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UNREGULATED HEALTH SUPPLEMENT “MASS TAB” ALLEGEDLY CAUSED STROKE IN 17-YEAR-OLD FOOTBALL PLAYER

TULSA, OK—With growing public concerns of the unregulated health supplement market, Mass Tab, a supplement marketed to help users gain weight and strength is under fire today after allegedly causing a stroke in a 17-year-old football player who used the product and then fell ill.

“The manufacturers of Mass Tab have engaged in what appears to be fraud and reckless and negligent marketing of a bogus bulking supplement that contained a steroid,” said Greg Davis, attorney for the young football player, who filed a lawsuit in state court today. “The manufacturers failed to test and to warn the public of the known risks of its product, insidiously marketing it as having ‘low side-effects.’”

According to the complaint, Jacob Bray, a young athlete from Tulsa, purchased Mass Tabs from the Supplement Shak in Oklahoma, and used Mass Tabs over the course of several weeks. On January 31, 2008, Bray was weightlifting and immediately after doing a lift had a severe headache, which he terms as “an instant migraine,” and was disoriented.

Bray was driven home by a friend. He was still disoriented, placed an icepack on his head, and took some Tylenol. The headache lingered at a tolerable level until that Sunday when the headache seemed to intensify. His mother, Bonnie Bray, made an appointment with a neurologist and an MRI/MRA was ordered, at which time it was discovered that young Bray had suffered a stroke.

“My heart sank when I was told my son had suffered a stroke,” said Mrs. Bray. “The profiteers who sell hidden steroids in unhealthful ‘health’ supplements must be held accountable for their irresponsible conduct. For heaven’s sake, my son is just a teenager with his entire life before him.”

Attorney Davis added, “Jacob was never informed about the extremely dangerous and sometimes lethal effects of steroids contained in dietary supplement products like Mass Tab.”

Mass Tabs is a supplement marketed by IDS, Supplement Synergy and Challenger Holdings for those who wish to gain body weight and strength. Mass Tab appears to have been pulled recently from the market but could be sold and marketed under a new name.

Mass Tabs contains, as one of its active ingredients, Stenbolone, which is identified as a steroid. The Stenbolone steroid was launched in 1963 by Syntex, a pharmaceutical company no longer in business that was based in Mexico City that manufactured steroids from the Mexican yam.

More information is available at <http://dangeroussupplements.org>