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## Family to receive 'multi-million dollars' in suit settlement

Richard J. Gonzalez' three children will be the recipients of what is being called "in the multi millions of dollars" settlement of a wrongful death suit.

The exact amount of the settlement was not disclosed by either side when the settlement was reached in a June 6 filing, resolving the case in U.S. District Court in Urbana.

Mr. Gonzalez was the son of Arthur and Margaret Gonzalez, of Hoopeston, who sued Ford County, Sheriff Mark Doran and two jail employees in the seven-count suit, filed May 23, 2013.

Mr. Gonzalez, 30, had been sentenced to four years in prison for using a fraudulent ATM transaction to steal \$3,000 from a Paxton Bank. According to the lawsuit, he was taken into custody at the Ford County Jail on May 15, 2012, and was waiting to be transferred to the Illinois Department of Corrections. He was found dead at 4 a.m. May 23, 2012.

The suit alleged Mr. Gonzalez suffered a "serious medical need" on May 18, 2012. According to published reports, Doug Wallace, then Ford County coroner, said Mr. Gonzalez fell off of a table while talking on the phone in a six-person cellblock. In



**RICHARD GONZALEZ**

the fall, he fractured his right scapula, which contributed to his death, which, Wallace said was caused by cardiac arrhythmia. He ruled the death accidental.

The suit said Mr. Gonzalez was taken to a local emergency room for treatment and was returned to the jail, where he continued to experience "serious medical needs," including pain and being provided ineffective prescription pain medication. The suit alleged jail employees failed or refused to provide him with treatment and instead locked him in a solitary padded cell.

The suit alleged Doran and employees conspired to cover up what had happened, writing false reports and lying to state police investigators, telling them Mr. Gonzalez was alive long after he died.

Required by law to observe inmates every 30 minutes, the suit alleged Mr. Gonzalez was under special observation due to his medical condition, and that he was not observed as he should have been. Special prosecutor Ed Parkinson was asked by the state police to prosecute for official misconduct those responsible for the alleged cover up,

See SETTLEMENT on other side

## From the Blotter

A 36-year-old Hoopeston man reported at 8:48 p.m. Sunday that someone entered his vehicle and took items from it. Police are investigating the burglary, which happened in the 1100 block of Savannah Ct.

Two Hoopeston people were arrested after police were called at 8:05 p.m. Sunday for a report of a

physical dispute in the 500 block of South Sixth Ave.

Shauna Whitlow, 30, was charged with possession of methamphetamine and was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville.

Also taken to the PSB to await arraignment was Brian Kinnaird, 39, who was charged with home invasion.

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## Briefly

### Meetings

Hoopeston City Council, 7 p.m. Tuesday, city hall  
Hoopeston Area School Board, 7 p.m. Thursday,  
high school library

### At the library

Upcoming activities at Hoopeston Public Library are:

**Stitchin' Time**, 6-7 p.m. Tuesdays and 10:30 a.m.-noon Wednesdays. Crochet instruction provided or bring your own projects.

**On Stage**, 10-10:30 a.m. Wednesday. A free activi-

## Settlement continued from other side

but he declined to file charges, said Janine Hoft, of Chicago-based People's Law Office, which had been hired by Mr. Gonzalez' parents.

Evidence found during the civil rights violation has been provided to Parkinson in hopes he will file additional charges.

As for the settlement, the money will go into annuities for Mr. Gonzalez' minor children: Noah, Richard Jr., and Alyssa. Each will start receiving

ty for kids ages 8-14 to learn more about acting, public speaking and being on stage. Fun activities, skits, monologues, dialogues and games to boost your confidence in front of an audience. A five-week series taught by Tom Sweeney.

**Reading Buddies**, 10-11 a.m. Thursday. For youngsters preschool to age 8. Enjoy a story, a learning activity or craft. Each weekly participant will also receive a free book.

**Showtime with PBS Kids**, 11 a.m.-noon Thursday. Stories, crafts, activities and videos from popular PBS Kids shows. For ages 5-10.

payments after reaching 18, an annual payment for the first four years and three "lump sum" payments every five years for the following 15 years.

## Weather

Partly sunny today. High 79. Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 63. Tomorrow, thunderstorms likely. High 77, low 61.

**Blast Off with Design Squad**, 2-3 p.m. Thursday. For ages 10-14. Science and tech-based activities, crafts and building projects from NASA with an outer space theme.

### Breast cancer support meeting

Hoopeston Breast Cancer Support Group meets the

third Thursday of each month at the Pit Stop at Fast Lanes Bowling Alley. The next meeting is June 20.

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The City of Hoopeston is accepting applications for Zoning and Code Enforcement Officer. Applications may be picked up at City Hall, 301 W. Main St.

Golf Course Superintendent needed at Hubbard Trail Country Club. Knowledge of the use and maintenance of golf course mowing equipment is essential. Send resume to HTCC PO Box 305 Hoopeston, IL 60942 or call 217-748-6521.

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