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**San Francisco General Hospital and Trauma Center
Update on the Condition of Bryan Stow: Upgraded from Critical to Serious Condition**

SAN FRANCISCO – San Francisco General Hospital and Trauma Center (SFGH) announced today that patient Bryan Stow has been upgraded from critical to serious condition. Mr. Stow remains under the care of a team led by Dr. Geoff Manley, Chief of Neurosurgery. Dr. Manley provided several updates to Stow's condition:

- He is breathing without a ventilator, using a tracheostomy collar that assists his breathing.
- He has exhibited some spontaneous left arm movement.
- He is intermittently following some basic commands and opening his eyes.
- He has been weaned off two of the five anti-seizure medications that he was given at LAC+USC Medical Center, and his care team is lowering the doses of the remaining three anti-seizure medications. There has been no recent seizure activity.

"We are encouraged by Bryan's progress and heartened that he has improved, not deteriorated," Dr. Manley said. "We treat every patient aggressively here and we are trying to bring him along as fast as possible. But we still don't know how far he will go. For brain injured patients, recovery takes months and years, not days and weeks. We remain optimistic, but we must be extremely cautious about interpreting his progress."

Mr. Stow arrived at SFGH from LAC+USC Medical Center on Monday May 16, after being severely injured in an assault on March 31 in Los Angeles, where he suffered traumatic brain injury.

The Stow family released this statement today: "We are grateful for the public's continued concern and support. We are encouraged by Bryan's improvement and we ask for continued respect for his privacy, and ours, to focus on his health."

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.

SFGH will provide regular 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: (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>