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Statement by Governor Whitman on the Death of Edward Werner

I was greatly saddened to hear the news of Edward Werner's death. My thoughts and prayers are with his family during this difficult time. While there is no single law that can totally protect our children from harm, I've directed my Chief Counsel to review New Jersey's statutes and those in other states to ensure that our laws provide adequate safeguards for children involved in fundraising activities.

I want to commend all the law enforcement agencies involved for their quick actions in this matter, and all those who helped in the search for Edward Werner.

Our hearts go out to the entire Werner family. This is a tragedy for them, for Jackson Township and for New Jersey.

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