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Press Release

The Guilford Police Department is continuing their investigation into the death of Ethan Song. Our goal is to provide the most updated and accurate information to the family and the public while maintaining the integrity of the investigation. The nature of investigations is such that answers cannot always be provided as quickly as some would like. This is a tragedy not only for the Song family but also for the family of the other juvenile involved and the community as a whole.

Rumors surrounding the circumstances of Ethan Song's death immediately circulated via social media applications and word of mouth. Unfortunately, we have no control over rumors or speculation other than to provide the most updated and factual information possible.

With that in mind, on February 7, 2018 an article was published regarding the Ethan Song investigation. Following its publication we have received multiple inquiries from other media outlets and the public seeking to verify what was printed. We feel it is important to address certain reported information. We have no evidence or information to suggest that the teens were playing a version of Russian roulette or that the boys thought the gun was unloaded because there was no magazine in it.

The Guilford Police Department is working closely with the State's Attorney's office and we are continuing to investigate whether any charges will be filed as a result of this tragic death. We will not be releasing any information regarding the second youth in the home at the time of Ethan's death, nor will we be releasing any additional evidence or information related to this case as this is an active investigation.

News organizations have been both professional and patient in their reporting on this story and the Guilford Police Department would like to commend and thank them for continuing to do so as facts surrounding the case develop. We will provide more information when it becomes available and appropriate for release.