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Tarrytown walk honors victim of stray bullet

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TARRYTOWN - As the trial for the man accused of killing Jessica Santos continues, friends and relatives of the victim will commemorate her life tomorrow on what would have been the college student's 20th birthday.

Information

For more information about the memorial walk and family fun day in honor of Jessica Santos, go to www.rememberingjessica.com

A memorial walk and family fun day are scheduled in Tarrytown. Santos, a resident of the village, was an innocent bystander Aug. 27 when she was gunned down in a drive-by shooting in Yonkers. She had been saying goodbye to friends before leaving for her sophomore year at the University of New Haven.

Anthony Burton, 18, is charged with second-degree murder. His trial in Westchester County Court resumes Tuesday when jurors are expected to see Burton's videotaped confession. His lawyer has conceded that Burton was the shooter. But he is seeking a manslaughter conviction, arguing that Burton did not shoot at the crowd and that his conduct was reckless and did not rise to the level of depraved-indifference murder.

Santos was majoring in criminal investigations and hoped to become an FBI agent. The school named a classroom in her memory in the spring.

Her mother, Gisela Marin, has resurrected the Westchester chapter of New Yorkers Against Gun Violence and established the Jessica N. Santos Foundation to raise money for scholarships in her daughter's memory.

Tomorrow's event will be a fundraiser for the foundation. Registration begins at Patriots Park at 10 a.m. The walk to Pierson Park along the Hudson River begins at 11 a.m. A tree will be planted and butterflies will be released at noon in honor of Jessica's birthday. Fun day activities will continue until 5 p.m. at Pierson Park.