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**Corboy & Demetrio Secures \$2 Million for Quadriplegic Injured at Chicago Nightclub**

The law firm of Corboy & Demetrio has secured a \$2 million settlement on behalf of Jon O'Connor who was seriously injured while attending his 30<sup>th</sup> birthday party at the Chicago nightclub *Slow Down, Life's Too Short* ten years ago.

On July 27, 2001, a surprise birthday party was held for Jon at the nightclub. Late in the party, two attendees became rowdy in dancing Chippendale-like, wrestling and tearing off each other's shirts. Due to violations of bar behavioral rules, the manager told a bouncer/security man to eject the two partygoers. They had been previously warned that continued bad behavior would result in being tossed out. When told they had to now leave, the partygoers stated they would pack up and leave. The security man then left them to leave on their own. They did not.

As Jon was saying his goodbyes, the two attacked Jon, tried to push him under the outdoor shower for a soaking; wrestled him to the floor; and then tore off his expensive sport shirt. The two claimed they were prepping him to celebrate his birthday by jumping into the river.

Jon followed the two down a flight of stairs and jumped the railing as one of them had done. However, Jon did not go far enough out from the river concrete wall and fell into two feet of water from about twelve feet high.

"This tragedy was caused when a professional security man failed to do his job properly" said Jon's attorney, Francis Patrick Murphy, "he was trained and experienced in dealing with rowdy people and he simply failed to do his job."

Jon suffered a fractured neck, requiring surgery. He is now a quadriplegic with limited use of his right hand only.

Murphy's expert, Francis Murphy (no relation), a retired distinguished Secret Service agent who served on four presidential security task forces, testified that Jon's injury was caused when the security man failed to remain with the rowdy patrons until they were escorted from the premises. Murphy, the expert, stated this was a failed security case and not a body of water accident case.

Case information: *O'Connor v. 1177 N. Elston, et al.* Case#2007L13978, Cook County Circuit Court, Hon. Kathy M. Flanagan.

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