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## Bailey Javins & Carter Secures \$7 Million Verdict for Family in Fatal Multi-Vehicle Truck Accident

Charleston, WV - The law firm of Bailey Javins & Carter is proud to announce a significant victory in the pursuit of justice for the family of Adanela Santana, who tragically lost her life in a multi-vehicle truck accident in Wheeling, WV. After a hard-fought legal battle, the family's legal team secured a \$7,029,256 verdict on behalf of Santana's loved ones.

The three vehicle crash, which occurred on April 4, 2021, on the I-470 I-70 split, involved Santana's Volkswagen Jetta, a Penske box truck operated by an employee of F&R Cargo Express, and a tractor-trailer. Santana, a beloved member of her community, was killed in the crash, while her passengers, Ebony White and her minor daughter, suffered both physical and emotional injuries.

Investigation into the accident revealed that the Penske truck had rear-ended Santana's vehicle while attempting to merge into traffic. The truck's driver, Franci Colon-Fermin, was later found to have been speeding or distracted at the time of the collision and was <u>charged with negligent homicide</u>.

The legal team at Bailey Javins & Carter, consisting of attorneys Taylor Norman and Lee Javins, alongside Larry Perry of Perry & Young and Dan Snuffer of WVLawyer PLLC, fought tirelessly to ensure that Santana's family received the just compensation they deserved. The jury awarded \$4,029,256 for economic losses and \$3,000,000 for non-economic damages, including pain and suffering, mental anguish, sorrow, and the inability to enjoy life.

"This verdict is a testament to the importance of holding negligent parties accountable for their actions," said Taylor Norman, attorney at Bailey Javins & Carter. "While no amount of money can ever replace the loss of a loved one, we are grateful to have secured a measure of justice for Adanela's family."

Multi-vehicle truck accidents often result in devastating consequences, with a higher likelihood of fatalities compared to other types of crashes. The immense size and weight of commercial trucks create a significant risk of catastrophic or fatal injuries to occupants of smaller passenger vehicles. Families who lose loved ones in these tragic accidents are left to cope with immeasurable grief and the sudden loss of financial and emotional support.

"Our hearts go out to Adanela's family and all those affected by this terrible tragedy," Norman continues. "We hope that this verdict helps bring them a sense of closure and allows them to begin the process of healing. We also hope that it serves as a reminder to all drivers, especially those operating commercial vehicles, to prioritize safety on our roads."

The verdict in this case underscores the commitment of Bailey Javins & Carter to fight for the rights of individuals and families harmed by preventable crashes. The firm remains dedicated to

holding negligent parties accountable and securing the compensation their clients need to move forward.

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