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Polk County Couple Pursues Claims Against Battery USA Following Alleged Workplace Explosion

TAMPA, Fla. — October 23, 2026 — Black Rock Trial Lawyers, PLLC and attorney Gil Sanchez represent a Polk County couple pursuing negligence and loss of spousal consortium claims against Battery USA, Inc. The complaint alleges that an explosion in a workplace toilet caused severe injuries to a laborer and lasting harm to his marriage.

According to the complaint, the incident occurred on November 25, 2024, while the worker was performing labor at the company's Lakeland facility. When he went to use the restroom, an explosion occurred within the toilet. He then lifted the seat and discovered two firecrackers that had been placed there without his knowledge.

The complaint alleges that a Battery USA employee intentionally placed the firecrackers. It further alleges that the company's owners or managers knew or should have known that this type of conduct was occurring at the business and failed to stop it.

The worker alleges that the explosion caused severe injuries to his genital area, physical pain, impairment and emotional distress. The complaint describes an ongoing fear that a similar incident could occur whenever he uses a bathroom. It also alleges permanent injury, diminished earning capacity and a reduced ability to enjoy ordinary life.

His wife brings a separate claim for loss of spousal consortium, alleging that the injuries have harmed their marital relationship, including intimacy, companionship and comfort. Her claim addresses the effects of the alleged injuries on the life the couple shares.

The negligence claim alleges that Battery USA failed to prevent conditions that allowed explosives to be placed in a toilet at its facility. The couple seeks accountability for that alleged failure and compensation for the resulting harm described in the complaint.

The requested relief includes compensatory damages for medical expenses, lost wages, pain and suffering, emotional distress and harm to the marital relationship. The complaint also demands a jury trial.

The claims described in this release are allegations that must be proven in court.

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