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RE: Statement on behalf of Smallwood Plaza, LLC. Owners of The Smallwood Building

Bloomington, Indiana (June 8, 2011) From the outset of the investigation into the disappearance of Lauren Spierer, the ownership and management of The Smallwood Building have fully cooperated with investigators and officers of the Bloomington Police Department.

Last Friday evening at approximately 7:00 p.m. our security officers met here with Bloomington Police Department investigators for an initial review of surveillance system recordings. From Friday evening until yesterday afternoon no further request was made for copies of those recordings. No phone calls, no text messages, no e-mails, no letters, nothing whatsoever.

At approximately 5:00 p.m. yesterday, officers arrived with a search warrant here at the building and requested 48 hours of recording from five video cameras. Our security personnel immediately began compressing those files from hard drives and transferring them to DVD. The files from each camera had to be downloaded, compressed and burned separately; as one can imagine it takes quite some time to load such large files. Our initial estimate was that this process would take 2 ½ - 3 hours.

At approximately 8:00 p.m. last evening, the president of Buckingham Properties, Alex Jackiw (“JACK-oo”), received a phone call from the Bloomington Police Department demanding access to a mail or package room and a second-floor data room. Ms. Jackiw told the officer she would immediately dispatch a maintenance supervisor and have the rooms unlocked. At approximately 8:05 p.m. Ms. Jackiw received a second call notifying her that the doors would be knocked down immediately, which they were. The maintenance supervisor arrived less than five minutes later and actually assisted the officers in dismantling and removing equipment.

Unfortunately, several thousands of dollars in damage was caused unnecessarily. We just completed less than an hour ago the process of replacing equipment and restoring the video surveillance system in the building. Hundreds of thousands of dollars have been invested to help provide peace of mind for our residents. Had this investment not been made, crucial evidence in this investigation would not exist.

The Smallwood Building has 156 security cameras. They are located in elevators, common areas, corridors and stairwells. Each is connected to a recording device 24-hours, 7-days a week. Access to doors and individual floors is by card- or key-access only. Should a non-resident enter the front lobby and seek access to resident floors, they can only do so by calling a specific unit using a phone pad near the elevators. Each unit has a house phone with a video monitor, so the resident can ensure the identity of the caller before providing them with access to the floor.

The ownership, and the entire management and security staff of The Smallwood Building are committed to doing everything humanly possible to help the Bloomington Police Department find Lauren Spierer. They are communicating daily and at times, hourly with Lauren's parents who have been here at the building almost continuously since arriving on Saturday. Our thoughts and our prayers continue to be with them at this most difficult time.

Finally, we want to extend every assurance to our current residents and their families that precautions are being taken to care for our residents and respect their privacy because this is, after all, their home. Security personnel will be on-site from 8:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m. until further notice.

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