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Media Advisory

Wednesday, December 8, 2010, 11:30 a.m. News Conference

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CHICAGO - Robert F. and Cheryl L. Schutter, parents of Jake R. Schutter, age 11, will announce that they have filed a lawsuit in the federal court for the Northern District of Illinois (no. 10-CV-7751) against Easton-Bell Sports, Inc. for the permanent internal and external damage Jake sustained when he was hit in the head with a ball hit by an Easton metal baseball bat. The accident occurred on May 5, 2010, at Hecht Park in the Chicago suburb of Mokena, Ill., when Jake was pitching for the Mokena Blaze baseball team.

WHERE: at the office of the family's attorney, **Antonio M. Romanucci, Romanucci & Blandin, LLC, 33 N. LaSalle St., Chicago, 20th floor. . .**

WHEN: on **Wednesday, December 8, at 11:30 a.m.**

The Schutters and Jake will be available for questions at the news conference. As a result of the accident, Jake was left permanently deaf in his left ear. "The Easton-Bell metal bat essentially caused this injury," said Romanucci. "Easton-Bell markets a product for use by children whose exit speed of the ball off the metal bat does not match the required perceived reaction time of the pitcher who stands 42-46 feet away. A pitcher or other player simply cannot defend himself against such a powerfully-hit line drive."

Romanucci & Blandin has gained a national reputation for its staunch support of a ban on the use of metal baseball bats by youth leagues. Romanucci supported a proposed ordinance in Chicago introduced

in February 2009, that if passed, would have banned the use of metal bats in any organized baseball game in the Chicago public schools or at Chicago Park District sites.