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### **STATEMENT FROM GENE UPSHAW**

#### **Executive Director of the AFL Players Association and NFL Players Association**

Washington, DC (April 11, 2005) – The Arena Football League Players Association (AFLPA) released this statement following the recent death of Al Lucas, OL/DL of the Los Angeles Avengers:

“Our organization was shocked and saddened to learn of the tragedy affecting one of our own. Al Lucas will be remembered for playing his heart out both on and off the field. Our thoughts and prayers go out to De’Shonda, to the entire Lucas family and to the LA Avengers organization.”

The AFL Players Association will establish a trust fund to help fund the education and living expenses for Al’s daughter Mariah.