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MEDIA STATEMENT FROM SONORA BEHAVIORAL HEALTH HOSPITAL REGARDING RECENT MEDIA REPORTS

TUCSON, Ariz. – The following is a statement from Kevin Phillips, spokesman for Sonora Behavioral Health Hospital in Tucson, Arizona regarding recent news media reports that Jared Lee Loughner, the man charged in the January 2011 shootings in Tucson, had received treatment from Sonora Behavioral Health Hospital in 2006.

"As has been reported recently in the media, Federal Prosecutors and Defense attorneys have sought access to any existing medical records relating to Defendant Loughner from Sonora Behavioral Health Hospital. Sonora Behavioral Health Hospital has cooperated with both Federal Prosecutors and Defense attorneys in their discovery efforts by communicating legal requirements of confidentiality laws applicable to such records. U.S District Court Judge Burns has granted a Prosecution motion and issued an order granting Sonora the ability to directly produce any applicable records to Dr. Christina Pietz who is one of the Court appointed competency examiners."

"Sonora has complied with the Court's order. Sonora does want to clarify that Defendant Loughner was never treated at, or admitted to, Sonora Behavioral Health Hospital in 2006 or at any time since then."

"We are unable to comment with specific details in compliance with the applicable confidentiality laws."

Sonora Behavioral Health Hospital is a 56 bed hospital dedicated to the treatment of behavioral health and chemical dependency issues affecting children, adolescents and adults. For more information on Sonora Behavioral Health Hospital, visit www.sonorabehavioral.com.

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