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Reality TV star and former pro wrestler Hulk Hogan is suing a Tampa Bay-based disc jockey, the DJ's ex-wife and a New York media group over a sex tape

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REGINALD ROUNDTREE: And we've got some breaking news in the Hulk Hogan sex-tape case that's going on. Hulk Hogan has filed a lawsuit against his friend Bubba the Love Sponge. But Bubba's estranged wife; and Gawker, the Internet site, the blog that released the sex tape – "10 News" reporter Tammie Fields is covering Hillsborough County from the courthouse this afternoon where Hulk and his lawyers are talking about the suits. Let's listen in to the press conference now.

CHARLES HARDER: (In progress) – that he had never consented to any aspect of that video. And after he and his legal counsel demanded repeatedly that Gawker remove that video from its website, Gawker refused to do so. And it continued to post that video. The acts of Gawker Media are illegal, outrageous and exceed the bounds of human decency. The lawsuit against Gawker seeks damages in the amount of \$100 million.

The two lawsuits also seek an order transferring all rights to that video to Mr. Hogan and compelling all copies, all excerpts, all content to be delivered to Mr. Hogan's legal counsel so that it can be destroyed. The actions of the defendants cannot be tolerated by a civil society. Hulk Hogan will take all reasonable steps necessary to ensure that all persons and entities who were involved in this are punished to the fullest extent of the law.

I'm now going to turn this over to attorney David Houston, who has some additional remarks.

DAVID HOUSTON: Good afternoon, everybody. My name is David Houston, and thank you for being here.

I have been Hulk Hogan's personal litigation counsel for a little over five years. As a consequence I've come to know Hulk very well. He is not someone that is going to allow himself to be victimized without taking the opportunity to exercise every possible angle as it concerns law enforcement to stop the individuals who have set upon this path of what I consider to be a sincere invasion of his privacy and an attempt to destroy his life.

The civil lawsuits filed today are the first step. We are also investigating criminal prosecution both on the state level and on the federal level as it concerns those individuals responsible not only for the creation of this video but as well its dissemination. And for those people that may be out there, we had issued a warning initially that we would come for you if you published this video.

And I'm hopeful today it sends the message very clearly to any other entities out there that might be considering posting all or part of this video or for that matter any other – (inaudible) – we will – (inaudible) –

MR. ROUNDTREE: You're looking at a live press conference in front of the Hillsborough County Courthouse, attorney Houston who represents Hulk Hogan in this sex-tape scandal. Hulk is suing Bubba the Love Sponge and his ex-wife and the Gawker blog for releasing the sex tape. We will get back to this. This is breaking news that's going on. We'll get back to this because we believe that Hulk Hogan may also make a statement during this press conference. We'll come back to it when we see that Hulk is talking.