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National campus safety experts promote support and recovery in wake of Wesleyan tragedy

Margolis and Healy available to speak about post-crisis response and recovery process

National campus safety experts Dr. Gary J. Margolis and Steven J. Healy express their condolences to the family of Wesleyan student Johanna Justin-Jinich and to the Wesleyan University community, and stress the importance of healing following the devastating murder of Ms. Johanna Justin-Jinich.

“The senseless killing of Johanna Justin-Jinich is an unthinkable tragedy that no family or campus community should ever have to endure,” said Healy, managing partner of educational safety and security consulting firm Margolis, Healy & Associates. “In the aftermath of this horrific event, Wesleyan campus leaders now face the difficult challenge of healing and rebuilding. Right now, it’s important to recognize and address the fear that the community may be experiencing, especially the Jewish Community.”

With murder suspect Stephen Morgan behind bars after a nearly two-day campus lockdown, the Wesleyan community enters a new phase of the crisis. While the immediate danger of the situation may have passed, the lengthy and painful recovery process is just beginning.

“Wesleyan campus leaders must grapple with a number of difficult questions,” said Margolis, managing partner of Margolis, Healy & Associates. “How can they best support fearful students? What role should campus safety play in recovery? Which support services should be brought in to help students heal? How does the campus continue to support faculty, staff and students during the summer recess as the semester comes to an end?”

Margolis, a former chair of the University & College Police Section of the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) and Healy, a past president of the International Association of Campus Law Enforcement Administrators (IACLEA), emphasize that the appropriate response to these challenges in the weeks and months following the tragic shooting will be critical for the recovery of the Wesleyan campus community.

Margolis, Healy & Associates is one of the leading professional services firms focusing on safety and security at universities, colleges and K-12 school systems. With more than two decades of experience in this arena, the firm has developed a unique, proprietary methodology for evaluating safety and security needs at educational institutions and assisting with critical incident management. Mr. Healy and Dr. Margolis are the lead co-authors of the International Association of Campus Law Enforcement Administrator’s [Blueprint for Safer Campuses: An Overview of the Virginia Tech Tragedy and Implications for Campus Safety.](#)

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