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Takata Corporation Faces Quarter Billion Dollar Lawsuits

Attorney Willie Gary & Legal Team Seeks Justice for Clients Severely Injured by Faulty Takata Airbags

GREENSBORO, NC – Oct. 5, 2016 – There are a growing number of fatalities being reported worldwide due to faulty airbags manufactured by Takata Corporation. In the case of Valissa Dillard of Guilford County, a defective airbag resulted in multiple injuries, including a smashed face, the loss of her right eye, the loss of teeth, severe head injury and other debilitating injuries. For David Ebron of Forsyth County, a defective airbag triggered the vehicular wreckage that ultimately resulted in severe and permanent physical injuries; including a smashed face, multiple facial fractures, the loss of most of his teeth, serious injury to his eyes, nose and head among other things. Both victims will require rehabilitative treatment and medication for the rest of their lives.

Takata's airbags can rupture when they deploy in a crash, shooting metal fragments toward the driver or passengers. In the case of Mr. Ebron, the airbag in his new Chevrolet Silverado ruptured without any impact. Today, attorneys Willie Gary, Miguel Cuadra and their legal team have filed a lawsuit on behalf of the clients, seeking justice from Takata, Parks Chevrolet, Inc., General Motors, LLC and Joe Waters Honda/Joe Waters Inc., the automobile dealerships that sold them their vehicles.

“Companies that supply and market goods to consumers are obligated to deliver products that are safe and to provide consumers with full, accurate, and timely information when dangers become known. In both of these cases, Takata and the automobile dealerships put their own profits and reputations ahead of honesty and their customers' safety. We intend to hold them accountable for their conduct,” said Willie Gary, an Attorney for the plaintiffs.

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. The record breaking \$23.6 billion dollar verdict in the Reynolds American Tobacco case was awarded in 2014. More recently Gary obtained one of the largest wrongful death verdicts in the history of North Carolina against Horizon Coach Lines -- \$20 million plus interest on behalf of the estate of Doval Watson, Jr., who was killed in a bus crash in 2013.

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