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STATEMENT FROM CALHOUN LIBERTY HOSPITAL

BLOUNTSTOWN, FL - Blountstown, FL - Calhoun Liberty Hospital CEO Ruth Attaway today released the following statement:

"We have received a copy of the Dawson audio and video from members of the media and while we are still reviewing it, we want to reach out to the community with an immediate statement.

"First, we continue to grieve the loss of a patient and a member of the community. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family and friends of Ms. Dawson as well as with our community.

"Our primary objective in this situation is to remain transparent and to welcome investigation from authorities. We have already welcomed reviews and investigations from the Agency for Health Care Administration and the Florida Department of Law Enforcement as well as the Department of Health. To the fullest extent permitted by state and federal law, we will continue to be transparent and forthcoming with our community and the public.

"We remain committed to providing quality and essential health care for our community, which will be supported by our own thorough review of this situation. We are also in process of setting up a medical and community task force in coordination with Rev. R.B. Holmes to review best practices and better communication to move our hospital forward. We owe our community nothing less."

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