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Bogota resident Jim Viola and his family held a vigil last Friday on the eighth anniversary of the disappearance of his wife, Patricia.

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hope that his wife can be found, and Patricia's friends read similar prayers and poems. Although Jim labeled the vigil turnout as "light," he is grateful to Patricia's friends from out of state who were in attendance.

"I realize people get busy and have other things to do, but we don't want Pat to slip through the cracks. We want people to remember her case," Viola said.

The Bogota Police Department is also trying to keep Patricia's case from slipping through the cracks, according to Viola. As of January 2009, Det. Dan Creange took over the case from Sgt. James Sepp, who was promoted.

"I'm glad we now have a new perspective; a new set of eyes looking at the case. It can only help. I

feel a different sense of hope now. I'm energized by the new detective. Creange is optimistic about what happened to Pat," Viola said.

Viola said that the detective is "seriously probing" people involved in the case, including himself, Christine, Michael and Patricia's other family members. Creange was unavailable for comment by press time.

Viola encourages anyone who has even the slightest information on Patricia or what occurred the day she disappeared to call Creange at 201-487-2400.

"No tip is too small and it's never too late to report anything," Viola said.

Viola continues to channel his frustrations on his Web site, [www.patriciaviola.homestead.com](http://www.patriciaviola.homestead.com) in which he frequently posts news about Patricia's case. Her case was added to America's Most Wanted-My Story- Web site and will

remain there indefinitely. Additionally, the law he developed with local government, "Patricia's Law," became effective in New Jersey in August 2008.

This law requires authorities to immediately collect DNA materials and enter it into a national database when a missing person is reported. Viola is happy that the law was passed, although he is now curious if it is being implemented. He said that his next step is to find out if police agencies in the state are following the guidelines of the law.

"I want to find out how the carrying out of the law works. How does government get the word out to police, does every officer get trained at the same time? These are all questions I need the answers to," Viola said.

Visit [www.patriciaviolamissing.homestead.com](http://www.patriciaviolamissing.homestead.com) for more information on Patricia Viola's case and call the Bogota Police Department 201-487-2400 with any tips.

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