

Sandy Hook Families' Lawsuit Against Gun Makers Gets Trial Date

A potentially precedent-setting lawsuit against gun manufacturers on behalf of families of those killed in the Sandy Hook school shooting will move forward to the discovery process, a Connecticut judge ruled Tuesday, according to a report on CNN.

The trial is set for April 3, 2018. The ruling opens the way for depositions and potential access to internal documents from Bushmaster Firearms and Remington.

CNN says this would be the first lawsuit of its kind to reach the discovery phase after the enactment of the 2005 Protection of Lawful Commerce in Arms Act, or PLCAA, according to experts.

"The companies contend they are shielded under the federal legislation, which absolves gun manufacturers from liability if a firearm is 'misused' in a crime to kill people." the report says.

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