Statement from Nick Caiafa

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Investigations into these two cases were completed long ago, and matters were closed. There is nothing new because there is nothing there. To bring them up again, nearly two decades later, is a despicable move by a desperate political candidate.

To suggest foul play in the tragic deaths of two people with whom I had close relationships is the lowest form of dirty tricks I have ever seen. Not only would I never harm them, I worked to help them with their personal struggles for years. I wish to God that I had been able to save these wonderful women.

I never looked at the police reports from these terrible tragedies until recently. In doing so, I have seen that there are errors in the police reports. They are flat out wrong in some areas, particularly with the use of the word "bachelorette." I never said that. Other assertions, namely that drugs were never part of the picture with Lorraine, are also completely wrong. Addiction, codependence, enabling, and denial are wily and powerful foes. Expecting me to recall every detail of these horrific deaths, which happened so long ago, is unreasonable. As the years have gone on, I have tried to rid my mind of the sad memories of their tragic passings.

I have built my life around my family and my community. My work is aimed at making our town stronger and more prosperous. I have lived in Schiller Park for more than 30 years, and I am not only proud to call it home, I am proud to work for its betterment.

Running for office today and being a public servant is not easy. The slings and arrows will always fly. But during the past four years our town has become a battlefield of mistrust and a minefield of misguided priorities. I have always worked to make this a better, stronger, and more vibrant community. I won't allow intimidation and innuendo to deter me from working for every resident of this great place.

My campaign is about leadership and a vision of what Schiller Park can be: a better place to work and raise a family.