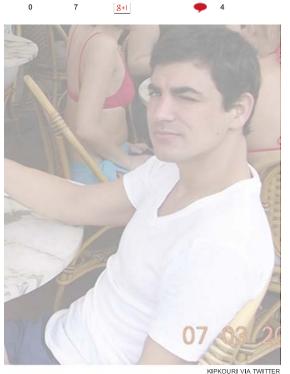
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Kip Kouri claims he was 'thrown' through a plate glass window by bouncers, who also made biased remarks.

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Yoko Ono's publicist Kip Kouri has filed a lawsuit againt Eataly.

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> Yoko Ono's flak is suing celebrity chef Mario Batali's eatery Eataly for \$10 million claiming he was "thrown" through a plate glass window by a trio of bigoted bouncers.

Kip Kouri claims in court papers they called him a "p---y" and a "f---t" and that he suffered a severe gash on one leg that required 60 stitches to close.

"It took a significant amount of force to do what they did," Kouri's lawyer Richard Klass said Friday. "This was a thick

Kouri still hasn't recovered from the incident and continues to have trouble walking, Klass added.

"It's not just a physical injury he had to suffer, but an emotional one as well," the lawyer said.

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Kouri claims they had a 9:30 p.m. reservation and "they gave his table away," said Klass.

"It became a heated argument over the reservation," the lawyer said.

Restaurant spokeswoman Cristina Villa did not immediately return a call and email for comment to rebut Kouri's claims.

But in earlier remarks to Billboard magazine, Villa said Kouri was "visibly intoxicated and acting as a potential threat to others."

"From our security cameras," she said, "it's clear that Mr. Kouri's friends were also trying to escort him out."

"We called the police and our security guards had to forcefully remove him from



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Kip Kouri claims bouncers at Eataly insulted him and threw him through a window.

the store," she said. "While doing so, the whole group banged into the glass window, which crashed, injuring all involved, including our guards."

Villa also denied anybody used "homophobic slurs."

"Nobody on our staff would ever use that word," she said.

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