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CIVIL LAWSUIT FILED AGAINST PHI BETA SIGMA FRATERNITY INTERNATIONAL, PI CHI CHAPTER OF PHI BETA SIGMA, AND FRANCIS MARION UNIVERSITY

Press Release Issued by McLeod Law Group:

Today McLeod Law Group filed suit on behalf of Daniel McElveen who was seriously and permanently injured on October 23, 2011 during a hazing incident at Francis Marion University. The victim was repeatedly beaten during the fraternity's "Hell Night" initiation process for Phi Beta Sigma's Francis Marion Chapter. He was hospitalized for eight days at McLeod Regional Hospital and as a result of the incident nine men were arrested in connection to the brutal hazing by the Florence County Sheriff's Office.

Attorney Mullins McLeod, "Our investigation leads us to believe the University turned a blind eye towards Phi Beta Sigma despite the fraternity being implicated in numerous hazing incidents including a \$97 million lawsuit which was filed against Phi Beta Sigma as a result of alleged hazing that took place at its Prairie View A&M Chapter outside Houston Texas."

Daniel's mother, "Daniel was the second person in our family to go to college and his being accepted and attending Francis Marion was one of the greater memories of my life. We were proud of the achievements he was making and we thought Daniel joining a fraternity would further enrich his college experience; however the brutality that took place against my son has forever scarred him and has become one of the worst experiences our family has ever suffered through."

The Complaint, which is available at www.mcleod-lawgroup.com, is filed against multiple Defendants including Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity International, the Pi Chi Chapter of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity International and Francis Marion University. The Complaint alleges claims for Negligence, Battery,



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Assault and Outrage and demands a jury trial in South Carolina's Court of Common Pleas, Twelfth Judicial Circuit in Florence County.

The Complaint further alleges that during the mandatory initiation process the Plaintiff was hazed and beaten dozens of times and was warned not to let his blood get on the floor after his clothes became blood soaked from the paddling. Mr. McElveen suffered acute renal failure and was hospitalized for eight days at McLeod Regional Hospital in Florence, SC.

To review the filed Complaint and for additional information please visit:

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