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***Palm Beach County Parents Sue Relative for $1.6 Million in Fraudulent Probate Case***

West Palm Beach, FL (February 26, 2025) – The parents of a deceased Palm Beach County man have filed a lawsuit against his aunt for fraud and conversion. The suit alleges that the aunt fraudulently obtained a $1.6 million settlement from the deceased’s personal injury claim following a 2017 accident, concealing the settlement from her aunt and uncle and misrepresenting her relationship with the deceased to secure the funds.

The deceased, who was the Plaintiffs’ son and the Defendant’s nephew, suffered severe injuries in a swimming pool accident in 2017, resulting in his death in 2019. Following his death, his aunt—who was not the deceased’s legal guardian—filed a probate action, falsely claiming she was the deceased’s aunt and guardian, and that his parents' whereabouts were unknown. She used this false claim to claim the settlement proceeds for herself.

The lawsuit further alleges that the aunt provided false and misleading information to the court, including a purported Honduran legal document, lacking proper authentication, to support her claim of guardianship. Her actions are alleged to be fraudulent and a breach of trust, depriving the Plaintiffs of their rightful share of the settlement.

“This case highlights a blatant disregard for the truth and a cynical attempt to exploit a tragic situation for personal gain,” states Gil Sanchez, Esq. of Black Rock Trial Lawyers, representing the Plaintiffs. “Our clients, grieving the loss of their son, have been further victimized by the actions of their niece. We are confident that the court will hold the Defendant accountable for her actions and ensure justice is served.”

The Plaintiffs are seeking compensatory damages, the return of the settlement funds, attorney's fees, and other relief deemed appropriate by the court.

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