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For Immediate Release:

Christian Glass, twenty-two years old, was shot and killed by a Clear Creek County Sheriff's Office Deputy on June 11, 2022, after calling 911 for roadside assistance. His family has been destroyed by grief yet are committed to pursuing justice for Christian. Christian was a citizen of the United States, New Zealand, and Great Britain. He was an artist, an amateur geologist, a cook, a friend, a big/little brother to two sisters, and a treasured son.

From beginning to end, the officers escalated and proactively initiated force. Christian had greeted the officers by making a heart sign with his hands. Christian, fully contained in his vehicle and presenting no threat, was eventually surrounded by seven officers with guns drawn from the Clear Creek County Sheriff's Office, Idaho Springs Police Department, Georgetown Police Department, Colorado State Patrol, and Colorado Division of Gaming. There was no need to threaten him with force; to draw guns; to break his car window; to fire beanbag rounds from a close distance; to tase him; to shoot him dead. From beginning to end, the officers on scene acted unconscionably and inhumanely. The Glass family agrees with Colorado State Patrol's on-scene assessment that Christian had committed no crime, posed no threat to himself or others, and there was no reason for continued contact. These officers took a gentle, peaceful soul and extinguished it simply because it was "time to move the night on." The situation was so non-threatening that the officers joked and laughed seconds before breaking Christian's windows, about sending in the "cute girls." And yet, these officers, including the one who killed Christian, are still in uniform and have paid no price for their conduct.

Our country cannot continue to tolerate this level of extreme violence by law enforcement. The act of simply calling 911 for help cannot be a death sentence. People in distress need help, not force. What happened to Christian is simply unacceptable. The Glass family calls on law enforcement departments across Colorado and the nation at large to condemn the criminal actions of the officers in this case. There is no doubt that ordinary persons in this country will be revolted by the officers' conduct in this case. But only when law enforcement begin to express the same outrage as ordinary persons at these types of horrendous uses of force that faith in law enforcement can begin to be restored.

The Glass family further calls on the Fifth Judicial District, the Colorado Attorney General's Office, and the United States Attorney General's Office to prosecute these officers to the fullest extent of the law. Justice so demands.

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