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Clifford Law Files Lawsuit Against Skokie in Death of Passenger Struck by Garbage Truck

Clifford Law Offices on October 29, 2013 filed a lawsuit in Cook County Circuit Court against the village of Skokie for the death of one of the people who was riding in a car when a garbage truck struck and killed her.

CHICAGO, IL (October 2013) – The truck fully laden with refuse was heading back to a transfer station while traveling down Harlem Avenue in north suburban Glenview. The multi-ton truck landed on top of the 2006 Kia which burst into flames, according to the complaint filed by the personal injury and wrongful death law firm. The scene was so gruesome that it was unknown for hours how many people were involved or any identifying characteristics of those killed. The truck driver was unhurt, according to reports.

The complaint filed in the [Law Division](#) alleges that the truck driver was negligent in driving too fast for conditions and did not keep a proper lookout for vehicles. The collision occurred at the intersection of Harlem and Harrison in Glenview just after noon on October 15th.

Two women were passengers in the car and the driver, a male, were from Chicago. They include Gwi Rye Kim, 65, of West Berwyn Avenue who had been in the United States about eight years. Her eldest of three children, Jaeyoul Jung, a son, was appointed administrator of her estate in probate court today and is the plaintiff in the wrongful death action. Flowers were left at the crash scene, including one tied to a nearby tree. An elementary school is located about a block and a half from the scene down Harlem Avenue.

“The police are still investigating the crash and have in their possession the Skokie garbage truck and the smashed and burned SUV,” said [Robert A. Clifford](#), senior partner at Clifford Law Offices. “We have been denied access to these important elements of evidence, including access to the downloading of any Electronic Control Modules on the garbage truck or SUV, which will tell us about the speed of the vehicles at impact and any braking efforts at impact.”

The complaint alleges that the garbage truck driver was driving too fast for conditions and did not keep a proper look out, contributing to this tragic crash in which the garbage truck broadsided the SUV, rode up on the SUV, continually crushing it, causing a fiery inferno as the truck pushed the SUV another 90 to 100 feet up onto the parkway.

“The police refuse to release the name of the garbage truck driver so that the plaintiff cannot obtain his statement on this sad event,” Clifford said, “We have asked the court to order the Glenview Police to preserve all evidence and release the police report to the Plaintiff.”

A PRESS CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD TODAY AT 4 P.M. AT [CLIFFORD LAW OFFICES](#), 120 N. LA SALLE ST., 31ST FLOOR, CHICAGO. THOMAS PRINDABLE, MANAGING PARTNER OF CLIFFORD LAW OFFICES, AND JAEYOUL JUNG, THE DECEASED’S SON, WILL BE PRESENT ALONG WITH PERTINENT PHOTOS FROM THE SCENE.

About Clifford Law Offices

Clifford Law Offices is ranked one of the top law firms in Illinois as well as in the country in the area of complex personal injury and wrongful death cases such as medical malpractice, aviation litigation, products liability, premises liability and transportation litigation. It also has developed a reputation in qui tam litigation or whistleblower cases and handles class action matters as well as commercial litigation cases. Robert Clifford, senior partner at the firm founded in 1985, was named 2012 Chicago Lawyer Person of the Year by Chicago Lawyer magazine and one of the top one hundred most powerful Chicagoans in 2013. He was named the #1 lawyer in the state by Illinois Super Lawyers in 2013. To learn more about Clifford Law Offices or Robert Clifford, visit www.CliffordLaw.com or call 312-899-9090.