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Brazilian Student, Erick Bretz, Eager to Prove Innocence in Florida Court.

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Brazilian student, Erick Bretz, is represented by Larry T. McMillan and David A. Donet, Jr. of the Miami law firm Donet, McMillan & Trontz, P.A.

United States law presumes that he is innocent until proven guilty by a jury. The law provides the process where the testimony of witnesses and the introduction of evidence is presented to a jury for consideration and analysis. Ultimately, the jury will make a determination if Mr. Bretz has committed any crime.

What has been portrayed in the media is not an accurate or a complete version of the facts and physical evidence. The media has sensationalized the allegations of Melissa Gentz and created “Fake News.” His attorneys will present testimony of witnesses and evidence demonstrating Erick’s innocence.

Some of the indisputable facts and evidence supporting Erick’s innocence are:

1. Tampa police officer, Charles Eason, interviewed Melissa Gentz about her claim of domestic violence. In his report he documented that Melissa Gentz told him that she “...*push and attempt to punch him after she believed he took her cellphone.*”
2. Melissa Gentz claimed she was strangled and struck in the face multiple times. However, physical evidence reveals no sign of trauma to her neck. His hands have no signs consistent with striking someone multiple times.
3. Erick Bretz has no history of ever committing violence against women.

4. Tampa police never gave Erick Bretz an opportunity to explain what happened.
5. Evidence will show that Melissa Gentz was drinking and consuming drugs prior to the incident she has alleged.
6. Evidence will show that Melissa Gentz attacked Erick Bretz sending him to a hospital.

The evidence in this case clearly dictates that Ms. Gentz was the aggressor. Erick and his legal team will bring **all the facts** of this incident to light and expose her account as simply untrue and that **Erick is innocent**. In the end, Mr. Bretz and his family will prosecute Ms. Gentz for her slanderous and libelous actions. They will seek to recover damages for the harm to his and his family's outstanding reputation.

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