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**ATTORNEYS PHILIP J. LAYFIELD AND GUS BRIDI FILE LAWSUIT ON BEHALF OF PHOTOGRAPHER ALLEGING THAT MIKE TYSON ATTACKED HIM AT LAX LAST NOVEMBER AND MADE FALSE STATEMENTS TO POLICE.**

October 18, 2010 –

Santa Monica, California – A civil lawsuit was filed today against the former boxing heavyweight champion of the world-Mike Tyson. The lawsuit alleges that in the Los Angeles International Airport on November 11, 2009, Defendant Michael Gerard Tyson, without cause, attacked paparazzo Antonio Echevarria, threatened to kill him and caused serious bodily injury. At the time of the incident, Echevarria was under the employment of Insight News and Features Agency (“INF”) and had been sent to LAX by INF to film Tyson as he returned from Europe. Tyson has an extensive track record of criminal accusations and convictions.

The lawsuit alleges Tyson assaulted, battered, acted negligently toward, and intentionally inflicted emotional distress upon the Plaintiff. The complaint further alleges that Tyson falsely accused Echevarria of battery and made false statements to police and airport officials. Consequently, Echevarria was improperly held by airport security and arrested by Los Angeles police.

As a result of the battery, Echevarria suffered a brain concussion and spinal trauma, causing cognitive and neurological problems. Plaintiff is seeking compensation for loss of earnings, medical expenses, attorney fees, emotional distress, as well as punitive damages.

Attorneys representing the victim are Philip J. Layfield, Esq., who specializes in complex litigation, and attorney Gus Bridi, who was formerly with Masry & Vititoe, the firm that was famously depicted for its environmental litigation in the award-winning film Erin Brokovich.

A press conference regarding this lawsuit will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, October 19, 2010 at the office of Philip J. Layfield, Attorney at Law. The office is located at 100 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 950, Santa Monica, CA 90401. A copy of the lawsuit and a video of the attack can be viewed at <http://www.santamonicapersonalinjury.com/>.

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