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**STATEMENT FROM THE LEGAL TEAM FOR KARMELO ANTHONY ON THE
JUDGE'S RULING DENYING THE MOTION FOR NEW TRIAL**

Collin County, TX— On behalf of our client, Karmelo Anthony, we are disappointed in today's ruling but not deterred.

We continue to maintain that serious constitutional and legal errors denied Karmelo Anthony the fair trial to which he was entitled. The restrictions placed on public access to his trial raised fundamental Sixth Amendment concerns. The defense made consequential decisions throughout the trial in reliance upon an agreement with the State concerning the evidence that would—and would not—be introduced, only to have the State change its position at a critical point in the proceedings. And we maintain that errors in the jury instructions impaired the jury's consideration of the issue at the very heart of Karmelo's defense: whether he acted in self-defense.

The denial of this motion does not make those issues, or others not yet raised, disappear. Therefore, this denial does not end our work.

We will continue to challenge Karmelo's conviction and pursue every legal remedy available to him. We will take these issues to the appellate courts, and wherever else the law permits us to go, because we believe deeply in Karmelo, in his constitutional rights, and in the justice we are seeking on his behalf.

We knew when we entered this case that this case might not be won in a single courtroom or with a single motion. We will keep advocating for Karmelo until the justice we seek is obtained.