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**\$19 Million Settlement Reached in Christian Glass Civil Rights Case**

Denver, CO -- Sally and Simon Glass announce that they have reached agreements to settle all claims relating to the death of their beloved son, Christian Glass, for the amount of \$19 million with Clear Creek County, the State of Colorado, the Town of Georgetown, and the City of Idaho Springs. The size of the settlement reflects the immense wrong and injustice committed by the officers that killed Christian, whose death has broken his family and left an immeasurable void.

Christian Glass should be alive today. This settlement sends a message that such injustice will not be tolerated, and that those responsible will be held accountable — including those officers who stood by and failed to intervene to protect Christian.

In addition to the \$19 million in financial compensation, the settlements also include a number of impactful measures aimed at honoring Christian's memory and effecting lasting change:

- Clear Creek County has agreed to dedicate a public park to Christian Glass, which will be selected in consultation with Simon and Sally Glass.
- Clear Creek County has also agreed to establish a dedicated crisis response team in the County by January 1, 2025. In addition, the Clear Creek County Sheriff's Office has agreed to train and certify all its patrol officers in crisis intervention. These agreements recognize the critical importance that law enforcement respond to emergencies, including situations involving mental health crises, with professionalism, empathy, and an emphasis on de-escalation. Simon and Sally Glass will also have the opportunity to speak with new patrol recruits to the Clear Creek County Sheriff's Office, to share Christian's story and emphasize the importance of these issues.
- The State has also agreed to important changes in training for its law enforcement agencies. The Colorado State Patrol will develop a virtual reality (VR) training scenario reflecting Christian's murder, with a focus on de-escalation in a high-stress situation. This VR training will be named after Christian. In addition, the State Patrol and Division of Gaming will open their statewide ABLE (Active Bystandership for Law Enforcement) training with a video presentation of Simon and Sally Glass explaining the importance of officers' duty to intervene.

The Glass family recognizes and appreciates that Governor Jared Polis was the first elected official to publicly condemn Christian's murder. On Wednesday, May 24, 2023 at 9:00 a.m., there will be a ceremony commemorating Christian at which Governor Polis will make remarks, and Simon and Sally Glass will present some of Christian's artwork to be displayed by the State in government buildings. The ceremony will be streamed live.

The family also thanks Fifth Judicial District Attorney Heidi McCollum for her diligent prosecution of Officers Andrew Buen and Kyle Gould, two of the murderers of Christian. The

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court in the criminal case has found that, "malicious intent can be inferred from the aggressive demeanor and the ultimate action of the Defendant shooting Mr. Glass as seen in the bodycam footage."

More information including photographs of Christian and his artwork as well as the bodycam footage can be found here: <https://rmlawyers.com/Christian-Glass/>

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