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**STATEMENT ON THE TRAGIC PASSING OF CHICAGO MARATHON CHAMPION KELVIN
KIPTUM AND COACH GERVAIS HAKIZIMANA**

CHICAGO – It is with great sadness that we express our deepest condolences to the family and loved ones of Kelvin Kiptum and Coach Gervais Hakizimana, who lost their lives in a tragic car accident in Kenya late Sunday.

Kiptum captured the hearts of all of Chicago with his extraordinary show of strength and determination in his record-breaking completion of the Chicago Marathon last year.

While Kiptum and Coach Hakizimana's absence will be profoundly felt, their legacies will forever continue to provide inspiration to athletes worldwide.

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