

# The Landmark Sandy-Hook Shooting Trial Begins, but Will the Court Block Discovery?

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Remington, the gun maker being sued by families who lost loved ones in the Sandy Hook shooting, is seeking school records for some of the first-graders killed in the massacre, according to court filings in the landmark wrongful death lawsuit. Remington's request for information on five students and four teachers was called an "affront" against the families, but it is routine to gather all such records in a court case, especially when there is great controversy surrounding this case. Twenty children and six faculty members were killed on December 14, 2012. Josh Koskoff, the attorney representing nine families of victims, filed a motion to seal the documents, which include application and admission paperwork, transcripts and disciplinary records. Koskoff said, "the only relevant part of their attendance records is that they were at their desks on December 14, 2012." -GEG

Remington has filed subpoenas to obtain report cards, attendance lists and other academic records for five of the students who were murdered at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Conn. on Dec. 14, 2012. A total of 20 children and six faculty members were killed.

The nation's oldest gun manufacturer also asked the Newtown Public School District to provide employment files of four educators who died in the shooting. The five students and four educators are part of a long-running wrongful death suit against Remington over its marketing practices.

Calling the subpoenas an invasion of privacy, Josh Koskoff, the attorney representing nine families of victims, filed a motion on Thursday to seal the documents, which include application and admission paperwork, transcripts and disciplinary records.

A legal source familiar with the case, who was not authorized to speak about the pending

litigation, told TIME that it is routine in wrongful death lawsuits for the defense team to subpoena education and medical records to determine damages.

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