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## NEWS RELEASE

### Statement from USASF

**Memphis** – February 5, 2021 - USASF is outraged at the reports of sexual misconduct that led to today's events, and our thoughts are with the younger athletes who experienced this misconduct. There is no place in our sport for anyone who uses their authority or celebrity to take advantage of others.

As soon as USASF learned of the arrests of Robert Scianna, Jr. and Mitchell Ryan, we placed them on our Unified Ineligibility List. Before Mr. Scianna's arrest, USASF had not received any information that he may have engaged in sexual misconduct. When USASF received a complaint in late October against Mr. Ryan, we immediately ensured that it had been reported to law enforcement and later began an investigation of our own, which was ongoing when he was arrested. When we received confirmation of both arrests, we promptly placed their names on our banned list, which prevents them from attending any USASF-sanctioned cheer events.

USASF's goal is providing the safest environment for our athletes. We will continue to work with our coaches, gym owners, parents and athletes to achieve our shared goal of an environment of safety and respect for our athletes.