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Statement of Edwin Mieses Sr.

As a father, I obviously am primarily concerned about the well being of my son and his family. He has a long, long road ahead of him. We all do. As a father, that is my focus right now.

But I am also a pastor. I honestly feel no anger towards anyone, including the driver of the SUV. Just as my son is going to have to live with the choice that the driver made for the rest of his life, so will that driver. Emotions got the best of several people last Sunday, and when people react based on emotion, they often make poor choices. The driver of that SUV is eventually going to have to face what he did.

I ask that people consider what happened with open hearts and minds, and think about the assumptions they make about people – think about what assumptions you make when you watch that video about who is bad or who is good. In the end, those assumptions are not always right. And think about how to act in a moment of high emotion. Do we react with fear and hatred in our hearts? Or do we act with generosity and caring? How we respond in moments of crisis is

a measure of who we are. I know my son, and I know he is always ready to try to help people. Please keep him in your prayers and thoughts.

Edwin Mieses, Sr.

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