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Inexplicable conduct of Theft, Fraud and Deception by Ex-NBA superstar Baron Davis and staged Halloween Alibi filed in the New York Supreme Court

Russell Simmons Ex-Global Grind editor in Chief, Michael Skolnik along with Wealthy NBA Pal, At Center stage of Law Suit for stealing Black Santa company business model and concept from a Minority Quadriplegic Entrepreneur

Paralyzed Muscular Dystrophy stricken Charity Founder, victimized and swindled out of valuable business deal by two longtime UCLA college mates

Breaking News, New York, New York- October 7th, 2019 - A lawsuit filed in NY Supreme Court by Plaintiff on September 27th, 2019, and granted **Index # 101498119** by Honorable Justice Francis A. Kahn, details Plaintiff condition as wheelchair confined with Muscular Dystrophy, Spinal Muscular Atrophy and Sclerosis. As a Quadriplegic, virtually paralyzed from neck down, Plaintiff is machine Hoyer lifted in and out of bed, and turned from side to side every two hours during the night to ease respiratory complications. Plaintiff cannot stand, bend, or walk. His spine curves to the left and Plaintiff has a collapsed chest wall closing down on his left lung and as a result his breathing is labored.

The law suit allegations dropped in 44 pages of the Verified Complaint alleges that Plaintiff developed an exceptionally rare and unusual Black Santa business concept and marketing plan with a unique method of promoting diversity, empowering, and inspiring a positive identity for, Americans of color and of Latino descent to be proud of, along with its related designs and confidential business models, together was stolen by Ex-NBA Superstar Baron Davis and Russell Simmons former Political Director Michael Skolnik. Defendant Skolnik made fraudulent agreements and pretended to partner with the Plaintiff.

Defendant Skolnik met and communicated with Plaintiff in 2013, 2014 and early 2015 specifically regarding Plaintiff Black Santa business project. "Unbeknown to me at the time, Michael Skolnik had a pattern, a serious obsession of forcibly high-jacketing movements impacting communities of color for years, says Plaintiff.

"My dream as an entrepreneur was to succeed and connect with the right partners. I considered Michael Skolnik a trusted resource through Russell Simmons, I believed in Mike, not only did he breach agreements, swindle me and steal very valuable business plans, model and concepts, he along with Baron Davis knowingly shattered and assassinated my ability and dream to succeed as a minority entrepreneur, says Mr. Stevens"

In particular, the former NBA superstar Baron Davis, aided by Skolnik knowingly stole Plaintiff's business plans for a Black Santa Claus movie, and inked a Hollywood movie deal. The Verified Complaint further alleges that, Davis knowing the concept was stolen staged and concocted a ludicrous cover story and claimed to have thought of the Black Santa project after finding a Black Santa Claus suit hidden way inside the back of his closet when he was getting ready for a Halloween party.

Plaintiff has dedicated himself to the charity he founded, In Arms Reach, Inc. That charity, aimed at improving the standing and self-image of African Americans, provides academic enrichment, mentorship, STEM exposure to under-resourced children and youth impacted by parental incarceration and the justice system.

Acting as Plaintiff partner, Defendant Skolnik, with the knowing aid and cooperation of, and to the benefit and profit of, his former UCLA college buddy and world famous ex-NBA superstar Baron Davis and others, stole Plaintiff's business project and the opportunity for Plaintiff to use same for its intended benefit of Plaintiff's charity.

Accordingly, the action seeks damages and injunctive relief for breach of contract, breach of fiduciary duty, fraud, unjust enrichment, negligence, intentional interference with prospective business advantage, and breach of duty of good faith and fair dealings arising out of Defendants' actions in stealing Plaintiff's idea, their unauthorized use of Plaintiff's confidential business plans and information, concepts, business model, and usurpation of business opportunity.

About Baron Davis

Investor, and two-time NBA All-Star and record-holder, over a thirteen-year career, Baron Davis played for the Charlotte Hornets, the Golden State Warriors, the Los Angeles Clippers, the Cleveland Cavaliers, and the New York Knicks. Known for his electrifying style on the court, Baron Davis suffered a serious career ending injury while playing for the Knicks in March, 2012.

About Michael Skolnik

In early 2009, Michael Skolnik was hired by music mogul Russell Simmons to serve as the political editor for GlobalGrind.com, an online destination founded by Simmons. Quickly moving up through the ranks, Skolnik was named Editor-In-Chief and co-President of the company in early 2011. Michael Skolnik also served as Russell Simmons political director, overseeing Simmons' political activities and social justice issues impacting minorities and communities of color.