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Tim and I want to thank all of you for coming today. This has been a very long process for Tim and our family and unfortunately, we are far from being through it all. The support and prayers that we have received from the public has been overwhelming and it still is. To know that we have the prayers and support of people that we have never met is humbling.

We also want to give a special thanks to Jacob Kimpton, David Scanlon and Austin Switalski who were victims of these three boys before Tim. We understand that they were very brave in coming forward in this whole situation. Their welfare has been on our minds and we want to publicly thank them for all they have gone through.

Let me first say that Tim's ultimate goal is to be able to return to work as a police officer. This career has been his dream for as long as I have known him. However, it is not in his near future to return to the Cedar Rapids Police Department.

Tim has no memory of what happened on March 29. The doctors are not sure that he will ever have a memory of the event. I was told that he was hit once in the face with a blunt object when he exited the police car. When he hit the pavement, he fractured the back of his skull. The impact from being hit in the face and his head hitting the pavement caused his brain to swell and caused bruising to his brain. The doctors at the University of Iowa Hospitals were forced to remove the frontal bone flap. They explained that Tim had a severe brain injury to the frontal lobe. The frontal lobe affects Tim's memory, his personality, his ability to show emotion, whether he interacts appropriately and establishes relationships with others.

Physically, Tim is in excellent condition. His long term memory is fine. And he has no gross or fine motor skill issues. The problems arise in his high level thinking and processing skills and with problem solving. He shakes, he has problems with his short term memory, and he has difficulty with 2 or more step problems. An example of this would be a simple task of sorting out lottery tickets. At therapy, Tim was given the instructions of sorting lottery tickets according to their numbers; he was given the task to find the ticket with the most numbers under 10. Tim looked through the stack and could

not find it. He needed instructions on how to find it by using piles to sort the tickets, While he was able to follow instructions he was soon confused because his short term memory couldn't remember which pile was which. These types of problem solving skills are something he continues to work on. Tim is easily distracted as well. He may not be able to stay focused on a task without being distracted. This can affect a simple task like preparing a box of macaroni and cheese, getting distracted and not turning off the stove when he is done. Because of this and other safety concerns, Tim needs 24 hour supervision. He cannot be left alone. And is unable to care for our two small boys by himself. Tim cannot make any sole decisions like paying the bills without someone checking his work to make sure his has done it correctly completely. He spends 4 days a week in therapy, for 45 to 90 minutes each day. This includes Occupational, Physical and Speech Therapy.

The best way to explain this is that this is a new Tim. He will never be as he was before the incident and all of our friends and family are trying to get to know the "new" Tim.

The future is still unknown for Tim and what he can do. He has surpassed all of the expectations that the doctors have had. We were told during the first week that Tim may not make it and then we were told that if he did, he would be lucky to walk and talk. With each condition update from the doctors, he has surpassed what they previously said so they do not know where Tim will end up or what he can accomplish. I will return back to work in the fall and the kids will continue day care. But at this time, we don't know where Tim will be or if he will require 24 hour supervision.

We do know that he will be receiving a titanium plate to replace the frontal bone flap sometime this summer. The recovery time for this is expected to be at least 6 weeks.

The possibilities for the future are that he will return back to work as a Cedar Rapids Police Officer. As I said at the beginning, this is Tim's ultimate goal. The other possibility is that he will be forced to take a disability. Although Tim would receive a portion of his current salary, this does not include insurance on our sons or myself or even Tim if it is not related to his head injury from this incident. The bottom line is that our total family income will be tremendously altered.

I would like to thank most of the public and media for respecting our privacy. When people have seen Tim and me at the store or in public, they have given us the space and privacy that we have needed. They smile and wave or nod and for that private acknowledgment we are most grateful. It will be months to years before we know where this will end up.

We can't begin to list all those that have touched our lives through the fundraisers, the cards, the bracelets and t shirts and most of all the prayers that we have received. All of the law enforcement agencies, the Cedar Rapids School District, especially Harding, CREA, our coworkers and others have been amazing. The list is too long to thank appropriately. The public has shown their support for Tim but in reality it has been for all officers and mere words cannot express how we feel and how blessed we have been. We don't know what our financial future holds for us and this is what the fundraisers will be used for.

We want to give a special thanks to the Cedar Rapids Police Department and their families for their daily visits, their emails and all they have done for our family. They did not overlook anything. They are a constant reminder of the extended family we have and are proud to be a part of.

Because of all that Tim has had to go through and all of the work the Cedar Rapids Police Protective Association and the Cedar Rapids Police Auxiliary did for fundraising, it was decided to start a Downed Officer Fund. The only thing I would ask is that the public continue to keep Tim in their thoughts and prayers.