

And The Defense Wins

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On April 21, 2017, an Alameda County, California, jury returned a defense verdict in a wrongful death case defended by DRI member [William Kronenberg](#). The action was brought by the parents of 23-year-old Nathaniel Brown who was shot and killed in a downtown Oakland nightclub on August 31, 2013, by an unknown assailant. The parents claimed that inadequate security was the reason for the shooting, in particular that the guards did not have training or the required “guard-cards” issued by the state of California. The evidence at trial established that patrons were patted down for weapons prior to entry into the nightclub, and that shortly before closing a fight broke out on the dance floor. After a group of men involved in the fight were escorted out, one retrieved a gun and re-entered the club where he fired one shot killing Mr. Brown. At trial, the jury agreed that the shooting was a random unforeseeable act and that the security was a not a substantial factor in the death.

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