sixth annual Thurgood Marshall Journalism Awards at the National Press Club in Washington, DC. Kennedy, a member of the Senate Judiciary Committee and long-time champion of efforts to ensure fairness in the judicial process, will join DPIC in honoring journalists who have made an exceptional contribution to the understanding of the problems associated with capital punishment.

This year's Thurgood Marshall Journalism Award recipient in television broadcasting is Bill Kurtis of Kurtis Productions, Ltd., for the A&E program "Investigative Reports: Death Penalty on Trial." The radio broadcast winners are WNYC of New York City and Sound Portraits Productions, Inc., for the ground-breaking program "A Public Radio Special Report: The Execution Tapes." Lise Olsen and Rebekah Denn of the *Seattle Post-Intelligencer* will receive print journalism honors for their three-part series "Uncertain Justice." This year's Thurgood Marshall Journalism Award winners will be introduced by special guests Clarence Page of the *Chicago Tribune*, Scott Simon of National Public Radio, and Frank Green of the *Richmond Times-Dispatch*.

WHAT: SIXTH ANNUAL THURGOOD MARSHALL JOURNALISM AWARDS

**WHO: Senator Edward Kennedy (D-Mass.), Keynote Speaker
2002 Thurgood Marshall Journalism Award Winners
Special guest introduction speakers**

WHEN: Wednesday, July 17, 2002 at Noon

**WHERE: National Press Club, Holeman Lounge
529 14th Street NW, Washington, DC**

Members of the media are welcome to attend this event. Please contact Brenda Bowser (202/293-6970, bbowser@deathpenaltyinfo.org) to register or for more information.

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