

PRESS STATEMENT - RYAN BRESETTE

September 3, 2014

Thank you Tim. Good morning, everyone. Thank you for being here this morning.

We want to begin by expressing our appreciation to the city of Birmingham and our hometown of Kansas City for the way each community responded to our family. In addition, we are appreciative of the many thoughts, prayers and support for our family from those around the nation and the world. The outpouring of love and support is what aided us to get out of bed each day and continue on. We are also grateful to the Birmingham-Shuttlesworth International Airport Board for the compassion and professionalism shown to our family during the days following the incident and the legal process.

We would like to thank the media for respecting our privacy during this horrible tragedy.

We want to thank our legal team for doing what they promised to do from the first day we hired them. They promised to be Luke's voice and they have fulfilled that promise to our family.

We are extremely pleased that we were able to resolve the matter under confidential terms. We embarked upon this part of our journey in an effort to get to the truth and to assign responsibility. I am particularly grateful to the Brassfield and

Gorrie/Bloc team and their counsel for their cooperation in this investigation, for acknowledging that mistakes were made, and for engaging in an open dialog about these events in order to see that steps are taken to avoid similar tragedies in the future.

We have always relied upon our faith to provide guidance, direction, and strength in raising our family. Quite frankly, our faith, was the only thing that allowed us to survive the events and the aftermath of March 22, 2013. And while our faith teaches us the importance of personal accountability, it also teaches us about the need for forgiveness. Luke also believed in forgiveness – asking for forgiveness or forgiving others. The individuals who make up the companies involved here are good and decent people who never intended this result. Nevertheless mistakes were made and there has now been accountability and repentance. Our family in return extends forgiveness.

Heather and I are also here today with our children Anna, Joe, Sam and Tyler. Our children have been an incredible source of strength for Heather and me. They have been incredibly resilient and it is obvious to us that Luke is smiling down on his sister and his brothers.

It is time for healing and reconciliation. We miss Luke every hour of every day and we will never forget Luke. Our family intends to move forward now and focus our efforts on promoting the “Live Like Luke” foundation in order to encourage young people to be the best they can be. We miss you Luke and we love you so, so very much.

Thank you again.