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Group meets to remember slain mother, Renee Pagel

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Plainfield Township - They meet every month and remember Renee.

"Every time I think of her, it's really hard," said friend Diet Eman

A group of up to ten women gathered around a table Thursday at the Rio Grand restaurant in Plainfield Township.

"We have updates on the investigation, strategies to keep this alive and what we can do to help the kids," said Chris Crandle.

They all want justice for Renee Pagel. The 41 year old mother of three was found murdered in her home last August. According the death certificate Pagel died of multiple sharp force injuries to the head and upper extremities.

"The detective said the first one went in her heart, and they say someone very angry did it because they went on stabbing everywhere," said Eman.

Pagel's husband Michael is not a suspect but "a person of interest" in the investigation. The couple was going through a bitter divorce at the time of her death.

"We are committed to keeping this alive, until we see justice until we see an arrest," said Crandle.

New flyers will be placed in the area marking the anniversary of the unsolved murder with the hope someone will come forward with a lead. Until then their work continues

"We still love her and she will never be forgotten," smiled Eman.

Anyone with information is encouraged to call the Kent County Sheriff's Department or Silent Observer at 616-774-2345.

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