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The following statement is released September 22, 2003 for attribution from:
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Re: Status of Investigation of death of T.C. Williams High School student Schuyler Jones on September 13, 2003.

The investigation into the September 13 death of T. C. Williams High School student Schuyler Jones is proceeding appropriately and I expect a resolution will be reached within a short period of time. An autopsy examination was performed on September 15 to determine the cause of death. Final results of this examination are pending, and require completion of additional tests, which I hope will be concluded by September 30. A large number of witnesses and other persons with relevant information are being interviewed. This process is time consuming, as many of these individuals are represented by attorneys.

I am working closely with the Alexandria Police detectives assigned to the case, and we are doing everything we can to bring closure to this investigation as soon as possible. It is important this inquiry be carried out thoroughly and without undue haste, to assure the correct and just result. We appreciate your patience.