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A STATEMENT FROM ATTORNEY GENERAL JASON RAVNSBORG REGARDING THE EVENTS OF SEPTEMBER 12, 2020

"I am shocked and filled with sorrow following the events of last night. As Governor Noem stated, I am fully cooperating with the investigation and I fully intend to continue do so moving forward. At this time I offer my deepest sympathy and condolences to the family."

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Tony, this is AG Ravnsborg and this is my AG cell. The other is my personal/campaign/ politics cell.

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Thanks again for your call. Please give us a heads up before you make any public statements.

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Sounds good- I have no plans to make any public statements but when I do I will let you know

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Ok thanks.

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Jason - Given what is happening, the Governor is going to ask you to take a leave of absence, at least until the conclusion of the investigation. She will be announcing that at 1 pm. If you agree to do that, she would say so at that time.

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She believes the right course of action would be for you to announce that you are voluntarily taking a leave of absence until the investigation is complete. So she won't say anything until we hear back from you.