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MARK SHAPIRO ISSUES STATEMENT AFTER KARLIE TOMICA ENTERS GUILTY PLEA

Miami, FL – August 7, 2013 – This afternoon, Karlie Tomica publically acknowledged and accepted responsibility for the tragic accident which took the life of Stephano Riccoletti.

Mark Shapiro issues the following statement:

DUI-related fatalities are always a terrible thing, and this case is no different. Those who suffer the greatest are the family and friends of the loved one who lost their life. And very often, the person responsible devastates not only their own, but the lives of their loved ones as well.

Ms. Tomica has accepted responsibility for her crime today. She was sentenced to serve four years as a youthful offender in a youthful offender facility. Then she will have the opportunity to share her experience with other young people in the hope that they will not make the same tragic mistake.

Ms. Tomica again wishes to express her sincerest apology to the Riccoletti family and deeply regrets the suffering that she has caused.

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