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Two Passengers File Lawsuit Against CEO For Injuries Suffered in South Florida Powerboat Crash

Jarrett and Lauren Silagyi have filed a lawsuit against Daniel Towriss claiming he was reckless and intoxicated

while operating the boat during the December 2019 accident

MIAMI, FL. – (August 4, 2020) – On the evening of December 30th, 2019, Daniel Towriss, the CEO of a multibillion-dollar company, plowed his luxury powerboat into a huge rock jetty in South Florida while intoxicated. The crash caused the two of the passengers to be ejected onto the rocks. This, according to a lawsuit filed recently in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida by the two severely injured passengers. Jarrett Silagyi and Lauren Silagyi of Fishers, Indiana are seeking damages for the severe injuries they suffered as a result of the accident. They were invited onboard Towriss' new 42-foot Hydra-Sports Custom boat with another passenger to celebrate Lauren's 33rd birthday. Towriss is the CEO of Group 1001, a \$36 billion conglomerate. The boat left the dock behind Towriss' Fort Lauderdale home at 10:30 p.m. that night with Towriss at the helm. The group was out exploring Port Everglades until just after midnight.

According to the complaint, Towriss had been drinking alcohol before boarding the boat and also had a drink onboard while captaining the ship before crashing into the inlet on the way back. Jarrett Silagyi said in the complaint that Towriss was driving the boat so fast before the accident, that he had to grab on to part of the boat so that he didn't fall. Still, both Lauren and Jarrett Silagyi were thrown from the boat and onto the rocks during the collision causing them to suffer catastrophic injuries.

The couple is being represented by nationally known maritime trial attorney John H. (Jack) Hickey of Hickey Law Firm in Miami, FL.

"This kind of conduct, boating under the influence, at night, near a busy port, in a high powered million dollar recreational boat is careless and reckless. How can you drink and boat in such a high risk environment and not use the radar and GPS correctly? This endangered the lives of everyone around and of course those onboard," Hickey says.

Lauren suffered a fracture to her skull, a traumatic brain injury, brain bleeding, broken nose, permanent facial scarring and disfigurement, and injuries to her right leg and ribs. Since the crash, Lauren has undergone three surgeries, including two surgeries to treat her traumatic brain injury. She will struggle with

the physical and emotional consequences of her injuries for the rest of her life. Jarrett also received serious injuries including head trauma, cuts on his lip, and a broken nose. He now faces the prospect of permanent impairments due to his injuries stemming from the crash.

The complaint claims that Towriss' violated several Florida Statutes that should be followed by anyone who operates a recreational vessel on the water through his careless and reckless operation of the boat while under the influence including:

- Operating a vessel without keeping a proper and sufficient lookout at all times, including when the vessel was underway
- Operating a vessel at an excessive rate of speed based upon surrounding circumstances like the time of day and hazards in the water
- Proceeding at a speed which was greater than reasonable and proper with regard to conditions
- Failing to plan a safe route for the voyage and return trip on December 30-31, 2019
- Failing to act as a reasonable and prudent vessel operator
- Failing to keep the subject vessel under proper control
- Failing to heed pertinent restrictions and/or navigational beacons on the water as well as other attendant circumstances so as not to endanger life, limb, and/or property
- Failing to heed navigational rules
- Failing to warn of known hazards and/or hazards which Defendant should have reasonably been aware of
- Failing to carry out additional duties assumed by the Defendant in a careful and prudent manner
- Failing to avoid operation of his vessel while under the influence of alcohol
- Operating the vessel in a reckless and careless fashion, and by otherwise operating the subject vessel negligently under the circumstances.

The Silagyi's are seeking damages for losses suffered in the past and in the future as a result of the their injuries. They are demanding a trial by jury on all issues.

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