

Third survivor filing personal injury claim against Amy Bishop

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UAH-shooting survivor Dr. Debra Moriarity is filing a lawsuit against Amy Bishop, who is accused of pulling a gun at a faculty meeting and shooting at her colleagues. The February 12, 2010 attack ended with the murders of Dr. Maria Ragland Davis, Dr. Adriel Johnson and Dr. Gopi Podila, along with serious injuries to two other biology professors and a staff assistant. Moriarty survived because the gun jammed when it was pulled on her, and was not physically injured in the attack.

[Wrongful death](#) lawsuits have already been filed by the families of doctors Davis and Johnson. That lawsuit names Bishop her husband James Anderson, the University, and Vistasp Karbhari, UAH's provost. Karbhari is named because the plaintiffs allege that he knew Bishop had psychological problems but failed to follow the policies of the University of Alabama in responding to that information.

Two survivors, doctor Joseph Leahy and staff assistant Stephanie Monticciollo, have also filed lawsuits against Bishop and her husband. Both Leahy and Monticciollo survived the attacks but were left with major injuries. Personal injury claims can be filed against people whose intentional acts caused a compensable injury or wrongful death. The second injured professor, Dr. Luis Cruz-Vera, has not filed a lawsuit.

It is likely that workers' compensation claims for medical reimbursement and death benefits have also been filed. Victims of injury or death during the course of employment are entitled to [workers' compensation](#) benefits even when their injuries were caused by the intentional acts of another.

A press conference was scheduled for this afternoon to discuss the lawsuit being filed by Dr. Moriarity. The Huntsville Times had not posted any updated details as of the writing of this post.

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