

# BNCL Announces Representation of Ryan Gainer's Family in Tragic Police Shooting Case

*BNCL fights for justice for Ryan Gainer's family, a 15-year-old autistic boy killed by police in Apple Valley, CA.*

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Nisenbaum Curry & Lacy ([BNCL](#)), a leading law firm known for its commitment to justice and civil rights, is honored to announce that Partner DeWitt Lacy is now representing the family of Ryan Gainer, a 15-year-old boy tragically shot and killed by deputies in Apple Valley, CA. Ryan, an autistic teen, was fatally wounded during an encounter with the San Bernardino County Sheriff's

Department, sparking significant public outcry and raising urgent questions about the use of lethal force in situations involving vulnerable members of our community.



Ryan Gainer, 15, rear right, is pictured with his family. (Courtesy of Burris, Nisenbaum, Curry & Lacy)

Ryan Gainer, described by his family's [attorney DeWitt Lacy](#) as a "charming kid" who aspired to be an engineer, encountered deputies while experiencing a mental health episode and wielding a garden tool. Despite the non-lethal nature of the circumstances and the deputies' prior knowledge of Ryan's autism, the encounter ended in Ryan's death. "There are great questions as to whether it was appropriate to use deadly force against a 15-year-old autistic kid who was having an episode," Lacy stated, emphasizing the need for a thorough examination of the incident and the moments leading up to the shooting.

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As the case unfolds, BNCL is committed to seeking justice for Ryan Gainer and his family. DeWitt

Lacy's expertise in civil rights litigation positions him as a formidable advocate for those impacted by the incident. "Use of lethal force was not warranted," said Lacy, underscoring the importance of accountability and reform in law enforcement practices, especially in how officers engage individuals with mental health challenges.

BNCL stands with the Gainer family in their quest for answers and justice.

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