

'Diddy' crew in beat-down suit

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An aspiring filmmaker claims in a \$25 million lawsuit he was beaten unconscious when he went to Sean "P. Diddy" Combs' recording studio to try and get the hip-hop honcho involved in an anti-violence campaign.

Neither the suit by the filmmaker, Thomas Guest, nor a companion \$25 million action by his associate, Damon Jackson, allege that Combs was personally involved in the alleged assault last August — but both suits seek to hold him accountable.

The suits argue Combs

is ultimately responsible for the assault because it was carried out by his security guards outside his West 44th Street recording studio, Daddy's House. A spokeswoman for Combs said, "This suit is totally baseless and the allegations are ridiculous."

Guest and Jackson's lawyer, Ralph DeSimone, said the trouble started when Jackson drove Guest to the studio to try and see Combs, whom Guest was trying to get involved in a film project "with a number of prominent rap artists speaking out against violence in the rap community."