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## **\$100 MILLION LAWSUIT FILED AGAINST MEDIA CORPORATIONS**

**April 8, 1999 - Bethesda, MD:** On Monday, April 12, 1999, the parents of three girls shot and killed in December 1997 at Paducah, Kentucky's Heath High School will announce the filing that day of a \$100 million federal lawsuit of major national significance. The lawsuit is intended to hold accountable certain media corporations which recklessly incited 14-year-old Michael Carneal to murder these three precious girls. The defendants will include Internet pornography web sites, motion picture studios, and computer game manufacturers.

The murders, when they occurred, caused a national and international media firestorm. The filing of this landmark lawsuit will do the same. A United States Supreme Court ruling last month has paved the way for this specific lawsuit.

A news conference will commence at 9:30 a.m. CDT, at the Drury Inn in Paducah, Kentucky, and will be conducted by the parents' Kentucky attorney Michael Breen and their Florida attorney Jack Thompson. Parents of the three slain girls will be at the press conference to address the media and to answer, along with their attorneys, any questions. Copies of the filed lawsuit will be provided to all media in attendance.

Attorney Michael Breen is a Kentucky trial attorney who focuses on personal injury and insurance issues. Breen is the author of *Bad Faith in Kentucky: A Primer*, a book about insurance practices. Breen is certified as a civil trial specialist by the National Board of Trial Advocacy.

Jack Thompson is a First Amendment attorney based in Florida who has appeared on Nightline, Crossfire, Good Morning America, CBS This Morning, 48 Hours, and other national programs addressing the issues that give rise to this lawsuit.

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