

## NIGHTCLUB NIGHTMARE: BEASLEY ALLEN FILES LAWSUIT AFTER DEADLY BUCKHEAD SHOOTING

***Altercation to Deadly Confrontation: Buckhead shooting linked to bigger problem plaguing communities. Parker Miller & Key Lamberth filed a lawsuit against Elleven45 Lounge after shooting left two killed, and four injured.***

**Atlanta** (June 5, 2024) – Beasley Allen attorneys Parker Miller and Key Lamberth, along with attorney Michael Sterling, filed a lawsuit on behalf of the parents of 21-year-old Mariam “Mari” Creighton for their daughter’s tragic shooting death at the Elleven45 Lounge et al. in Buckhead.

The Mother’s Day shooting shocked the City of Atlanta and the Buckhead community. On May 12, 2024, with the Elleven45 entertaining numerous patrons, young and old, the location allowed a violent patron to enter the Lounge with a loaded firearm. The armed patron was allowed to remain on the property, get into an altercation, and escalate to the point where he drew a firearm and fired numerous shots into the crowd. Amidst the chaos, six people were shot, and two died – including Mari Creighton.

Mari was a beloved young woman with a life full of happiness still in front of her. At the time of her tragic death, she was an Albany State University student and volleyball player for the Golden Rams, and she was only one semester away from graduating with a degree in biology.

“It is incomprehensible how they allowed this armed person to enter, remain, and cause the type of devastating harm that he did given their knowledge of what previously took place there,” said Parker Miller of Beasley Allen, who has handled numerous major negligent security cases in the past. “Mari was everything you could hope for in a daughter, a student, a teammate, and a friend. She and her family paid the ultimate price for this location’s choices, and we are honored to seek justice for them.”

Reports following the shooting noted that of the 911 calls to the property dating back to June 2020, Atlanta police were called to the site for two other shootings, 35 fights, and 38 noise concerns. “This case is the poster child for why upholding Georgia’s laws is so important in keeping our community safe,” said Key Lamberth of Beasley Allen. “When establishments like this do not act as they should, then you can have devastating consequences like this. Those involved must be held accountable.”

Given the history of the nightclub, the City of Atlanta is pursuing an immediate court-ordered injunction against Elleven45 Lounge, its proprietors, and the property’s landlord. The city is requesting that the establishment be legally recognized as a public nuisance and that the sale of alcohol be prohibited on the premises to safeguard the community’s health, safety, and well-being.

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Regardless of what happens in the City's injunction, Mari's case will move forward. "Today's filing is a significant step forward in ensuring that those responsible for this unconscionable tragedy are held accountable for their negligence," said attorney Michael Sterling. "I look forward to continuing the path to justice for Mariam Creighton and her family."

As city officials seek to close the Elleven45 Lounge, we're left to grapple with the underlying issues that turn nightlife into a nightmare. It's time to shine a light on the bigger problem and seek solutions that ensure safety for all.

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