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**PRESS RELEASE**

Jury Trial: Monday, October 12, 2026

**PLAINTIFF OPPOSES SCHWARZENEGGER'S MOTION, ARGUES THE "YOU POST, YOU PAY" ORDER SOUGHT IS PATENTLY UNCONSTITUTIONAL***LASC Case No. 23SMCV05390**Schwarzenegger now admits he ran a red light in his SUV, causing a head-on collision that left plaintiff with permanent brain damage.*

**BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (September 29, 2026)** — Jury trial is set to begin Monday, October 12, 2026, in *Augustine v. Schwarzenegger* (LASC Case No. 23SMCV05390), a personal injury lawsuit arising from a head-on collision on Sunset Boulevard. Mr. Schwarzenegger now admits he ran a red light while driving his SUV, causing the accident. Plaintiff Cheryl Augustine suffered a loss of consciousness and permanent brain damage as a result of the collision.

The trial will focus on issues related to Ms. Augustine's damages. Plaintiff's counsel anticipates that Mr. Schwarzenegger will be the first trial witness, following jury selection and opening statements.

**Defense Seeks to Make Plaintiff Pay for Security**

In *Defendants' Motion in Limine No. 6 to Manage the Foreseeable Consequences of Plaintiff's Pretrial Publicity*, Mr. Schwarzenegger and his company, Oak Productions, Inc., ask the Court to adopt an unprecedented trial security protocol. The motion seeks a specific security coordination with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, a ban on photography, video and audio recording of any participant in Department 205 or its adjacent corridors without a prior written order, special voir dire and juror admonishments about social media, and an order requiring any party who "publicly promotes this trial or the attendance of any witness" to pay the cost for added security.

**Plaintiff's Opposition**

On September 28, 2026, Ms. Augustine filed an opposition asking the Court to deny the motion. The opposition argues that making her pay for enhanced security would be an unconstitutional "trial tax" and would offend free speech rights protected by the First Amendment, citing United States Supreme Court precedent. It further argues that no statute, court rule, or published case specifically authorizes a court to charge a litigant for courthouse security, which the Sheriff already provides as a public function.

**Counsel and Trial Information**

Ms. Augustine is represented by Gary A. Dordick, Esq. and Taylor B. Dordick, Esq. of Dordick Law Corporation. Mr. Schwarzenegger is represented by Todd C. Worthe, Esq. of Worthe, Hanson, Worthe & Kaskiw, LLP.

Trial will be held Monday, October 12, 2026, at 8:30 a.m. in Department 205 (2nd Floor) of the Beverly Hills Courthouse, 9355 Burton Way, Beverly Hills, CA 90210, before Judge Edward B. Moreton, Jr.

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