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Nursing home settles over woman's death



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A Missouri nursing home agreed to a \$1 million settlement with the son of a woman who died while in the home's care, according to the plaintiff's attorney.

Ashley Ricket of Dollar, Burns & Becker in Kansas City said the woman, who had Alzheimer's, was a four-year resident of the skilled nursing facility with a secured unit. Ricket said the plaintiffs alleged in a lawsuit that the woman was allowed to suffer serious cardiac injuries which resulted in her death.

Ricket said the settlement for the nursing home's policy limits came after completing numerous witness depositions and working with multiple experts, with tens of thousands of pages of documents disclosed during discovery.

Ricket said the wrongful death settlement agreement barred her from disclosing the names of the plaintiffs, the nursing home or its attorneys. An attorney for the nursing home confirmed the settlement but otherwise declined to comment.

\$1 MILLION SETTLEMENT

WRONGFUL DEATH, NURSING HOME NEGLIGENCE

- **Injuries:** Cardiac injury and death
- **Venue:** Missouri state court
- **Case Number/Date:** Confidential/Aug. 1, 2014

- **Plaintiffs' Attorneys:** Ashley Ricket, Dollar, Burns & Becker, Kansas City
- **Defendants' Attorney:** Confidential