

Crash Suit Settlement Near \$20,000

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Oneonta — Settlement of a \$100,000 negligence action in favor of a 16-year-old boy has been reached in Supreme Court at Cooperstown.

Exact amount of the settlement was not disclosed yesterday, but it reportedly is in the neighborhood of \$20,000.

SEVERE INJURIES

Plaintiff in the case was Wallace T. Allen, a former student at Morris Central School, who suffered severe injuries in a crash near Gilbertsville last Sept. 15.

The action against Michael Tkaczow, Sr., of Garrattsville was pushed by his widowed mother, Mrs. Doris L. Allen of Morris.

Wallace was one of three students returning from football practice when the car, owned by Mr. Tkaczow, left Route 51 and rammed a tree.

Killed in the crash was the owner's son, Michael Tkaczow, Jr., who was driving the car.

The other passenger, Dennis Bourgeois, 16, of Mount Vision, also suffered injuries.

UNABLE TO RESUME

Complaint in the case alleged that young Allen received injuries which have left him disabled as a result of the crash.

He reportedly has lost sight in an eye and is unable to resume his studies at Morris Central School.

Chester J. Winslow, Jr., of Hartwick represented the boy and his mother, while the Cooperstown firm of Van Horne & Feury appeared for the defendant.

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