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RE: Case No: 12-10197 Division C

Prominent Attorney Willie Gary Files Billion Dollar Lawsuit Against NFL for Concealing the True Consequences of Head Traumas

Retired NFL Players Seek Justice

(Tampa, FL) Prominent Attorney Willie E. Gary and his legal team have filed suit against the NFL for failure to take effective action to protect NFL players, and failure to inform players of the true risks associated with brain injuries and other significant injuries. The legal team includes Willie E. Gary (Stuart, FL), Charles Emanuel (Orlando, FL), Wayne Ferrell (Jackson, MS), and Charles Peckham (Houston, TX).

Since the suicide of Dave Duerson, a former NFL Chicago Bear who took his own life by shooting himself in the chest, a spotlight has been placed on highlighting the true detrimental effects of concussions and the NFL's presumed concealment of this information. This recent complaint against the NFL includes former players for the Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

The lawsuit holds the NFL responsible for deliberately ignoring and concealing known effects of repeated concussions. Attorneys for the plaintiffs allege the NFL deceived players and caused the players to believe concussions or head injuries did not present serious life altering risks. According to a statement issued by lead attorney Willie E. Gary, NFL players were led to believe it was safe to return to practice, and play without limitations or restrictions and without release from a medical physician.

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and many who have died because someone thought that the almighty dollar was more important than human life.” Gary and his legal team contend that their clients intend to force the NFL to acknowledge their wrongful actions and bring change to the current NFL rules and responsibilities.

“When there is no accountability for harm caused, then those at fault will undoubtedly continue to act in whatever ways bring the most profits, with more and more human beings being hurt in the process,” said Gary.

Gary is no stranger to seeking justice. Gary and his legal team are known for taking on some of the nation’s most powerful corporate giants, including the funeral industry. In 1995, a jury awarded Gary and his legal team a record-breaking, half-billion dollars against one of the world’s largest funeral chains, The Loewen Group. In addition, Gary is noted for winning a \$240 million jury verdict in Orange County against the Walt Disney Corporation for his clients who alleged that Disney stole their idea for a sports theme park. In 2001, a jury awarded Gary a \$139.6 million verdict for the Maris Distributing Company against Anheuser Busch.

A former safety for the Philadelphia Eagles and the Minnesota Vikings, Charles Emanuel joined the Gary Law Firm in 2003. Emanuel has flexed his legal muscle by handling cases against Channel 9 in Orlando, FL, the Orange County School Board and the Orlando Sentinel.

Wayne E. Ferrell, Jr. has handled prominent cases in Jackson and around the world. He was the attorney of record representing parties with claims against ValuJet as a result of the 1996 Florida Everglades Crash, and he represented parties suing American Airlines as a result of the Bar Harbor crash in New York. He also represented families harmed as a result of the Delta Flight 191 crash in Dallas, Texas as well as chartered Arrow Flight 1285 that crashed in Gander, Newfoundland, killing 256 passengers and crew including members of the 101st Airborne travelling from Cairo, Egypt home to Fort Campbell, Kentucky. Ferrell specializes in Sports Law and Aviation Law.

No stranger to high profile cases, Charles H. Peckham currently represents famed radio personality George Willborn and his family in Chicago, Illinois with Mr. Gary. Peckham is also working as the civil attorney for Dr. Conrad Murray, the doctor accused of involuntary manslaughter in the death of Michael Jackson. Peckham is widely known for his experience handling cases involving racism. Charles H. Peckham concentrates in specific areas of litigation including Employment and Aviation law.

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Jackson Attorney Files Lawsuit Against the NFL for Concealing the True Consequences of Head Traumas

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(Tampa, FL) Jackson Attorney Wayne E. Ferrell, Jr. has joined with prominent Attorney Willie E. Gary and their legal team to file suit against the NFL and several NFL teams in Tampa, Florida, for failure to take effective action to protect their players and for failure to inform players of the true risks associated with concussions, head injury and head trauma.

The legal team includes Willie E. Gary (Stuart, FL), Charles Emanuel (Orlando, FL), Wayne Ferrell (Jackson, MS) and Charles Peckham (Houston, TX).

Since the suicide of Dave Duerson, a former NFL Chicago Bear who took his own life by shooting himself in the chest, a spotlight has been placed on highlighting the true detrimental effects of concussions and the NFL's presumed concealment of this information. This recent complaint against the NFL, filed in Tampa, Florida, includes former players from the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. The lawsuit also names Miami Dolphins, Philadelphia Eagles and Riddell, the maker of NFL football helmets.

"Players from Mississippi, Louisiana and Alabama played their hearts out to grasp their part of the American Dream," says Ferrell. "This suit cannot get back for them what they have lost, however a substantial verdict should stop the abuse of these young men and allow them to live out their lives with family after their NFL careers are over."

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CTE is a degenerative neurological disease most often found in persons with repetitive traumatic head injuries. Symptoms may be dementia, memory loss, aggression, confusion and depression. CTE, which is caused by concussions, has become the primary focus of the lawsuit, which alleges that the teams, the NFL and Riddell downplayed the effects of concussions to keep players on the field, while the players experienced ongoing injuries without their knowledge.

The lawsuit holds the NFL responsible for deliberately ignoring and concealing known effects of repeated concussions. Attorneys for the plaintiffs allege the NFL deceived players and caused the players to believe concussions or head injuries did not present serious life altering risks.

According to a statement issued by attorney Willie E. Gary, NFL players were led to believe it was safe to return to practice and play without limitations or restrictions, and without release from a medical physician. "This is a very sad and unfortunate situation," said Gary. "There are so many who have suffered and many who have died because someone thought that the almighty dollar was more important than human life." Gary and his legal team contend that their clients intend to force the NFL to acknowledge their wrongful actions and bring change to the current NFL rules and responsibilities.

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The legal team includes Willie E. Gary (Stuart, FL), Charles Emanuel (Orlando, FL), Wayne Ferrell (Jackson, MS) and Charles Peckham (Houston, TX).

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In Houston, the focus has shifted back to players such as former Houston Oiler John Grimsley, whose death in 2008 was found to be accidental, but who was later found to have had Chronic Traumatic Encephalopathy or CTE, as a result of his football career. CTE is a degenerative neurological disease most often found in persons with repetitive traumatic head injuries. Symptoms may be dementia, memory loss, aggression, confusion and depression.

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The lawsuit holds the NFL responsible for deliberately ignoring and concealing known effects of repeated concussions. Attorneys for the plaintiffs allege the NFL deceived players and caused the players to believe concussions or head injuries did not present serious life altering risks.

“These players just wanted to entertain us, to improve their lot in life, to provide for their families,” said Peckham. “This suit alleges that these player’s lives have been stolen from them and from their children so that the NFL and these teams could make an extra buck; this is not what responsible companies do”.

According to a statement issued by attorney Willie E. Gary, NFL players were led to believe it was safe to return to practice and play without limitations or restrictions, and without release from a medical physician. “This is a very sad and unfortunate situation,” said Gary. “There are so many who have suffered and many who have died because someone thought that the almighty dollar was more important than human life.” Gary and his legal team contend that their clients intend to force the NFL to acknowledge their wrongful actions and bring change to the current NFL rules and responsibilities.

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