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## CCNO Medical Negligence Scandal Grows As More Claims Come Forward



Our firm recently filed a wrongful death lawsuit against Corrections Center of Northwest Ohio (CCNO) and its medical staff after an investigation revealed that CCNO deliberately withheld lifesaving medical care to 28-year-old Chavis Martinez. Despite being aware that Mr. Martinez was a Type I insulin dependent diabetic, CCNO withheld insulin from him and continued to do so over the course of approximately

one week until he collapsed, went into a coma, and died.

Now, a second death case has come forward involving the same abusive behavior from CCNO medical staff. In this case, CCNO medical staff were made aware that a 39-year-old inmate had serious cardiac issues, required extensive medication, was implanted with a defibrillator, and had a pacemaker that was actively monitored by his cardiac

care team at the University of Michigan. CCNO represented to the Court that it was well-equipped to provide medical care to the inmate during his short sentence. Despite this representation, medical records and daily journal entries reveal CCNO repeatedly disregarded his care and pleas for his medications and failed to medically monitor him. As a result of CCNO's conduct and failures, our client repeatedly suffered cardiac events, with the last one resulting in his death on the very last day of his sentence. He leaves behind his wife and two school-aged children.

"Our firm has the greatest respect for law enforcement and medical professionals," says attorney Wes Merillat. "Most willingly risk their own well-being for the health and safety of others. But when an officer or medical provider betray their position, they betray public trust and dishonor their profession. That is what CCNO and its medical staff have done and it is our intent to hold them accountable."

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# Civil Lawsuit Filed After Company Hires Registered Sex Offender Who Then Takes 12-Year-Old Girl From Store & Rapes Her

Our firm has filed a lawsuit against Lassus Bros., an Indiana corporation that runs a chain of Handy Dandy gas station/convenience stores, after it hired a known pedophile and registered sex offender who then sexually assaulted a 12-year-old girl who came to its Montpelier, Ohio store.

Lassus Bros. targets and markets to child-aged consumers as part of its business model and knew this individual would be in close contact to and/or interacting with children and hired him anyway. "This company markets and promotes itself as a faith-based organization that operates with a sense of responsibility to its customers and does what's right, no matter what," says the child's attorney, Wes Merillat.



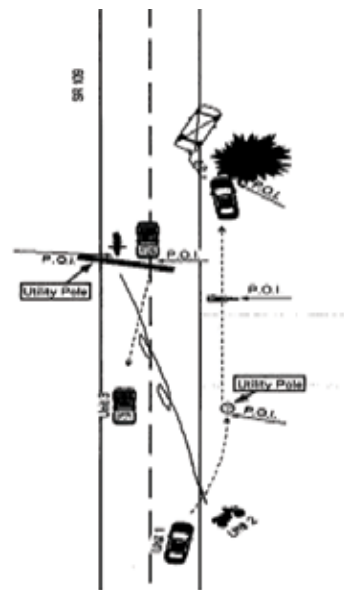
"However, in this situation, every indication is that they set those values aside in the name of business and a child was made to pay the ultimate price. As both an attorney and a parent of a 12-year-old child, I am utterly disgusted, and we are going to do everything we can to hold them accountable."

## Springtime Means Watch for Motorcycles

Now that spring is here and the weather is warmer, more motorcycles will be on the road. Drivers can practice motorcycle awareness by looking twice before making a turn, giving motorcyclists a full lane of traffic, and trying to anticipate motorcyclist's maneuvers as riders may need to swerve to avoid debris in the road or potholes.

One of our past cases involved a husband and wife on a motorcycle who were travelling at night on a state route in Liberty Township, Ohio. Moments before, on their same path of travel, a motorist drove off the roadway striking a utility pole, causing the pole to come crashing down and lay across the roadway. The pole was not visible as it remained on the dark road. Travelling at approximately 50 mph, our clients struck the downed pole and were violently ejected from the motorcycle.

Emergency services rushed to the scene and transported our clients to a nearby hospital. Our clients suffered extensive injuries and underwent significant treatment including a neck surgery. Our office pursued compensation from the driver that struck the utility pole, obtaining a policy limits recovery for our client.





## RECIPE: Mancy's Secret Sazerac Cocktail Recipe

*Gus Mancy from Toledo's First Family of Restaurants joined Chuck on the Boyk Brief podcast recently to talk about his family's businesses and the challenges of operating multiple restaurants. He graciously shared Mancy's Secret Sazerac Cocktail Recipe. Pour yourself a drink and enjoy the Boyk Brief, available on YouTube or wherever you download your podcasts. Cheers!*



### INGREDIENTS:

- 2 oz. Old Overholt Rye whiskey
- 2 dashes Peychaud's bitters
- Dash Angostura bitters (optional)
- Absinthe (sub with Pernod and Green Chartreuse or simply Pernod)
- 1 sugar cube

### INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Add ice to a rocks glass and allow to chill. In a second, room temperature rocks glass, drop the sugar cube and dash with bitters. Add a couple drops of water and muddle until the sugar is dissolved.
2. Take the chilled rocks glass and discard the ice. Put a couple drops of Absinthe (or use a mixture of Pernod and Green Chartreuse). Roll it around in the chilled rocks glass until coated, pouring off the excess.
3. Pour the rye whiskey over the sugar and bitters mixture and add ice cubes. Stir well



4. Take the lemon twist and expel the oil over the drink. Rub the garnish on the outside of the glass and discard. Do not place the lemon twist in the glass.

*Gus notes that the Sazerac was originally made with Cognac until the French vines were destroyed by an aphid infestation in the 1860s. Bartenders in New Orleans opted to substitute the Cognac with rye whiskey which was and thankfully is still readily available.*

## Law-dorable New Boyk Office Dog



Meet Gypsy Rose, a recent addition to our support staff. She is a 16-week-old Morkie (Maltese + Yorkie Terrier = Morkie). Her breed can best be described as small, energetic, and playful. All we know is she is very effective at keeping the hallways of our Holland office free of frowning faces.

## CASES OF INTEREST: APRIL 2022

### Nose Bitten Off By Family Friend's Pet Dog

Our client was visiting a family friend who owned an English Springer Spaniel. As our client was leaving, he bent over to pet the dog. At that time the dog lunged at him attacking his nose and tearing off his right nostril. Our client was rushed to two different emergency rooms and ended up at the Cleveland Metro Level 1 Trauma Center. As a result of the bite our client underwent two surgeries which consisted of a paramedian forehead flap procedure to repair his nose. He has taken several trips to Cleveland for treatment resulting in considerable lost time from work. Our office pursued a claim against the homeowner's insurance achieving a very large policy limits offer to resolve the case and help our client put his life back together.

### Client Undergoes Unnecessary Treatment As A Result Of False Cancer Diagnosis

Our client was falsely diagnosed with cancer by Dr. Daniel Castro, a former doctor at Bronson Battle Creek Hospital. Dr. Castro was indicted by a federal grand jury on almost three dozen counts of healthcare fraud. According to the indictment Dr. Castro would perform surgeries on patients who didn't need it and billed patients for more complex treatments than they received. Our client was a victim of Dr. Castro's fraudulent practice. Our client was falsely diagnosed with throat cancer. He had his saliva glands removed, at least 30 treatments of radiation, and was on a feeding tube for a considerable length of time.

### Front Seat Passenger Suffers Fractured Vertebrae After Vehicle Travels Offroad

Our client was a front seat passenger in a vehicle travelling westbound on US 23. The driver of the vehicle lost control and drove off the roadway, striking a culvert and a tree before finally coming to rest. He was taken by ambulance to the hospital where he was diagnosed with a fractured lumbar vertebra, requiring surgery. He is continuing to seek medical treatment and faces another back surgery. Our office achieved a large policy limits offer which helped ease the financial burden on our client and his family which was caused by this accident.





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## April's Raving Fan of the Month

**"I could not have asked for a better law firm to handle my case. The team at Charles Boyk went above and beyond investigating and expediting my lawsuit. Wes and Soren did a phenomenal job, keeping me updated and were always very kind and personable. I highly recommend them for any legal needs you may have."** - *Deb S.*

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## Employee Spotlight:

# LIZ KANOUS



*Liz Kanous*

Liz Kanous started as Boyk Law's Administrative Office Manager in February but has a long history of working with information and the Law. Her career started at the University of Toledo where she studied Information Systems Operation and Management. But it was a part-time job working in a medical library that led

her to work for a local law firm pulling medical articles to assist with their cases. That turned into a job organizing those articles in their legal library and work as a legal assistant.

Her skills at searching medical databases also translated well into the legal field as well and she trained as a Litigation Paralegal. Years of experience followed, and she became an office manager in addition to her paralegal duties. This allowed her to combine her passions for the law while helping her team work together at their best.

Her addition to the Boyk team is already off to a great start. "Part of my job as Office Manager is taking care of everyone and allowing them to work at their best," said Liz. "The collective knowledge inside these offices is amazing."

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