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## Monaco prince's bar brawl injuries grew mysteriously worse week after scuffle, lawyer for Adam Hock says



Marc A. Hermann for the New York Daily News Adam Hock asked a Manhattan judge Thursday to dismiss charges that he assaulted Prince Grace's grandson.

The lawyer for the ex-bikini bar owner accused of socking a Monaco prince in a club brawl called the royal and his crew spoiled brats who prance around the globe as their parents foot the bill.

"These four are a bunch of self-entitled punks who don't have anything better to do than spend their parents' money," lawyer Joseph Tacopina said as he tried to get a Manhattan judge to drop the assault charges against his client Adam Hock.

Prosecutors say Hock punched Princess Grace's grandson Pierre Casiraghi in the face during a Feb. 18 dustup at the Meatpacking District's Double Seven.

Tacopina said Hock barely left a scratch and scoffed at a note by Casiraghi's family doctor saying the prettyboy suffered a broken jaw and facial trauma, leaving him disabled for a month. "This poor kid who doesn't work, couldn't work for 30 days," Tacopina said. "I think what that means is that he couldn't go to the club for a month."

Tacopina pointed out the royal doctor examined the prince a week after the incident. The diagnosis contradicted one by New York Presbyterian Hospital doctors who treated Casiraghi immediately after the fracas. They said he suffered a swollen jaw and scratches, medical records show.

"It appears that Casiraghi's injuries got worse seven days later when his royal doctor checked out his royal face," the lawyer said. "He defied modern medicine by getting progressively worse."

The lawyer said the minor injuries were cause to toss the case, but Judge Michelle Armstrong rejected the motion.

That didn't stop Tacopina from taking jabs at Casiraghi and the pampered pals he partied with on the night of the fight — former Paris Hilton boyfriend Stavros Niarchos, Vladimir Restoin Roitfeld and Diego Marroquin.

"If they crash the Bentley, mom and dad will buy them another Bentley," the lawyer said, referring to a 2007 YouTube video showing Niarchos scratching the hood of his luxury car while fleeing the paparazzi.

Tacopina maintains Hock, the former owner of Hawaiian Tropic Zone, was enjoying a \$500 bottle of vodka with a bevy of models when Casiraghi attacked.

The assistant district attorney has also admitted in court papers that Roitfeld threatened Hock with a bottle. "[Hock's] a 46-year-old guy who has never had a brush with the law," Tacopina said.

Meanwhile, Casiraghi and his crew have stirred up trouble on at least three continents, he said. "We have found numerous cases of crude and obnoxious behavior," he said. "These guys have been in similar fights in Belize, Paris and Brazil."

Edwin Kratt, the prince's lawyer, said his client suffered serious injuries requiring "a great deal of medical treatment and recuperation."

"These are four guys who were sucker-punched for no reason," Kratt said.

Hock will be back in court on July 30.

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