## Making a hit comedy isn't all fun and games

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If you are a fan of comedy, then you probably are a fan of the recent hit comedy "The Hangover Part 2." While some might argue it wasn't as funny as the first, it still produced a lot of laughs. However, it reportedly wasn't all laughs that were put into the movie during its production.

Reports indicate that a stunt man who worked on the Thailand set of the popular comedy sequel suffered a <u>work injury</u> that's left his life seriously altered. He is suing Warner Bros. (the production company behind the flick) in a personal injury lawsuit.

According to Reuters, the plaintiff in this now high-profile personal injury case worked as Ed Helms' stunt double in the movie. For those who haven't seen the movie, there is a pretty intense car chase that takes place, during which the plaintiff claims he was severely injured as a result of a change to the stunt plan.

Apparently, a stunt like a car chase is carefully orchestrated and timed in order for the workers involved to get through the dangerous scene safely. In this case, Helms' stunt double alleges that the timing that was supposed to be followed during the stunt changed without his knowledge and he, therefore, wound up suffering a <u>brain injury</u> in a serious crash.

He will reportedly suffer from permanent damage for the rest of his life, which - as a stunt man - could mean loss of work opportunities for the victim. The fight for damages isn't just him trying to be compensated for the money spent on medical treatment, but it should also compensate him for the loss of a promising career.

## Source

Reuters: "Stunt double sues warner claiming brain damage," Tim Kenneally, Aug. 31, 2011