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Subject: Clarification Regarding the Passing of Mica Miller

Myrtle Beach, South Carolina - The Law Offices of Russell B. Long, on behalf of our client Pastor John Paul Miller, issues this press release to clarify the circumstances surrounding the tragic passing of Mica Miller.

Following the untimely death of Mica Miller, unfounded rumors and false accusations began circulating on social media and in various media outlets, suggesting Pastor Miller's involvement in her demise. This created a buzz, causing local and national media outlets to begin proliferating these falsehoods, on a mammoth proportion. Our client refutes any report that suggests he ever abused his wife. Recent reports claim that Pastor Miller "groomed" his wife from the age of 10 years old couldn't be farther from the truth. She moved to Myrtle Beach at the age of 15, was married to another man at the age of 18, and divorced at the age of 21. It has come to light that Mica Miller struggled with mental illness, specifically bipolar disorder, which, when not properly managed, led to paranoid episodes and self-destructive behavior. Again, Mica suffered from mental illness and some reports made by her in the recent past are nonsensical. This unfortunate reality underscores the importance of destigmatizing mental health issues and ensuring those affected receive appropriate support and treatment.

We wish to emphasize that, after a thorough investigation by the Robeson County, North Carolina Sheriffs Office, it has been conclusively determined that Ms. Miller's death was the result of a self-inflicted gunshot wound. This finding completely exonerates Pastor Miller of any wrongdoing. These baseless claims and false reporting have caused immense distress and harm to Pastor Miller and his family and needs to stop immediately.

We hereby demand that all individuals and media outlets cease and desist from perpetuating these harmful falsehoods. Any further dissemination of defamatory and libelous statements will be met with legal action. A complete inventory of these defamatory and libelous statements has been conducted, those that have, to date, violated Pastor Miller's right to live in peace and to mourn the passing of his wife respectfully, will be held accountable. Those that choose to allow any previously posted or published false statements about Pastor Miller to remain in the public domain, can expect to be served with civil litigation against them individually, and when appropriate, their media organizations and managerial supervisors can expect the same. We all have the right to free speech, but not that speech which is false, and harmful to the subject of that speech. Many media outlets have reached out to Pastor Miller for comment, and we direct all future requests for comment be directly to Attorney Russell B Long at his Myrtle Beach Office.

We appreciate your cooperation in respecting Pastor Miller's right to grieve and mourn his wife's passing without undue interference or slander.

Sincerely,

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