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ShotSpotter Files Defamation Complaint Against VICE Media

ShotSpotter filed a defamation complaint in the Superior Court of Delaware against VICE Media alleging defamatory and demonstrably false claims about the company

WILMINGTON, Del., Oct. 12, 2021 /PRNewswire/ -- ShotSpotter, Inc., a leader in precision policing technology solutions that enable law enforcement to more effectively respond to, investigate, and deter crime, has filed a complaint against VICE Media, LLC. According to the complaint, in a podcast, a series of tweets and an article published by *VICE's* "Motherboard", *VICE* deliberately misrepresented court records and falsely accused the company of illegal behavior. After *VICE* refused to issue a retraction or include the facts regarding this lifesaving technology, ShotSpotter filed this complaint to recover damages in excess of $300 million.

"*VICE's* reporting and related social media grossly misrepresented how ShotSpotter carefully and faithfully prepares court-admissible forensic evidence and expert witness testimony for criminal shooting proceedings," said Ralph Clark, President and CEO of ShotSpotter. "ShotSpotter's forensic evidence has been used in over 190 court cases across the country and no court has ever found that ShotSpotter altered or fabricated evidence. Our gunshot detection technology is trusted by more than 120 cities to help first responders get to crime scenes quickly, save lives, and collect critical evidence."

Clark continued, "We provided evidence and court records to *VICE* that debunked their false claims. We hoped that they would retract their false reporting, but they chose not to, and we are forced to set the record straight by filing this complaint."

"*VICE* knowingly created a fictional tale that ShotSpotter conspired with police to frame innocent people," said ShotSpotter legal counsel Tom Clare, Partner at Clare Locke LLP. "To spin its yarn, it knowingly misrepresented court records and concealed facts that rebutted its claims. They propagated these lies through social media, spreading harmful disinformation that undermined trust in ShotSpotter that has been built over the past 25 years with the criminal justice system and communities at large. We will hold them accountable."

The complaint can be found at shotspottercomplaint.com.

ShotSpotter will hold a press conference to discuss the complaint with ShotSpotter President and CEO Ralph Clark and lead counsel Tom Clare of Clare Locke LLP. Messrs. Clark and Clare will take questions from the media. The press conference will take place today, October 12th, 2021, at 1:00 PM EST in Washington, D.C. Additional details are below.

PRESS CONFERENCE DETAILS

When: Tuesday, October 12th, 2021, at 1:00 PM EST

In-Person Press Conference Location:

Trident DMG Offices at 1120 20th St. NW, Suite 700 North, Washington, D.C. 20036

Telephonic Press Conference Information:
Audio Conference Call
Call-in #: 1-877-271-1828
Passcode: 93633231

About ShotSpotter, Inc.

ShotSpotter (NASDAQ: SSTI) is a leader in precision policing technology solutions that enable law enforcement to more effectively respond to, investigate and deter crime. The company's products are trusted by more than 120 U.S. cities to help make their communities safer. The company's platform includes its flagship product, ShotSpotter Respond™, the leading gunshot detection, location, and forensic system, and ShotSpotter Connect™, patrol management software to dynamically direct patrol resources to areas of greatest risk and more effectively deter crime. ShotSpotter Investigate™ is an investigative case management solution that helps detectives connect the dots and share information more effectively to improve case clearance rates. ShotSpotter also serves the corporate and college security markets and has been designated a Great Place to Work® Company.

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