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FAMILY STATEMENT CONCERNING GRAFTON THOMAS

I am issuing this press alert on behalf of and at the request of the family of Grafton Thomas.

Grafton Thomas has a long history of mental illness and hospitalizations. He has no history of like violent acts and no convictions for any crime. He has no known history of anti-Semitism and was raised in a home which embraced and respected all religions and races. He is not a member of any hate groups.

We have instructed Mr. Thomas's newly retained attorney, Michael H. Sussman, to seek immediate mental health evaluation of Grafton. We believe the actions of which he is accused, if committed by him, tragically reflect profound mental illness for which, as noted above, Grafton has received episodic treatment before being released.

Finally, we express our deepest concern and prayers for those injured physically and otherwise deeply affected by the events of Saturday night and our family's earnest yearning for their well being. We thank those who rendered medical attention to each of those injured.

You may contact Mr. Thomas' attorney, Michael Sussman, at 845-294-3991, with any further inquiries.

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