



MEDIA RELEASE

STATEMENT BY COSTA FAMILY

York Regional Police is facilitating the release of a statement prepared by Sam Costa, father and husband of the two family members involved in the homicide in Town of Richmond Hill, which occurred on Thursday, April 7, 2016.

The family is asking the media to respect its privacy during this difficult time and advises no further comment will be forthcoming.

As we mourn the loss of Karen and Jeffrey, we do find solace in knowing that they are together in heaven.

As a mother and son, they had a strong and undeniable bond. They were at the core of a very loving family. Together we shared many milestones and happy memories. Our family was, and still is, grounded in respect, love and compassion for one another.

We, as a family, never wavered in our unconditional support for Jeffrey who had been struggling with mental health issues.

This unspeakable tragedy that occurred in our family home last week was the result of a loving and protective mother trying to save her son from harming himself.

Over the last 20 years with all the mental health fundraising efforts my family has been involved with, I never thought our lives would be so directly affected and altered by this illness. The void of their sudden loss is unexplainable.

We would like to thank York Regional Police, Western University, and the other agencies for their professional and respectful handling of our family tragedy.

Karen and Jeffrey were so cherished and loved by their family and so many countless friends, co-workers, acquaintances and classmates.

The words of condolences and support we have received have been overwhelming and have brought much comfort to myself and my other two children.

Prepared by: Sam Costa
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