

## Lawsuit Filed Against Manufacturers of Firearm Parts Kits Used in the Accidental Shooting of a Minor

Plaintiff alleges three manufacturers are at fault for the shooting due to unmonitored online sales of "ghost gun" kits

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/EINPresswire.com/ -- <u>Isenberg & Hewitt</u>, alongside co-counsel Boone & Davis and Gerson & Schwartz, filed a lawsuit against three manufacturers



selling firearm parts kits used to assemble an untraceable firearm used in the shooting of a minor in Valdosta, Georgia. These firearm kits are used to assemble "homemade" firearms, also known as "ghost guns" due to their lack of identifying serial numbers.

Defendants, Polymer 80 Inc, Polymer80 Enterprise Properties, LLC, and Deltateamtactical.com, doing business as, Delta Team Tactical, sold the firearm frame blanks and assembly kit needed to assemble the ghost gun in this case, which permanently maimed a minor, Z.T.

A minor, J.C., in Valdosta, Georgia, used the Defendants' websites to purchase, ship the purchased components to their residential address, and successfully assemble a firearm using instructions provided in the Defendants' kits. Sales from the defendants' companies are made online allowing any person in any location within the United States, including J.C. in Georgia, to purchase firearm kits without being subjected to a background check, which would have verified the purchaser's age, and without requiring the inscription of a serial number on the unfinished frames sold, which makes the gun almost impossible for law enforcement to trace.

On May 1, 2021, Z.T., also a minor, was visiting J.C. at their residence in Valdosta, Georgia with other minors. J.C. was playing with the Glock-style firearm they assembled from the kits and components purchased through the defendants' websites, when the firearm discharged, causing a bullet to strike and enter Z.T.'s head.

Z.T. has suffered severe injuries including neurological injuries, considerable mental anguish, disfigurement, and the inability to lead a normal life. Additionally, the Plaintiff, Z.T.'s mother, has

incurred and will continue to accrue medical, hospital, rehabilitative and other health care expenses directly related to the injuries Z.T. suffered due to the defendants' allowing the unmonitored online purchase of kits and components used to assemble the firearm.

The defendants' online sales and neglect to require a background check, which would have verified J.C.'s age, violated Georgia law not to sell, deliver, or otherwise entrust firearms or firearm components to a person defendants' knew or should have known to be a minor.

The Plaintiff has requested a trial by jury and seeks damages and judgment against the named defendants. The lawsuit (case 7:23-cv-00033-WLS) was filed on March 20, 2023, in the U.S.D.C. for Middle District of Georgia, Valdosta Division.

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