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**Statement on behalf of Westgate shooting victim Samantha Baldomero**

Ms. Baldomero and her family are still in shock from the terrifying events that occurred at Westgate Entertainment District one week ago. They are issuing the following statement regarding the shooting and request privacy as they grapple with the stresses and emotions flowing from that day:

On May 21, 2020, Samantha Baldomero was at Westgate Entertainment District in Glendale, enjoying the early evening with her friends. Shortly after 7:30 p.m., the lights flickered for a moment before the power went out. What happened next has been immortalized in social media and on the news as Armando Hernandez Jr. went on a shooting spree using what has been reported as an AR-15 rifle. Hernandez shot three people, including Ms. Baldomero, and scarred countless others who either witnessed the shootings or temporarily lost contact with their loved ones as the news began live reporting on the events that evening.

In the Snapchat video circulating online, Ms. Baldomero can be seen on the ground, pleading with Hernandez, while he aimed the loaded AR-15 at her head. Ms. Baldomero told him that she had already been shot in the leg. Fortunately for Ms. Baldomero, Hernandez moved on. He was eventually arrested by Glendale police officers.

Ms. Baldomero has received medical care and is expected to recover from the gunshot wound. However, Ms. Baldomero and her family are only now coming to terms knowing how the evening of May 21, 2020 could have had a much more tragic result – not only for her, but for each and every victim and patron of Westgate Entertainment District. She understands the public and media’s interest in this high-profile case, but respectfully requests privacy for her and her entire family while they sort through the events of that day. Finally, she wishes all of the other victims of this senseless crime physical and emotional healing.

At this time, Ms. Baldomero and her family will not respond personally to requests for interviews or updates. Any further inquiries or requests for interviews should be sent via electronic mail to [scott@millsandwoods.com](mailto:scott@millsandwoods.com) and [swoods@millsandwoods.com](mailto:swoods@millsandwoods.com).

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