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Pinellas County

315 Court Street, 5th Floor
Assembly Room
Clearwater, Florida 33756

Staff Report

File #: 20-1783A

Agenda Date: 10/6/2020

Subject:

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:

Accept the proposed settlement of \$135,000.00 in the case of Corey Gourdine and Sakria Gourdine.

Strategic Plan:

N/A

Summary:

On or about October 30, 2013, Plaintiffs were injured at or near the intersection of U.S. 19 and S.R. 580 when a traffic accident occurred. Mrs. Gourdine was struck by a vehicle involved in the accident. That same vehicle caused a pedestrian light pole to fall on Mr. Gourdine. Plaintiffs allege negligently maintained traffic control devices resulting in short cycling and/or conflicting green lights causing the accident.

The Plaintiffs both suffered extensive injuries as a result of the accident with damages exceeding \$170,000.00. The statutory cap on this case is \$300,000.00. Therefore, it is recommended that the proposed \$135,000.00 settlement be accepted. Risk Management and County Administration concur with this recommendation.

Background Information:

This matter was previously brought before the Board on November 18, 2014, under agenda Item 18, and on January 9, 2018, under Legistar item 17-2225A.

Fiscal Impact:

Total amount of claim to be paid by the County is \$135,000.00.

Staff Member Responsible:

Jewel White, County Attorney

Christy Donovan Pemberton, Managing Assistant County Attorney

Nancy S. Meyer, Sr. Assistant County Attorney

Merry Celeste, Division Director, Risk Management

Partners:

N/A

Attachments:

N/A



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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:

Consideration of the proposed settlement in the case of Corey Gourdine and Sakria Gourdine v. Pinellas County.

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 October 6, 2020.

Background Information:

This matter was previously brought before the Board on January 9, 2018, under Legistar item no. 17-2225A.

Fiscal Impact:

Unknown.

Staff Member Responsible:

Jewel White, County Attorney
Christy Donovan Pemberton, Managing Assistant County Attorney
Nancy S. Meyer, Senior Assistant County Attorney
Merry Celeste, Division Director, Risk Management

Partners:

N/A

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