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TEAM SOUTH FLORIDA ISSUES A PUBLIC STATEMENT REGARDING PATROLMAN KURT SOLOMON AND FIRST H.E.L.P.

The Team South Florida law enforcement charity extends our deepest condolences to the family, friends, and fellow law enforcement officers of Worcester Police Patrolman Kurt Solomon. His tragic death represents the loss of a husband, family member, friend, and dedicated police officer who served his community for more than three decades. Our thoughts remain first and foremost with those grieving his loss.

Next, we are deeply troubled by the allegations involving Karen Solomon, Founder and President of First H.E.L.P. An arrest warrant has now been issued charging her with assault and battery with a dangerous weapon causing serious bodily injury. While these are allegations supported by an arrest warrant, the investigation remains active, and we believe the facts and legal process must be allowed to run its course.

Team South Florida is a nonprofit law enforcement charity that, for more than a decade, has been dedicated to supporting first responders, their families, and the communities we serve. Since 2018, mental health awareness and support have been among our primary charitable initiatives. Through that work, we have had the opportunity to interact with and mutually support First H.E.L.P. on numerous occasions. While our organizations are not affiliated, we are thankful for that relationship and the shared commitment to helping first responders and their families.

For years, First H.E.L.P. has remained a consistent national voice addressing first responder suicide. While other efforts and organizations have come and gone, First H.E.L.P. has continued to recognize, track, and bring awareness to this growing crisis. First beginning with law enforcement suicide and more recently expanding their mission to serve the broader first responder community. Their work supporting families, collecting data, providing education, and challenging the stigma has made a difference to these professions.

The allegations involving one individual should not erase that work or diminish the importance of their mission. First H.E.L.P. is bigger than any one person or single incident. We trust its Board of Directors will take whatever action it determines appropriate as additional facts become known, and we stand with the organization, volunteers, supporters, and families they serve as they continue this incredibly important work.

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Above all, we remember Patrolman Kurt Solomon, honor his decades of dedicated law enforcement service and sacrifice, and extend our sincere condolences to everyone affected by this tragedy. While we are based in Florida, our network of volunteers extends across the country, and we remain just a phone call, email, or message away for anyone impacted by this tragedy who may need support.

God bless and stay safe.

Respectfully,

Richard Best

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