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\$1 MILLION SETTLEMENT

Settlement reached after man dies following IV infusion

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The family of a suburban Kansas City man who died following an allegedly contaminated intravenous infusion settled with a Kansas City physician and her medical clinic for \$1 million.

According to a 2020 lawsuit filed in Jackson County Circuit Court, 63-year-old Robert “Willie” Weems of Lake Quivara, Kansas, died at the University of Kansas Hospital as a “result of negligent medical care and treatment” provided by Dr. Kelly J. Logan at Element Wellness in Kansas City — specifically, a tainted IV vitamin infusion that Weems’ widow and three sons asserted

was contaminated but which could not be obtained from the defense for testing.

Weems died from multiple organ failure in December 2018, five days after receiving the infusion from a medical assistant. Attorneys for the osteopathic physician and her medical center did not respond to requests for comment.

“During the infusion, the patient immediately felt nauseous and became seriously ill,” said plaintiff’s attorney Kevin Buchanan of Davis Bethune & Jones in Kansas City, an attorney for widow Robin Weems. “Realizing the IV solution had made him sick, he requested that the contents of the IV bag be preserved. Instead, the bag and remaining contents were thrown away.”

During litigation, Buchanan said, the treating doctor could not identify what was in the IV bag administered to her patient. The case was settled for \$1 million in

June, records provided by Weems’ attorneys show, an amount that Buchanan said represented the defendants’ policy limits.

MEDICAL MALPRACTICE, WRONGFUL DEATH

Venue:

Jackson County Circuit Court

Case Number/Date:

2016-CV24461/June 8, 2023

Judge: J. Dale Youngs

Insurance: Kansas Medical Mutual Insurance Co.
(for Logan)

Caption: Robin Weems v. Kelly J. Logan D.O., Element Wellness LLC and Element Physical Medicine LLC

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