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Henrico Commonwealth's Attorney Shannon Taylor issued this statement on the the Guilty Pleas in the death of Lucia Bremer on March 26, 2021

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"Today, Dylan Williams plead guilty to the first-degree killing of Lucia Bremer on March 26-2021, to the use of the firearm in that killing and to the attempted murder of her friend. The Commonwealth presented a statement of facts (attached hereto) as the basis for the plea and sentencing was continued at which additional evidence will be presented.

"Furthermore, the family has provided the following statement:

Statement in Response to the Plea Agreement Regarding the Murder of Lucia Bremer

Our daughter Lucia was killed on March 26, 2021. Today, the person charged with murdering her and the attempted murder of her friend entered a guilty plea as the result of an agreement carefully curated by the Henrico County Commonwealth Attorney's office.

The criminal and legal process started immediately after Lucia's murder, when neighbors and bystanders who witnessed the event volunteered critical information to the Henrico County police department. This information, combined with tips from our neighbors and the strong investigative work of the homicide detectives, led to the identification and swift arrest of Lucia's murderer. The progress toward justice continued with the careful collection of evidence and analysis by experts. The solid case was then brought to the Commonwealth Attorney's office, who has since steadfastly worked to prosecute these crimes with their experience and with compassion toward our families. To all of these civil servants and to our community, we offer our wholehearted gratitude.

We want our community to know that today's plea deal has our full endorsement. While this process has been arduous, taking twists and turns and with delays that likely could have been



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avoided, it is the outcome that matters. We had the satisfaction of watching Lucia's murderer admit his guilt, and that is not something we were ever assured of before today.

And still, this process continues. We now turn our focus on the sentencing hearing, which will be the only time in the criminal proceeding during which we can convey all that was stolen from us: our beautiful daughter Lucia, her bright smile and funny spirit, her ability to make connections, and her future contributions to our community. It will also be an important time for the court to hear about the dangerous tendencies of her killer. We are hopeful that the court will carefully consider these factors and exact a thoughtful and lengthy sentence, a sentence that will confirm that Lucia's murderer will not ever again be a danger to the public.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Meredith and Jonathan Bremer

"The next court date is April 14, 2023, at 1100.