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## STARKWEATHER & SHEPLEY ACQUIRES PAOLINO INSURANCE AGENCY

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EAST PROVIDENCE, RI – AUGUST 2021 – Starkweather & Shepley Insurance Brokerage, Inc. (S&S) is pleased to announce the recent acquisition of the Paolino Insurance Agency. Located in downtown Providence, RI, Paolino Insurance is a prominent agency that has been serving commercial and personal lines clients for over 70 years throughout New England. "We are really looking forward to integrating our firm with Starkweather & Shepley. We are two historically aligned risk management and insurance brokerage firms now under one singular crest. The synergy and collaboration between our practices spans three generations of executive leadership and will now continue in perpetuity." stated Greg Paolino, one of the principals of the Paolino Insurance Agency.

"We are extremely pleased to have the Paolino Insurance Agency as part of Starkweather & Shepley. Together, we are stronger and look forward to providing our expanded risk management products and services to our clients and the communities we serve," remarked Larry Keefe, Chairman & CEO of Starkweather & Shepley.

The principals of Paolino Insurance Agency, now a division of S&S, will continue to deliver boutique insurance risk management services with the additional markets and support both locally and globally of Starkweather & Shepley, a top 100 agency and Assurex Global partner for over 35 years.

## About Starkweather & Shepley Insurance Brokerage, Inc.

Established in 1879, <u>Starkweather & Shepley</u> is presently the largest independent agency in Rhode Island and the 59<sup>th</sup> largest Insurance brokerage firm in the U.S., along with being the 33<sup>rd</sup> largest personal lines agency. Starkweather & Shepley, held in Trust since 1935, ensures the firm will remain privately held in perpetuity, providing certainty to clients and associates alike. The firm provides commercial and personal insurance, health and employee benefits, surety bonding and risk management services. These services are provided nationally and internationally, through its partnership with Assurex Global. Headquartered in <u>East Providence, RI</u>, Starkweather has additional branch offices in Providence and Middletown, RI, <u>Bristol</u>, <u>Pawcatuck</u> and <u>Shelton, CT</u>; <u>Westwood</u>, <u>Sturbridge</u>, <u>Sagamore Beach</u> and <u>Martha's Vineyard, MA</u>; <u>Palm Beach Gardens</u> and <u>Naples, FL</u>.

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