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**San Francisco General Hospital and Trauma Center
Statement on the Condition of Bryan Stow**

Bryan Stow arrived at San Francisco General Hospital and Trauma Center (SFGH) from LAC+USC Medical Center on Monday May 15 at approximately 2pm. Mr. Stow was severely injured in an assault on March 31 in Los Angeles, where he suffered traumatic brain injury, and he remains in critical condition. Since his arrival at SFGH, Mr. Stow has been under the care of a team led by Dr. Geoff Manley, Chief of Neurosurgery.

“Mr. Stow has been undergoing comprehensive testing and assessment since his arrival,” Manley said. “He has been very, very sick and is not out of the woods yet. While we must be extremely cautious in interpreting his progress, there is some good news. After approximately 30 hours of continuous EEG monitoring, we can report there has been no seizure activity, and we have taken him off one of the five seizure medications he was given at LAC. We will study the effects of this change over the next several days with continuous monitoring.”

SFGH is the only trauma center in San Francisco and specializes in traumatic brain injury (TBI) and spinal cord injury (SCI), for which it is internationally recognized. Each year, SFGH neurotrauma specialists see more than 1,200 patients with traumatic brain and spinal cord injuries and perform nearly 300 neurosurgical operations. With an average daily census of 30 patients, the neurosurgical service at SFGH also actively manages the critical care of these patients and provides advanced neurotrauma care, including brain tissue oxygen monitoring, cerebral blood flow monitoring, jugular venous saturation monitoring and continuous EEG.

“I am hopeful, and I am realistic,” Manley said. “We take an aggressive, proactive approach here and treat all our patients like they are going to wake up. But we do not know yet how Bryan will do. It is day by day.”

SFGH will provide daily updates on Mr. Stow’s condition via a media hotline: 415 206-3376. If there are additional developments or future press conferences, they will be announced on the hotline.

San Francisco General Hospital and Trauma Center (SFGH)

San Francisco General Hospital and Trauma Center is the sole provider of trauma and psychiatric emergency services for the City and County of San Francisco. A comprehensive medical center, SFGH serves some 100,000 patients per year and provides 20 percent of the city's inpatient care. As San Francisco's public hospital, SFGH's mission is to provide quality health care and trauma services with compassion and respect to patients that include the city's most vulnerable. General Hospital is also one of the nation's top tertiary academic medical centers, partnering with the University of California, San Francisco School of Medicine on clinical training and research.

Additional Resources:

SFGH Media Hotline, updated at least once a day: (415) 206-3376

Cards and letters for Bryan Stow and family: P.O. Box 884, Capitola, CA 95010

Website for family updates and donations: <http://www.support4bryanstow.com>

More information about Traumatic Brain Injury work at SFGH:
<http://www.brainandspinalinjury.org/index.php>