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Samuel R. Harris, a sophomore at Inspiration State University and an outstanding Defensive Back for the Bear Football Team, collapsed in the cafeteria and was pronounced dead at the scene by the emergency staff responding to the call on February 10, 2014. At 6ft and 195 lbs., he appeared to be in excellent health and the cause of death is still unknown. Roger Boyd, his roommate, told the medical staff that “Samuel was fighting the flu with a fever, chills, and complaining of a headache over the past few months, but since everyone on campus has been sick, no one thought too much about it.”

Felicia who was having lunch with Samuel when he collapsed reported, “He was eating his typical lunch of a rare steak, baked potato, salad, and a large glass of natural (unpasteurized) milk.” She added, “I remember noticing that his face was red and sweaty. I just assumed he had come in from a workout in the weight room because he was always working hard to stay in shape.” The paramedics checked Samuel for a blocked airway thinking that he might have choked on his food but there was no sign of a blockage.

His parents, Eva and Terence Harris, who live in Miami, Florida, were unavailable for comment on the sudden death of their son. His younger sister, Sarah recalled, “It seems like yesterday we were all home in Miami for the Christmas holidays. I just can’t believe this has happened because Samuel was always doing kind things for other people. If he saw someone or something in pain, he just had to try to make it better. I remember on Christmas Eve, he brought home two alley cats that were totally infested with fleas. He put flea medicine on them, fed them, played with them, and cleaned up after them the whole vacation. He even made my mom promise that she would keep them until he was home again for summer break.”

Football Coach Russell stated, “This is a tremendous loss. Samuel was an amazing young man who really cared about other people in addition to being an exceptional athlete. Russell added, “He made a major contribution to the team’s winning season. He will really be missed by the team and the entire Inspiration State University community.”

Information on a memorial service will be provided in tomorrow’s edition of the paper. An initial toxicology screen has eliminated drugs and/or alcohol as the potential cause of death.

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