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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: MCC Statement on the Brutal Murder of Muslim Family in London, Ontario

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On June 6, 2021, five members of a Muslim family were brutally attacked in Ontario, Canada, by Nathaniel Veltman. The premeditated terrorist attack led to the murder of four members of the family. The Muslim Community Center (MCC) of Silver Spring, Maryland, strongly condemns the senseless act of hate and. These violent murders are another painful and disturbing example of the continued violence and bigotry against Muslims around the world.

The victims include Salman Afzaal, 46, Madiha Salman, 44, their daughter Yumna Afzaal, 15, and Salman's mother, Talat Afzaal, 76. The couple's 9-year old son, Faez Afzaal, remains hospitalized. The family of five was waiting at an intersection when Veltman intentionally mounted the curb and struck them with his pickup truck. Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau stated that "this killing was no accident. This was a terrorist attack motivated by hatred in the heart of one in our community." Veltman was arrested and charged with four counts of first-degree murder and one count of attempted murder.

The Muslim Community Center prays for the family and their loved ones. May Allah have mercy on them and grant them the highest level of jannatul ferdous. Ameen.

MCC's mission is to promote brotherhood and human dignity among all by developing an environment of understanding, compassion, and justice in our personal and professional lives. We strive to serve the needs of the Muslim community and community at large in a manner that promotes its positive image and standing in a changing environment. We aim to represent the Muslim community in interfaith circles, in government, public and media relations, and in the society at large.

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