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**Civil Rights Suit To Be Filed Today For The Shooting And Killing Of Emil Mann By New Jersey State Park Police**

*Press Conference **TODAY at 12:30pm**, in front of the Bergen County Courthouse with Members of the Mann Family and Their Attorneys*

Bergen County Courthouse, NJ—Today, family members of Emil Mann are filing a wrongful death suit arising out of the tragic and senseless killing of Emil Mann by an officer of the New Jersey State Park Police. Mr. Mann was a member of the Ramapough Lenape Indian Nation, and a father of three.

On April 1, 2006, while Mr. Mann and his friends and family were enjoying a barbecue, they were targeted by members of the New Jersey State Park Police, among them Officer Chad Walder. Although Mr. Mann was unarmed and posed no threat to anyone, Officer Walder shot Mr. Mann twice, in the chest and the leg. While Mr. Mann lay on the ground dying, the officers then prevented his friends and family from seeking medical care to save his life. On April 10, 2006, Mr. Mann died as a result of the shooting. The Bergen County District Attorney's office is currently investigating the incident.

“The Mann family remains optimistic that Officer Walder will be held criminally responsible. But regardless of the outcome of the criminal proceedings, the Mann family will ensure, through this civil rights lawsuit, that those responsible for Emil's senseless death are held accountable,” said Nick Brustin, a lawyer at Cochran Neufeld & Scheck, which represents the Mann family. “The police have no excuse for shooting a defenseless, unarmed man. The family will not rest until there is justice in this case,” said Ilann Maazel, a lawyer at Emery Celli Brinckerhoff & Abady, which also represents the Mann family. “This is what happens when the State of

New Jersey gives guns to inexperienced park rangers and fails to properly train and supervise them,” said Eric Hecker, another lawyer at Emery Celli.

The suit will be filed this morning in the Bergen County courthouse in Hackensack. Copies of the Complaint will be available at the press conference at 12:30 p.m.