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VALLEJO CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL SETTLES CASE AFTER SPECIAL NEEDS TEEN DIES

Solano County, CA – The family of Kevon DeLeon have settled their case with Vallejo City Unified School District after his untimely death from a seizure when he was allowed to wander away from his supervised special needs program at Everest Academy. The settlement will allow the family to close this chapter of his life and to fully grieve at the loss of their child.

Notwithstanding the settlement, it is still the wish of the family that the districts' procedures and policies for the care of all the children be examined so that other parents' nightmares do not become reality.

The family's attorney, Bryan Harrison of Harrison | Kristopher, LLP, a native of Vallejo and the son of Michael Harrison, a retired special education teacher who had worked for Vallejo City Unified School District's Jesse Bethel High School had this to say about this case *"This case was of particular importance to me because of my family's background in Vallejo and with Vallejo City Unified School District. My team and I worked diligently to uncover the truth and obtain justice for the family who had loved and raised Kevon, but I also wanted to help my hometown. It is my sincere hope that this legal process has opened the eyes of the administrators and staff of VCUSD to the shortcomings of their procedures and that changes will be made to the benefit of all the children of Vallejo and the parents and families who love them."*

Ms. Edi Kristopher, a partner at Harrison | Kristopher, LLP, co-counsel on this case, as well as a mother with a special needs young adult knows firsthand the significant challenges special needs students face in the public school system had this to say, *"It is satisfying to have helped right the wrongs in this case for the family of Kevon but there are too many children whose voices are not heard that we all need to stand up for and it is my goal to do that."*

Mr. Harrison would be open to interviews to answer what facts he and the family know about what happened to Kevon that day. Please contact Raquel Jurado at the Harrison | Kristopher office at 866-988-4924 to coordinate an interview.

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