

## **BOLYANTU FAMILY SUES CUSTOMS FOR LETTING IN KILLER**

Windsor lawyer Greg Monforton today announced that his firm is representing the family of Brian Bolyantu in a lawsuit against Canada Customs and the Federal Government.

Brian Bolyantu is the 22 year old Windsor resident who was shot and killed on March 24, 2003, by an American who was let into Canada with a .22 calibre semi-automatic pistol in his boot, despite an order banning him from Canada because of his criminal record.

Monforton said: “This killer was let into our country because our government failed to properly identify him and turn him back at the border. A government official twice tried to search the killer’s name during a computer name search at the customs booth. Both times the government official failed to spell the killer’s name correctly. Had these mistakes not been made, Brian Bolyantu would be alive today”.

The Bolyantu family is seeking punitive damages and damages under the Family Law Act for an amount to compensate them for the loss of care, guidance and companionship reasonably expected to be received from Brian had he not been killed. The family is also seeking damages for the loss of income Brian would have contributed to the family, as well as for depression and nervous shock they have suffered as a result of Brian’s horrific death. Total damages claimed will amount to over one million dollars.

Monforton said: “The Bolyantu family seeks justice in the form of adequate compensation for the loss they suffered. Additionally, the family does not want Brian’s death to be in vain...they hope their lawsuit will encourage Canada Customs to change its practices with a view to preventing such a tragedy from ever happening again”.

Monforton, senior partner of Greg Monforton & Partners and Vice-President of the Ontario Trial Lawyers Association, said that he expects to file the lawsuit within the next few weeks and that it may take as long as 2 to 3 years to get the matter to trial.

Greg Monforton is available for commentary and can be reached directly at 519-258-6490 or 800-663-1145 (office).

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