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SMITH STATEMENT

The focus of Jim and Laurie Smith has always been their daughter and raising her in a safe, secure, and close family home environment with a focus on her academic and athletic pursuits.

It never was the intent of the Smiths to harm the defendant and this case was never about gender or sexual orientation. It was about age appropriate relationships and following the rules and laws of our society. They are relieved that this chapter of their life is behind them and that now they, and their daughter, can focus on the future.

They are thankful to the office of the state attorney, for bringing this case to its conclusion with a fair plea agreement. They are also thankful for the support and assistance of the Indian River County Sheriff's department and all of their friends and family that have stood by them.