

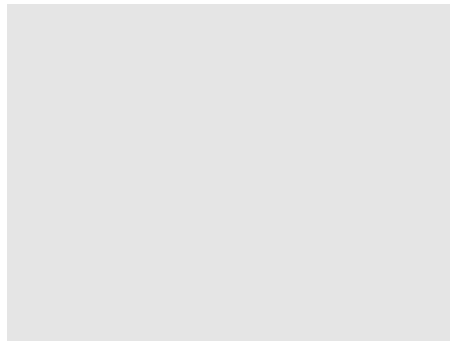
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Slain cinematographer's parents, sister sue over 'Rust' shooting death

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Halyna Hutchins

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The parents and sister of Ukrainian cinematographer Halyna Hutchins, who was fatally shot on a movie set south of Santa Fe, are suing *Rust* star and producer Alec Baldwin and many others associated with the film.

Hutchins' mother and father, Olga Solovey and Anatolii Androsovyh, and younger sister, Svetlana Zemo, live near Kyiv, according to the lawsuit filed Wednesday in state District Court.

Santa Fe resident Mamie Mitchel, a contracted script supervisor, also is a plaintiff in the complaint. It names 25 individuals and companies as defendants — including Baldwin, former armorer Hannah Gutierrez-Reed and former assistant director David Halls — along with “1 through 100” John Does.

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The lawsuit accuses the defendants of creating or allowing the conditions that led to Hutchins' death Oct. 21, 2021. She was killed by a bullet fired from a revolver Baldwin held at Bonanza Creek Ranch south of Santa Fe during a scene walk-through.

“The conduct of Defendant Baldwin when he pointed and discharged a loaded gun at Halyna Hutchins that killed her and in the direction of Plaintiff Mitchell constituted extreme and outrageous conduct exceeding all possible bounds of decency,” the lawsuit says.

The complaint accuses the defendants of negligence and inflicting emotional distress and says the “low budget filming” and cost-cutting measures, such as hiring an inexperienced armorer to oversee firearms and ammunition, endangered the lives of the cast and crew and ultimately led to Hutchins' death.

“Halyna Hutchins was an integral part of their own happiness and now they cannot enjoy life in the same way as they once did now that this relationship is lost,” the lawsuit says, referring to her family members. “The family's emotional ties to Halyna are forever severed because of her untimely killing by Defendants.”

The complaint seeks an unspecified amount of damages.

The plaintiffs are represented by a cadre of attorneys, including some from the California-based law firm Carpenter & Zuckerman and Gloria Allred, who is known for representing celebrity clients. She previously represented the family members of O.J. Simpson's slain wife, Nicole Brown Simpson.

The Santa Fe firm Egolf + Ferlic + Martinez + Harwood LLC also has entered an appearance on behalf of the plaintiffs.

Baldwin is charged with involuntary manslaughter in the case and has entered a plea of not guilty, saying he never pulled the trigger of the revolver before it discharged. He's scheduled to stand trial next month.

A jury convicted Gutierrez-Reed of the same fourth-degree felony charge earlier this year and a judge sentenced her to 18 months in state prison.

Halls — who testified during Gutierrez-Reed's trial he'd failed to conduct a thorough check of the weapon prior to the scene — pleaded no contest in 2023 to negligent use of a deadly weapon and was sentenced to six months of probation as part of an agreement with prosecutors.



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