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**Lawsuit filed against Pleasanton Police Dept for assaulting and killing Jacob Bauer.**

**PRESS CONFERENCE SCHEDULED FOR Thursday, June 20<sup>TH</sup> at 11A.M. in Oakland**

*“Officers from the Pleasanton Police Department attacked and killed Jacob Bauer after they had several prior notices by Jacob’s family before their 8-1-18 brutal assault on Jacob. The PD had been notified and the family had specifically asked for their assistance as their son was experiencing mental health issues but was not a danger to anyone. The fact that Pleasanton PD went directly into ‘assault and attack mode’ when they encountered Jacob on August 1, 2018 is egregious itself. The fact that they had prior knowledge of Jacob’s condition and failed to take normal de-escalation efforts makes their conduct actionable”* said Gary Gwilliam, Esq. of Gwilliam Ivary Chiosso Cavalli & Brewer, attorneys for Bauer family.

In the summer of 2018, John and Rose Bauer’s son, Jacob Bauer, had been in a period of crisis with rapidly deteriorating mental health. Mr. and Mrs. Bauer were desperate to get help for their son and contacted Pleasanton Police no less than four times in the weeks preceding August 1, 2018 to notify them of their son’s condition and to try to get their son committed for mental health evaluation and treatment. Because Jacob was not a danger to himself or others, Pleasanton Police told Mr. and Mrs. Bauer there was nothing they could do.

On August 1, 2018 Pleasanton Police Officers responded to a complaint about Jacob causing a disturbance at a grocery store. Although Jacob was unarmed, Pleasanton police officers violently restrained Jacob Bauer, tasered him and pinned him to the ground by kneeling on his body while he cried out in pain. During the altercation, Jacob was never a threat of harm to any of the officers. Within minutes Jacob Bauer lay unconscious as an officer struck him in the legs with his baton and then stomped on Jacob’s chest three times. Paramedics who arrived on scene were at first denied access to the unconscious Jacob by Pleasanton police officers. Jacob died as a result of the violent assault and excessive force used on him by Pleasanton police.

*“Too often police fail to de-escalate these types of mental health crisis situations. Police have the responsibility to provide the time and distance necessary to defuse the situation and provide appropriate intervention as a community health issue. Instead, repeatedly with the Pleasanton Police Department, situations are responded to with extreme aggression and in this case, the unnecessary death of a young man experiencing a mental health crisis of which police had already been alerted”,* said Jayme Walker, Esq. with Gwilliam Ivary Chiosso Cavalli & Brewer, Attorneys for the Plaintiffs.

*“This is certainly not the first-time members of the Pleasanton PD’s failure to use de-escalation protocols resulted in the wrongful death of an innocent citizen. I am reminded of the July 5, 2015 killing of nineteen-year-old John Deming Jr.”* said Gary Gwilliam, Esq. who continued, *“It is completely unacceptable that the same types of aggressive escalation are continuing. In short, we have another case of outrageous excessive force”*.

Our clients, John and Rose Bauer, will be present and will make statements and answer questions at the press conference Thursday, June 20, 2019 at 11a.m. held at the Law Office of Gwilliam Ivary Chiosso Cavalli & Brewer, 1999 Harrison St., Suite 1600, Oakland, Calif. They will speak regarding their experiences in dealing with the Pleasanton Police Department and their civil lawsuit against the City of Pleasanton and the Pleasanton Police department for the wrongful death of their son, Jacob Bauer.

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