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Family awarded \$6.5 million in wrongful death lawsuit

The family of an East Dubuque, Ill., woman who was killed two years ago today has won a \$6.5 million wrongful death lawsuit.

Tabitha Carroll, 32, was killed Oct. 31, 2008, near Huntley, Ill., while traveling with her family to a pumpkin patch. Jeffrey Repec, of Spring Grove, Ill., driving a semi-tractor trailer, rear-ended the pickup truck Carroll was a passenger in with her 3-year-old son, Gabriel. Carroll's husband, Randolph Carroll, was driving.

The settlement, awarded on Friday in a Kane County, Ill., courtroom, includes \$4.7 million for the wrongful death of Carroll, \$1.5 million for her husband's injuries and \$300,000 for her son, according to a release from the family's attorneys, Levin & Perconti.

Police found Repec to be under the influence of marijuana at the time of the crash. The Carrolls' truck was pushed into a stopped IDOT truck, police reports said. Carroll was pronounced dead at the scene. Repec pleaded guilty to aggravated driving under the influence of drugs. He is serving a 45-month sentence in the Jacksonville (Ill.) Correctional Center.

Randolph and Gabriel Carroll now live in Woodstock, Ill.



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