



COMMISSIONERS COURT
COMMUNICATION

REFERENCE NUMBER _____

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DATE: 09/19/2023

SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND FULL, FINAL AND COMPLETE RELEASE SIGNED BY SONDREA MILLER, INDIVIDUALLY, AND AS THE INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ESTATE OF JAVONTE LAKENDRICK MYERS IN CONNECTION WITH A SUIT AGAINST TARRANT COUNTY, TEXAS, CASE NO. 4:22-CV-00457-O

***** CONSENT AGENDA *****

COMMISSIONERS COURT ACTION REQUESTED

It is requested that the Commissioners Court approve a Settlement Agreement and Full, Final and Complete Release signed by Plaintiff Sondrea Miller, Individually, and as the Independent Administrator of the Estate of Javonte Lakendrick Myers and Plaintiff Roddrick B. Newhouse, Chapter 7 Trustee for the Bankruptcy Estate of Sondrea Doneille Miller for claims made against Tarrant County, and authorize the release of the settlement check without first appearing on the claims register.

BACKGROUND

On April 27, 2022, Plaintiffs filed suit against Tarrant County claiming the wrongful death of Javonte Lakendrick Myers on June 19, 2020, while in the custody of the jail.

Subsequently, the parties attended mediation and a settlement was reached. Plaintiff has agreed to accept the sum of \$1,000,000.00 in full and final settlement of the claims against Tarrant County. The Agreement is to compromise disputed factual and legal claims of Plaintiffs against Tarrant County, to avoid litigation and to buy peace, and nothing therein is to be construed as an admission of liability by any party, all liability being expressly denied.

This Agreement is conditioned upon and subject to approval in Case No. 19-41217 currently pending in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Texas, Fort Worth Division. Upon final approval of the Settlement Agreement and Full, Final and Complete Release, the settlement checks shall be issued, Plaintiffs will dismiss the lawsuit, and the matter will be fully resolved.

With approval of the Settlement Agreement and Full, Final and Complete Release, the Plaintiff will dismiss her lawsuit and the matter will be fully resolved.

This Settlement Agreement has been approved by the Criminal District Attorney's Office.

FISCAL IMPACT

The fiscal impact to Tarrant County is \$1,000,000.00 to fully settle the claims of Sondrea Miller. This will be funded from account 575031/61500-2023/1912000000.

SUBMITTED BY:	Criminal District Attorney	PREPARED BY: APPROVED BY:	Polly S Maxwell
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