

Case Summary

This case summary is not to be used as evidence in the case, but rather is provided for background purposes only.

Syler Reed, a senior at Coastal Texoma College, was given tickets to the 2022 Music in the Sand three-day festival to celebrate the Fourth of July as a Christmas present.

The main act for the Fourth of July concert was Raven, winner of the reality television show "American Rockstar," and one of Skyler's favorite musical artists.

Radio station 104.4 WCRB "The Wave" was presented with the extraordinary opportunity to host this event.

For the Music in the Sand festival, DJ Cameron Jackson, a.k.a. "DJ CJ," flew a drone with a camera to capture the excitement of the crowd and the performers for the station's website.

During Raven's opening performance, Skyler climbed on top of a trashcan to get a better view of Raven.

At the same time, DJ CJ received several emergency phone calls from the security office regarding that night's fireworks show. Knowing that it was urgent, DJ CJ set the drone on an automatic hover function so that it would stay in the same location, and then stepped away from piloting the drone.

On the evening of July 4th, 2022, while DJ CJ stepped away to talk on the phone, Skyler Reed fell from the trash can onto a concrete walkway, suffering a brain injury and deep cut to the back of the head. Skyler alleges that the fall was a result of the drone, but other evidence suggests that the fall may be due to other causes.

As a result of this accident, Skyler Reed's life has been impacted as he/she has extreme headaches, leading to failure in many of his/her classes.

IV. THE CASE

A. Brief Case Summary

Mia Perez, a minor child and the only daughter of Casey Perez, sustained a serious concussion during a college showcase soccer tournament on Friday, December 10, 2021, while playing for the Rubicon Soccer Club Under-17 Premier soccer team. Mia continues to suffer from significant mental and physical impairment as a result of that concussion. Mia has filed a lawsuit against Rubicon soccer coach Shannon Dempsey, Rubicon Soccer Club Director Jordan Reddick, and Rubicon Soccer Club, Inc., arguing that they were negligent in returning her to play too soon after an earlier concussion and, therefore, are liable for the damages she sustained.

B. Witness List

For the plaintiff:

Casey Perez, parent of injured player Mia Perez
Dr. Bevin Register, concussion expert
Tobin O'Reilly, Rowe High School soccer coach

For the defense:

Shannon Dempsey, Co-Defendant, Rubicon Soccer Club Coach
Jordan Reddick, Co-Defendant, Director of Rubicon Soccer Club
Chris Durant, classmate of Mia Perez

C. List of Exhibits

1. Acute Concussion Evaluation (ACE) Physician form for Mia Perez
2. Acute Concussion Evaluation (ACE) Care Plan for Mia Perez
3. CDC Fact Sheet: "Facts About Concussion and Brain Injury"
4. Sports Concussion Fact Sheet SB721, Jenna's Law
5. Rubicon Soccer Club Medical Consent/Waiver of Liability and Release

D. Complaint, Answer, Stipulations

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Facts of the Case

Until the late 1990s, Camp Green Lake was a juvenile correction facility in Green Lake, Texas. Warden Walker owned and operated the facility on property that belonged to her family for generations. In order to maintain Camp Green Lake, Warden Walker employed counselors and corrections officers to assist with the day to day operations of Camp and to oversee the boys in their care. To better organize the juveniles in her care, Warden Walker separated Camp Green Lake into multiple groups, A through F.

Camp Green Lake was located in a remote part of the Texas desert. Every boy sent to Green Lake was required to dig one hole each day. The boys woke up at 4:30 every morning to eat breakfast before leaving to dig. Once the boys finished digging a hole five feet wide and five feet deep, to be measured with their shovel, they would be done working for the day. They would then return to camp where they could shower or spend time in the rec room.

In 1998, Stanley Yelnats was sent to Camp Green Lake as an alternative to jail when he was found guilty of stealing a pair of shoes from a charity auction. Upon his arrival, Stanley was assigned to Group D where he met several other boys including Hector Zeroni (Zero) and X-Ray. Mr. Pendanski, a counselor, and Mr. Sir, a corrections officer, were responsible for the boys in Group D.

In two separate incidents, Stanley and Zero ran away from Camp Green Lake and disappeared into the desert. They were not followed by any other campers, adults responsible for their group, or Warden Walker. After surviving off water and onions found on the top of a mountain, Stanley and Zero returned to camp where they took shelter in a hole. They were found by Warden Walker, Mr. Pendanski and Mr. Sir.

On the same day they were found, Stanley's family attorney showed up to Camp Green Lake to take Stanley home. Stanley's attorney had also brought the Attorney General with her to ensure that Stanley would be released. Upon seeing Stanley and Zero in the hole, Stanley's attorney and the Attorney General became concerned with the wellbeing of the boys in Warden Walker's care. The State of Texas is now charging the Warden with Child Endangerment and Felonious Assault.