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Statement From Governor Chris Christie On The Passing Of James Gandolfini

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Trenton, NJ - Governor Chris Christie released the following statement tonight on the tragic passing of New Jersey native James Gandolfini:

"It's an awful shock. James Gandolfini was a fine actor, a Rutgers alum and a true Jersey guy. I was a huge fan of his and the character he played so authentically, Tony Soprano. I have gotten to know Jimmy and many of the other actors in the Sopranos cast and I can say that each of them are an individual New Jersey treasure. Mary Pat and I express our deepest sympathies to Mr. Gandolfini's wife and children, and our prayers are with them at this terrible time."

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