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VERDICTS & SETTLEMENTS

Man Killed By Tractor-Trailer Truck *Was Refilling Gas Tank On Shoulder*



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\$7 Million Settlement

The wife and four children of Peter J. Cuezze, 42, brought a wrongful death action after he was killed in an accident with a tractor-trailer truck.

In December 2000 Cuezze pulled his van to the shoulder of I-70 in Eastern Jackson County because he ran out of gas.

The plaintiffs claimed that while he was filling his tank, the truck traveled out of its traffic lane onto the shoulder of the road, striking and killing Cuezze. In addition they said the driver was fatigued and had falsified his logs.

The defendants denied falsification of the logs and driver fatigue or impairment.

Type of Action: Automobile accident

Type of Injuries: Death

Court/Case Number/Date: Jackson County Circuit Court/00CV208830/ July 2001

Caption: Cuezze v. Confidential (trucking company)

Judge, Jury or ADR: Mediation

Name of Judge: Jay Daugherty

Verdict or Settlement: \$7 million settlement

Allocation of Fault: N/A

Last Offer: Confidential

Last Demand: Confidential

Attorney for Plaintiff: Tim Dollar, Kansas City; Duke Ponick, Kansas City

Insurance Carrier: Confidential

Plaintiff's Experts: None

Defendant's Experts: None



The right front of the truck hit Peter Cuezze.