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On July 5, 2004, Estelle Richardson died while an inmate at the Metropolitan Davidson County Detention Facility. This facility is operated by Corrections Corporation of America ("CCA"). On the morning of Ms. Richardson's death, Dr. Bruce Levy, the State Medical Examiner, performed an autopsy on her body and as a result of the autopsy opined that Ms. Richardson died as a result of a head injury and further opined that her death was a homicide. Four CCA corrections officers – Keith Hendricks, Joshua Shockman, Jeremy Neese and William Wood – were subsequently indicted on charges of reckless homicide and aggravated assault based upon the claim that their actions in restraining Ms. Richardson on the morning of July 4, 2004 caused her head injury and resulting death. These four officers have specifically denied that they did anything to harm Ms. Richardson as part of their restraint of her on July 4, 2004, have denied that they caused her to suffer any head injury in the restraint process, and have denied that her death in any way resulted from any of their actions in restraining her.

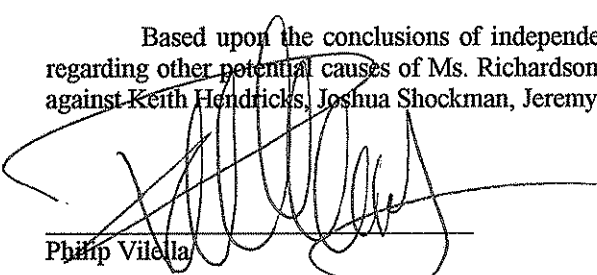
On July 29, 2004, a civil action was filed on behalf of Ms. Richardson's two minor children ("Plaintiffs") for damages for Ms. Richardson's death against CCA and the corrections officers. For over a year and a half since the filing of the civil action, the Plaintiff, the court appointed guardian and conservator for Ms. Richardson's children, and his attorney have investigated the circumstances surrounding Ms. Richardson's death. This investigation has been with the full and complete cooperation of CCA. During the course of this investigation and the preparation of their civil action for trial, the Plaintiff hired a forensic pathologist to examine and review Dr. Levy's opinion, examine the tissue specimens taken in the autopsy and perform additional examinations of certain autopsy specimens. Dr. George Nichols, the former Chief Medical Examiner of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, was the forensic pathologist employed by the Plaintiff to perform such examination and review.

Simultaneously, but separately, in preparation for trial, CCA employed Dr. William McCormick, a forensic pathologist who specializes in head injuries and currently serves as the Assistant State Medical Examiner for the State of Tennessee, to examine and review Dr. Levy's opinion, examine the tissue specimens taken in the autopsy and perform additional examinations of certain autopsy specimens.

Based on their separate, independent, comprehensive examinations and reviews, Dr. Nichols and Dr. McCormick differ in their conclusions and opinions from Dr. Levy's opinions concerning the timing of Estelle Richardson's head injury and the cause of her death. Dr. Nichols and Dr. McCormick have independently concluded that Ms. Richardson did not suffer a skull fracture on July 4, 2004, but that such injury occurred at least three (3) days prior to her death. Further, Dr. Nichols and Dr. McCormick have independently determined that Ms. Richardson's death was not caused by and did not result from the skull fracture itself. Therefore, Dr. Nichols and Dr. McCormick, based on their independent medical findings, have concluded that CCA corrections officers – Keith Hendricks, Joshua Shockman, Jeremy Neese and William Wood – did not inflict a head injury on Ms. Richardson on July 4, 2004. Dr. Levy himself was reported to have stated to The Tennessean in September 2004 that Ms. Richardson's injuries could have occurred "many hours' or even days before Richardson died July 5, [2004]."

A dispute still exists between the Plaintiff and CCA regarding the cause of Ms. Richardson's death and CCA's civil responsibility for damages resulting from her death while she was in CCA custody. CCA has denied and continues to deny that it caused or contributed to Ms. Richardson's death in any way. However, in order to end this litigation, the Plaintiff and CCA have mutually agreed to a full and final settlement of the Plaintiff's civil claims against CCA and its agents, servants or employees in any way arising from or related to Ms. Richardson's death. CCA's compromise and settlement of this disputed claim is made solely to end the controversy between the Plaintiff and CCA and to avoid the continuation of this very costly and protracted litigation.

Based upon the conclusions of independent medical experts hired by the Plaintiff and CCA, and substantial uncertainties regarding other potential causes of Ms. Richardson's death, on February 23, 2006, the Plaintiff voluntarily dismissed the civil action against Keith Hendricks, Joshua Shockman, Jeremy Neese and William Wood alleging their involvement in her death.



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Court Appointed Guardian and Conservator for
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