

Statement from Governor Murphy on the Tragic Deaths of Johnny and Matthew Gaudreau

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“Tammy and I are heartbroken by the shocking and tragic loss of Johnny and Matthew Gaudreau, who were killed yesterday evening while biking in Oldmans Township.

“The Gaudreau siblings were proud New Jersey natives. The two of them discovered their love for hockey in the rinks of South Jersey, and followed their passion up to Boston, where both brothers quickly emerged as star players on the Boston College men’s hockey team.

“After college, Johnny went on to play in the NHL—most recently, with the Columbus Blue Jackets—and earned the adoration of hockey fans around the world, as well as his fellow players. They all recognized that our beloved “Johnny Hockey” was a star in every sense of the word—both on and off the ice.

“Matt, for his part, dedicated himself to cultivating the talent of young athletes who shared his passion for hockey. After playing for teams in the AHL and ECHL, Matt returned to South Jersey, and served as the head hockey coach at his alma mater, Gloucester Catholic.

“To every member of the Gaudreau family, please know that the people of New Jersey grieve with you.

“Tammy and I are sending our heartfelt prayers to Johnny’s wife, Meredith, their two beloved children, Noa and Johnny, Matthew’s wife Madeline, as well as their parents, Jane and Guy, and sisters Katie and Kristen.”

Governor Phil Murphy

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