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## STATEMENT BY MAITLYN GANDY ON TANNER HORNER INDICTMENT

Please see the following statement from Maitlyn Gandy, the mother of 7-year-old Athena Strand, regarding the February 16, 2023, indictment of Tanner Horner in Wise County.

"I would like to thank the Wise County grand jury for their role in this process. Hearing the facts and circumstances of my 7-year-old daughter's kidnapping and murder was undoubtedly very difficult for them. I want them to know that their work is deeply appreciated.

Tanner Horner's indictment is the beginning of a long road through the justice system. I appreciate everyone's continued support and for keeping Athena's name and memory alive. Please take a moment to hug your children and loved ones. No one is promised another day."

Maitlyn Gandy is being represented by Varghese Summersett Injury Law Group. The firm has a Media Relations Director to assist members of the media with questions, statements, and interview requests.

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