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## MOTHER OF 7-YEAR-OLD ATHENA STRAND TO SPEAK DURING PRESS CONFERENCE

DECATUR - A press conference will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday outside the Wise County Courthouse, where the mother of 7-year-old Athena Strand will give a statement about the tragic death of her daughter.

Maitlyn Gandy will address the media alongside her attorney, Benson Varghese. In addition to Gandy's statement, Varghese will answer questions, as well as provide information on how the community can continue to support Athena's family during their extraordinary journey through grief.

Athena's mother retained Varghese Summersett Injury Law Group on Monday to assist in various aspects of this case, which has garnered extensive media attention and has the public demanding justice, both criminally and civilly.

Athena was found dead last week after a FedEx driver kidnapped and killed her after making a Christmas delivery to her father's home in Paradise.

"Our short-term efforts are focused on Athena's family; taking as much as we can off their plates so they can mourn her loss," said Varghese, Managing Partner of Varghese Summersett. "Our long-term goals are to thoroughly investigate how and why this happened and to hold any person or corporation accountable whose actions or inactions could have prevented this little girl's tragic death."

"Corporations like FedEx are welcomed at our homes to bring packages to our doorsteps, not danger. We will leave no stone unturned in our quest to get answers for Athena."

Varghese Summersett is a premier trial law firm in North Texas with practices in personal injury, criminal defense, and family law. The firm has a Media Relations Director to assist members of the media with questions, statements, and interview requests.

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Information about the events and donation information can be found at <u>versusinjury.com/answers-for-athena.</u>

\*\* The press conference will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday, December 8, on the southwest corner of the Wise County Courthouse, 101 Trinity Street in Decatur.

