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STATEMENT BY ORANGE COUNTY COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL SERVICES

Goshen, NY – Orange County Commissioner of Social Services David Jolly released the following statement today in response to the tragic drowning of a mother and her three children in Newburgh last night:

We extend our deepest condolences to the families involved in last night's terrible tragedy. Our thoughts and prayers go out to them, the community of Newburgh, and all Orange County residents as we try to understand how such a tragedy could occur.

The Orange County Department of Social Services Child Protective Division (CPS) has been involved with the ten year old child who survived last night's tragedy. CPS has offered assistance to the police department, as well as to the community. Our main concern will continue to be the health and well being of the surviving child. We can report that the child is safe, and that we will be offering ongoing support as he begins to mourn the loss of his mother and siblings.

Although we appreciate and understand that members of our community are interested in knowing of this child's status, please understand that it is not in the child's best interest to reveal any information regarding where the child is currently located or how our CPS Division will proceed to insure his ongoing safety. We respectfully request that interested parties understand the need for privacy during this difficult time.

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