



PRESS ADVISORY

HATTON FAMILY LAUNCHES LAWSUIT AGAINST SOUTH SIMCOE POLICE SERVICE AND ONTARIO PROVINCIAL POLICE RELATED TO THE SHOOTING OF LIAM AND DYLAN HATTON ON AUGUST 15, 2024

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On behalf of the Hatton Family, Falconers LLP has commenced a civil lawsuit arising from the tragic shooting of 19-year-old twin brothers Liam and Dylan Hatton outside their family home by Sergeant Michael Huck, Constable Bradley Bunn, Constable Rachel Varrall, and Constable Zachary Selkirk of the South Simcoe Police Service on August 15, 2024. Liam was killed, while Dylan survived his five gunshot wounds. Following the shooting, Ontario Provincial Police charged Dylan with criminal offences, all of which were withdrawn on October 5, 2025. The lawsuit is seeking \$17,500,000 in damages for the family.

Bill Hatton and Robin Jackson, parents to Liam and Dylan, commented:

“Our family has been forever shattered. We never imagined that calling the police for help would end with them killing Liam and almost killing Dylan. The officers were not interested in listening to us when we told them what we knew about our sons and how best to help them. They treated the situation like a tactical operation rather than a call for assistance. They dehumanized Liam, Dylan, and the rest of our family. This should never have been the result of a call for help. Liam is dead and Dylan has to live the rest of his life without his twin and best friend by his side. We will never trust the police again.”

Lawyer Asha James, counsel for the Hatton family, stated:

“These events have been devastating for the Hatton family. They called for help during a mental health crisis and instead were forced to experience the worst day of their lives. This is a drive for accountability for Liam’s death. The civil process presents an opportunity for the family to ensure that police conduct will be put under closer scrutiny. The OPP’s conduct is also concerning. The decision to lay charges against Dylan, despite him only ever being a victim in this tragedy, raises troubling questions about the handling of this matter and may further undermine public confidence in law enforcement agencies.”

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