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ILLINOIS STATE POLICE RELEASES **FRANK FAMILY STATEMENT**

“Brian's discharge is bittersweet. Two and a half years ago, I imagined this day much differently. I fully expected him to wake up after his natural coma, go to rehab, and return to the home we established together in a matter of weeks. I never could have imagined that he would remain minimally conscious after 26 months living in a rehab hospital. Instead, we purchased a new house with our best friends in order to bring Brian back into an accessible home environment to continue his care and recovery journey. After 17 long months of managing construction, that house is finally ready for us to move into and begin the next chapter. While I am heartbroken to not have Brian fully back, I am endlessly grateful for the opportunity to give him this beautiful space and redefine 'home.'

All of this effort has always been to afford Brian the greatest opportunity to heal, recover, remain dignified, and feel loved. Marianjoy has done just that for the past year and a half and has seen us through all of the ups and down to this very significant moment. I cannot express enough gratitude to the staff there for caring for Brian in ways that have made this place feel like our temporary home, and not a hospital. Thank you for teaching us, loving us, and preparing us for what's to come.

Our family and friends hold high hopes that going home will be the answer, and the place that he wakes up. We could not have gotten this far without the ‘Frank Strong’ army, far and wide, so thank you for being behind us every step of the way. Let’s 76 home, B. Frank!”

-Lauren Frank



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