

Parents file suit after child dies of football-related injuries

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September 20, 2013 /**24-7PressRelease**/ -- The parents of a college football player has filed a wrongful-death suit against members of the college's football staff after their son died from multiple head injuries, which were linked to the team's "gladiatorial" high-speed football drills. Such drills allegedly caused players to experience constant trauma to the head.

In this case, the lawsuit claims that the student told an assistant coach at practice that he felt off and had a headache. Shortly after, he apparently collapsed and lapsed into a coma. Just six days after this incident, he passed away.

Court documents allege that prior to the incident, there was no mention of concussion injuries within the football team's policies. The [wrongful death](#) lawsuit claims that the student returned to practice even though he experienced bleeding from the top of his head during previous drills in August 2011. The plaintiffs note that the college athlete was never evaluated for head injuries, and his helmet was never inspected.

Furthermore, teammates of the 22-year-old player note that the football practices were very difficult. Moreover, the lawsuit contends that coaches treated all injuries the same; athletes played through anything from a wrist injury to a severe concussion.

Gladiatorial drills and brain injuries

The [wrongful death](#) lawsuit refers to gladiatorial football drills, which are the full-speed exercises commonly associated with Division III schools. Such drills are often utilized during the preseason camp. Preseason practices are typically two practices per day, which involve nonstop collisions. As a fullback, the deceased athlete of the aforementioned matter allegedly had to crash into linebackers at high speeds during most drills. This caused several concussive blows to the head, according to the lawsuit.

The student was apparently not the only person who suffered a concussion during camp. At least two other athletes apparently experienced head injuries, and plaintiffs claim that football officials "knew or should have known" that the deceased had suffered a concussion during the prior season.

Harm from second-impact syndrome, which is caused by head trauma that happens before a

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previous head injury has fully healed, is rare. However, if such injuries occur, a fatality can result. The extensive trauma causes rapid brain swelling. Ultimately, the brain falls apart from the brain stem. A person can die within minutes of this occurring.

Other football-related lawsuits involving brain injuries have been filed against the NFL and the NCAA. Football can be dangerous, and if appropriate safety polices are not implemented and followed, athletes can be seriously injured or even lose their lives. If you or a loved one has been injured in a serious accident, you may benefit from speaking to a qualified personal injury law attorney in your area.

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