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Family of Murdered Inmate Files Multi-Million Dollar Lawsuit Against State of Arizona and Private Prison

The Phoenix law firm of Mills + Woods Law PLLC, representing the Estate of Neil Early, Keith Early, and Tammy Early of Peoria, filed a multi-million-dollar lawsuit today against the State of Arizona, the Arizona Department of Corrections, Charles Ryan, Odie Washington, Management and Training Corporation, Management and Training Corporation Medical, Correctional Healthcare Companies, Correct Care Solutions, Melissa Johnson, Arshad Tariq, Tiffany Thompson, John Albanese, and Giovanni Gonzalez alleging civil rights violations under 42 U.S.C. § 1983, wrongful death, gross negligence, and negligent hiring, supervision, and training for the brutal assault and murder of Neil Raymond Early in January, 2015.

The lawsuit, filed in Maricopa County Superior Court today, alleges that the actions and inactions of the prison and medical staff at Arizona State Prison in Kingman constitute deliberate indifference to the serious medical needs of and the wanton infliction of pain upon Neil Early, proscribed by the Eighth Amendment, as well as gross violation(s) of Neil's civil rights under the United States Constitution and the Arizona Constitution.

“We share with the Early family the goal of shining a light on the much-needed evaluation and reform of the highly profitable privately-run prison system, both in Arizona and throughout this country,” said Sean Woods, partner at Mills + Woods Law PLLC. “Federal and state law prohibits the unconstitutional treatment of prisoners, who even while incarcerated, are guaranteed basic human rights. It is our hope that the State of Arizona and the Arizona Department of Corrections will finally realize that these abhorrent conditions – lack of inmate security, insufficient employee training, and deplorably incompetent medical care – require immediate resolution to protect the safety of the citizens of Arizona.”

Although the family can never be made completely whole for the loss of Neil, the lawsuit seeks relief through compensatory and punitive damages, with the additional goal of effecting lasting change in the private prison system.

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