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Highland Park shooting victims sue Smith & Wesson, gun shops, alleged shooter and his father over July 4 parade mass shooting

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Victims of the Highland Park shooting have filed multiple lawsuits naming the alleged shooter, Robert Crimo III, Smith & Wesson, two firearms dealers and Crimo's father as the parties who bear responsibility for an eruption of gun violence that killed seven and wounded dozens of others during the northern suburb's Independence Day parade.

The lawsuits, announced Wednesday in Northbrook, are the latest in the ongoing debate in U.S. courts over who bears responsibility for deaths and injuries caused by firearms in this country.

Antonio Romanucci of Romanucci & Blandin, LLC, one of eight firms involved in the suits, said attorneys are "focused directly on gun makers Smith & Wesson."

"After every mass shooting, Smith & Wesson has a bump in sales," Romanucci said. "A bump in sales brings a bump in profits. A bump in profits brings bonuses to that C suite. We say no more. We say it's over. We all say we're done."

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