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For Immediate Release:

Today the Clear Creek County Sheriff's Office, in response to the nationwide condemnation of the killing of Christian Glass and without speaking with the Glass family, issued a press statement that they would begin "cooperat[ing] and collaborat[ing] with the Clear Creek County Commissioners in the research and development of a Crisis Response Team." Had a Crisis Response Team been in place in June of 2022, Christian would be alive today. However, for more than two years the Clear Creek County Sheriff's Office has been on notice that they needed a Crisis Response Team. In August 2020, as a result of a different officer-involved shooting death, a Grand Jury made the following recommendations:

The Grand Jury recognizes there exists insufficient resources and facilities available to address individuals who suffer from various types of mental illness in the Clear Creek County community....Mental health resources should be made more available in the community including, funding by Clear Creek County and the municipalities within the County, to address the mental health issues which afflict community members.

The Grand Jury encourages the municipalities and County to address these issues, enabling law enforcement officers with resources that do not currently exist, in hopes of preventing another tragedy like this from occurring. In the near term, the Grand Jury recommends to local governments in Clear Creek County, that they identify mental health resources, whether in or outside the county, that can immediately be made available to law enforcement to assist those individuals in mental health crisis.

Not only did the Clear Creek County Sheriff's Office ignore the Grand Jury's well-founded recommendations, but over the last four months since Christian's death the Sheriff's Office has misled the public about the facts of Christian's murder and repeatedly condoned, justified, and exonerated their deputies' conduct. None of the deputies involved in Christian's murder have been disciplined and the Clear Creek County Sheriff's Office deputy who shot and killed Christian is still on the street in uniform. The time for "research and development" has passed and the nation must demand action and justice for Christian Glass.

Additional information about the murder of Christian Glass can be found here:

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