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**ALARM INDUSTRY FILES LAWSUIT  
 TO HALT IMPLEMENTATION OF VERIFIED RESPONSE POLICY**

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**Industry Trade Association Remains Optimistic  
 About Burglar Alarm Task Force's Search for Compromise**

**LOS ANGELES** – George Gunning, representing the Greater Los Angeles Security Alarm Association (GLASAA), issued the following statement:

“Earlier today, GLASAA, on behalf of its member companies and citizens with more than 240,000 to 300,000 properties protected by alarm systems, and an individual alarm system owner filed a lawsuit with the Los Angeles Superior Court seeking to halt the implementation of the Police Commission’s Special Order requiring that any residential or commercial burglar alarm be visually verified prior to any LAPD dispatch. Because the Police Commission has indicated it will only delay implementation of its Special Order until on or about April 15, GLASAA undertook this action to preserve its legal remedies and public safety in the future. Arthur Fine of Mitchell, Silberberg & Knupp is representing the petitioners and plaintiffs in the lawsuit.”

“GLASAA supports the efforts of and is an active participant in the Burglar Alarm Task Force, and knows that there is a realistic and reasonable solution to reduce the number of LAPD dispatches to false alarms that can be developed with input from all concerned parties – the LAPD, neighborhood councils, business owners and the security alarm industry. We felt we needed to take this action to guarantee that the citizens of Los Angeles are not impacted in a negative way if the Police Commission’s policy is implemented before the Task Force and City Council have an adequate opportunity to consider how best to reduce the number of dispatches to false alarms.”

“GLASAA is convinced that solutions to the false alarm issue exist that do not require the elimination of police response. GLASAA has put forward a six-point plan that, if implemented in conjunction with enforcement of Los Angeles’ current burglar alarm ordinance, will significantly reduce the number of responses to false alarms. GLASAA’s six-points include: (1) obtain the first permit for any/all new burglar alarm customers; (2) provide the City of Los Angeles a confidential list of all alarm company customers; (3) institute a mandatory seven-day education period for new alarm owners with no dispatch to LAPD; (4) implement enhanced telephonic second-call verification process; (5) require ‘habitual abusers’ (residents or businesses with five or more police responses to false alarms) to utilize visual verification prior to LAPD dispatch; (6) remind customers on an annual basis to renew their City alarm permits.”

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