



Pinellas County

315 Court Street
Clearwater, Florida 33756

Staff Report

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Agenda Date: 1/9/2018

Subject:

Proposed settlement in the case of Corey Gourdine and Sakria Gourdine v. Pinellas County; Circuit Civil Case No. 14-006708-CI-13.

Recommended Action:

Rejection of the proposed settlement in the case of Corey Gourdine and Sakria Gourdine v. Pinellas County; Circuit Civil Case No. 14-006708-CI-13.

Strategic Plan:

N/A

Summary:

The above-referenced case is being brought to the Board of County Commissioners for consideration in accordance with the confidential memorandum of January 9, 2017.

Background Information:

N/A

Fiscal Impact:

Unknown.

Staff Member Responsible:

Jewel White, County Attorney
Nancy S. Meyer, Sr. Assistant County Attorney

Partners:

N/A

Attachments:

N/A



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Proposed settlement in the case of Corey Gourdine and Sakria Gourdine v. Pinellas County and Florida; Circuit Civil Case No. 14-006708-CI-13 - allegations of negligence resulting in personal injury.

Recommended Action:

Rejection of the proposed settlement in the amount of \$300,000.00 in the case of Corey Gourdine and Sakria Gourdine v. Pinellas County and authorization by the Board of County Commissioners (Board) for the Risk Manager and County Attorney, upon joint concurrence, to reject further settlement demands in their joint agreement.

Strategic Plan:

N/A

Summary:

This lawsuit arises as a result of Plaintiffs', Corey Gourdine and Sakria Gourdine, allegations that on or about October 30, 2013, they were injured at or near the intersection of U.S. 19 and S.R. 580 due to negligently maintained traffic control devices. Mr. and Mrs. Gourdine were pedestrians standing in the median when a motor vehicle accident occurred in the intersection. One of the motor vehicles allegedly struck Mrs. Gourdine and then the traffic control device. The traffic control device was then dislodged from its base and allegedly struck Mr. Gourdine. Both individuals assert physical and mental injuries.

The road is owned by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT); however, Pinellas County is under contract with FDOT to maintain the traffic signals pursuant to the timing standards provided by FDOT. Pinellas County's records show the traffic signal at issue was properly maintained before and after the accident with no indication the signal was faulty during the timeframe at issue.

In addition to recommending rejection of this specific demand, this memo also seeks the Board's authorization for the County Attorney and Risk Manager to, upon their joint agreement, reject any further settlement demands without need for Board approval.

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N/A

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