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FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA — DESIGNATION FORM to be used by counsel to indicate the category of the case for the purpose of assignment to appropriate calendar. Address of Plaintiff: Bristol, PA Montgomery County, PA Incident or Transaction: (Use Reverse Side For Additional Space) Does this civil action involve a nongovernmental corporate party with any parent corporation and any publicly held corporation owning 10% or more of its stock? No[] (Attach two copies of the Disclosure Statement Form in accordance with Fed.R. Civ.P. 7.1(a)) Does this case involve multidistrict litigation possibilities? RELATED CASE, IF ANY: Case Number: Judge Date Terminated: Civil cases are deemed related when yes is answered to any of the following questions: 1. Is this case related to property included in an earlier numbered suit pending or within one year previously terminated action in this court? Yes No Z 2. Does this case involve the same issue of fact or grow out of the same transaction as a prior suit pending or within one year previously terminated Yes No No action in this court? 3. Does this case involve the validity or infringement of a patent already in suit or any earlier numbered case pending or within one year previously Yes No No terminated action in this court? CIVIL: (Place in ONE CATEGORY ONLY) A. Federal Question Cases: B. Diversity Jurisdiction Cases: 1. Insurance Contract and Other Contracts 1. Indemnity Contract, Marine Contract, and All Other Contracts □ FELA 2. Airplane Personal Injury 3. Assault, Defamation 3. I Jones Act-Personal Injury ☐ Antitrust 4. Marine Personal Injury 1 Patent 5. Motor Vehicle Personal Injury Labor-Management Relations 6. Other Personal Injury (Please specify) Civil Rights 7. Products Liability Asbeas Corpus 8. Products Liability — Asbestos Securities Act(s) Cases 9. All other Diversity Cases 10. D Social Security Review Cases (Please specify) 11. All other Federal Question Cases (Please specify) ARBITRATION CERTIFICATION (Check appropriate Category) counsel of record do hereby certify: rauant to Local Civil Rule 53.2. Section 3(c)(2), that to the best of my knowledge and belief, the damages recoverable in this civil action case sum of \$150,000.00 exclusive of interest and costs; Relief other than monetary damages is sought. NOTE: A trial de novo will be a trial by jury only if there has been compliance with F.R.C.P. 38. I certify that, to my knowledge, the within case is not related to any case now pending or within one year previously terminated action in this court

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# IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

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### IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

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GLORIA MAE GRANGE, as Administratrix Ad Prosequendum for the Estate of CONLY K. GRANGE, III, Deceased, and on behalf of Decedent's Heirs at Law and Next of Kin, 207 Wood Street, Bristol, Pennsylvania 19007 Plaintiff,

CIVIL ACTION No.

vs.

JURY TRIAL DEMANDED

COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY, a Municipal Government Entity, One Montgomery Plaza, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor 425 Swede Street, Norristown, Pennsylvania 19401

and

JULIO M. ALGARIN, the Warden of Montgomery County Correctional Facility, 60 Eagle Road, Norristown, Pennsylvania 19403:

and

NIKKI HOLLER, R.N., the Health Service
Administrator of Montgomery County
Correctional Facility,
60 Eagle Road, Norristown, Pennsylvania 19403:

and

CORRECTIONAL MEDICAL CARE, INC., 653 Skippack Pike, Suite 118 Blue Bell, Pennsylvania 19422

and

JOHN DOE AND JANE ROE,
UNKNOWN CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS,
SUPERVISORS, AND MEDICAL AND
NURSING PERSONNEL,
in their individual capacities,
Defendants.





#### **COMPLAINT**

#### NATURE OF ACTION

- 1. This is a civil rights action under 42 U.S.C. § 1983, arising out of the incarceration and death of Plaintiff's Decedent, Conly K. Grange, III (hereinafter, "Mr. Grange" or "Plaintiff's Decedent"), who was denied appropriate and necessary medical care for serious medical needs by the Defendants during his commitment to the Montgomery County Correctional Facility ("Facility").
- 2. Mr. Grange was an inmate at the Facility in August and September, 2008, on a charge of violation of parole. In early September, 2008, he began suffering serious and acute symptoms from a serious life-threatening medical condition, deep venous thrombosis ("DVT"). Over a period of six days, Mr. Grange made repeated requests for medical treatment, but the defendants were deliberately indifferent to these requests and to the readily apparent symptoms of his medical condition. As a direct result of the defendants' failure to properly operate the medical care system at the Facility, their failure to institute and follow proper practices and procedures for providing medical care to inmates at the Facility, and their failure to provide proper review and treatment of Mr. Grange's condition, Mr. Grange died of a massive pulmonary thrombo-embolism on September 7, 2008.

#### **JURISDICTION**

3. This Court has subject matter jurisdiction over the claims presented pursuant to 28 U.S.C. Sections 1331 and 1343 and the Eighth and Fourteenth Amendments. The Court has supplemental jurisdiction to hear state law claims under 28 U.S.C. Section 1367(a).

#### **VENUE**

4. Venue is appropriate in this judicial district pursuant to 28 U.S.C. Section 1391, because this is the district in which the Plaintiff's claims arose.

#### **PARTIES**

- 5. Plaintiff, Gloria Mae Grange, is a citizen of the United States of America, whose permanent address is 207 Wood Street, Bristol, PA. Plaintiff is the appointed Administratrix of the Estate of Conly K. Grange, III, pursuant to Letters of Administration *Ad Prosequendum* issued by the Bucks County Register of Wills on January 5, 2009.
- 6. Defendant, County of Montgomery, is a municipal governmental entity maintaining offices at One Montgomery Plaza 8th Floor, 425 Swede St. Norristown, Pennsylvania. The County is governed by a three (3) member Board of Commissioners, responsible for management, supervision and operation of the Montgomery County Correctional Facility.
- 7. Defendant, Julio M. Algarin, is the Warden of Montgomery County Correctional Facility, 60 Eagle Road in Norristown, Pennsylvania. Defendant Algarin is the authorized decision maker for the provision of medical care to the inmates at the

Montgomery County Correctional Facility. Defendant Algarin is sued in his individual capacity.

- 8. Defendant, Nikki Holler, R.N., is the Health Services Administrator of Montgomery County Correctional Facility, 60 Eagle Road in Norristown, Pennsylvania, and is licensed to practice medicine in the State of Pennsylvania. Defendant Holler is responsible for the safety, health, custody and delivery of adequate health care to inmates, and is responsible for the supervision of nurses and medical services to incarcerated persons in the facility. Defendant Holler is an authorized decision maker for the Facility. Defendant Holler is sued in her individual capacity.
- 9. Defendant, Correctional Medical Care, Inc. has a principal place of business located at 653 Skippack Pike, Suite 118, Blue Bell, Pennsylvania 19422.
- 10. Defendants John Doe and Jane Doe, unknown correctional officers, supervisors, and medical and nursing personnel, are employees and/or agents of the County of Montgomery and/or Correctional Medical Care, Inc. and are sued in their individual capacities.
- 11. All defendants, at all relevant times, were acting in concert and conspiracy with each other and under the color of state law.

#### FACTUAL AVERMENTS

15. In August 18, 2008, Mr. Grange was admitted to the Facility on a charge of violation of parole.

- 16. On the date of his admission to the Facility, as part of the intake process, Mr. Grange's medical records reflected that, as a "past illness," Mr. Grange had suffered a "[b]lood clot thru heart to lung 5 years ago."
- 17. By September 1, 2008, Mr. Grange's health had deteriorated. From September 1-7, 2008, Mr. Grange experienced shortness of breath, coughing fits, lethargy, leg and chest pain, and other symptoms of DVT.
- 18. From September 1, 2008 through September 6, 2008, Mr. Grange repeatedly requested medical care through the medical care "request" system established at the Facility, but despite a worsening of his health and symptoms of distress that were obvious and known to the correctional and medical staff at the facility, the defendants failed to provide him necessary medical care or assistance.
- 19. On Sunday, September 7, 2008, Mr. Grange died as a result of a massive pulmonary embolism that was the result of the untreated DVT condition from which he had been suffering.
- 20. The cause of death, as determined at autopsy, was "pulmonary emboli due to deep venous thromboses." The autopsy examination revealed "blood clots in the arteries supplying blood to the lungs" and noted that "[e]xamination of the deep veins of the right leg also revealed a blood clot."
- 21. The defendants knew, should have known, or with deliberate indifference failed to determine that Mr. Grange was seriously ill, in the need of immediate medical care and assistance, and that his condition would cause serious illness, injury or death without medical intervention.

- 22. The failure of the defendants to provide proper and necessary medical care was caused by practices and customs at the Facility that were implemented, enforced, ratified, or known to the defendants, and which effectively operated to deny medical care to those suffering from serious medical conditions.
- 23. The practices and customs were systemic in nature and included (a) failing to ensure that a proper system for medical assistance requests was in operation, (b) ignoring requests for medical assistance from inmates with serious medical conditions, (c) failing to provide adequate and sufficient medical staffing to ensure that inmates with serious medical needs were provided medical care, (d) failing to properly train, supervise, and discipline medical and correctional staff with respect to their obligations to ensure that inmates with serious medical conditions receive timely and proper medical care, (e) failing to correct known deficiencies in the medical delivery system at the Facility that were likely to cause injury or death to inmates, and (f) failing to properly provide for necessary medical tests, hospitalization and other treatment for seriously ill inmates.

#### **COUNT I**

## 42 U.S.C. Section 1983 -- Violation of Eighth and Fourteenth Amendments Cruel and Unusual Punishment and Due Process Violations

- 24. Plaintiff incorporates by reference all averments in the preceding paragraphs.
- 25. The defendants failed, with deliberate indifference, to provide necessary and proper medical care to the Plaintiff's Decedent, thereby causing the violation of his rights under the 8<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> Amendments to the U.S. Constitution and 42 U.S.C. Section 1983.
- 26. As a direct and proximate result of the defendants' actions, omissions, policies, practices, and customs, all committed or adopted with deliberate indifference, plaintiff's decedent was denied necessary treatment for his serious medical needs, thus causing

violations of his right to be free from cruel and unusual punishment and to due process of law.

- 27. Plaintiff, in her own right and in her capacity as the personal representative of the Estate of Mr. Grange, brings this action on behalf of those persons entitled by law to recover damages for Mr. Grange's wrongful death in accordance with 42 U.S.C. Section 1983 and the Pennsylvania Wrongful Death Act, 42 Pa. C.S.A. Section 8301.
- 28. Plaintiff's decedent is survived by his children:
  - (a) Wynton Grange, 2015, SW 5<sup>th</sup> Place, Ocala, FL 34471 Date of Birth: 8/27/86
  - (b) Xavier Grange, 2015 SW 5<sup>th</sup> Place, Ocala, FL 34471 Date of Birth: 9/25/90
  - (c) Chanel Grange, 6614 Souder Street, Philadelphia, PA 19149 Date of Birth: 5/12/83
  - (d) Anikka Grange, 255 Wood Street, Bristol, PA 19007 Date of Birth: 4/25/91
- 29. No recovery for damages claimed in this action was obtained by Mr. Grange during his lifetime, and no prior action has been brought on his behalf as a result of this wrongful death.
- 30. Plaintiff also brings this action on behalf of the Estate of Mr. Grange in accordance with 42 U.S.C. Section 1983 and the Pennsylvania Survival Act, 42 Pa.C.S.A. Section 8302.
- 31. As a result of the actions and omissions of the defendants, Mr. Grange suffered from a serious medical condition and experienced substantial physical pain and suffering through the time of his death, and plaintiff claims damages for all losses sustained by decedent's estate under the Pennsylvania Survival Act.

#### **COUNT II**

#### **Supplemental State Law Claims**

- 32. Plaintiff incorporates by reference all averments in the preceding paragraphs.
- 33. Defendants Holler, Correctional Medical Care, Inc., and John Doe and Jane Roe ("Medical Defendants"), are licensed medical professionals in Pennsylvania and each of these defendants had the duty to exercise reasonable skill and diligence in their profession acts, including the proper provision of and supervision of medical care at the Facility. Plaintiff asserts a professional liability claim against all medical defendants.
- 34. At all relevant times, the medical defendants held themselves out as skilled, careful and diligent employees, servants, and/or agents, and they had a duty to exercise a degree of care and skill in the treatment of Mr. Grange in accordance with generally accepted medical standards.
- 35. The medical defendants breached their duty by failing to exercise reasonable skill, diligence and care ordinarily exercised by a member of the medical profession of Pennsylvania.
- 36. The medical defendants were negligent or acted willfully in the following particulars:
  - a. Failing to properly recognize Mr. Grange's need for medical care;
  - b. Failing to properly diagnose Mr. Grange's medical condition;
- c. Failing to properly monitor Mr. Grange's condition after they became aware of his serious illness;

- d. Failing to establish and maintain a system that provided adequate access to inmates at the facility to medical care;
  - e. Failing to conform to the requisite standard of care;
- f. Acting, or failing to act, in a manner that substantially increased the risk that Mr. Grange would suffer harm and death.
- 37. Each of the above acts and omissions constituted negligence or willful misconduct, and each was a proximate cause of the illness and death suffered by Mr. Grange.
- 38. As a result of the negligence and/or willful misconduct of the Medical Defendants, Mr. Grange was caused to suffer severe physical and mental anguish and death.
- 39. Defendants Algarin, John Doe, and Jane Roe caused the death of Mr. Grange by their willful and reckless conduct and omissions in failing to provide necessary and proper medical care for his serious medical condition, all in violation of the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.
- 40. Plaintiff, Gloria Mae Grange, as Administratrix of the Estate of Conly K. Grange, III, deceased, brings this action on behalf of the survivors of the decedent under 42 Pa. C.S.A. § 8301 to recover damages to all beneficiaries.
- 41. Plaintiff, as Administratrix of the Estate of Conly K. Grange, III, claims damages for pecuniary loss suffered by those survivors by reason of the death of Plaintiff's decedent, including an amount to compensate them for the loss of his comfort, society, ... companionship, aid, assistance and tutelage.

- 42. Plaintiff also seeks damages for the economic benefit beneficiaries would have received from Plaintiff's decedent for the remainder of his natural life, reimbursement for funeral and other administration expenses, and all damages recoverable under the Wrongful Death Act and claim.
- 43. Plaintiff, as Administratrix of the Estate of Conly K. Grange, III, deceased, also brings this action on behalf of the Estate of Conly K. Grange, III, deceased, under 42 Pa. C.S.A. Section 8302, and seeks damages for all losses, including conscious pain and suffering and emotional distress suffered by Mr. Grange resulting from the defendants' actions and omissions.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff in her capacity as Administratrix Ad Prosequedum of the Estate of Conly K. Grange, III, demands judgment against all defendants, individually, jointly, and severally for compensatory damages, and against all of the defendants except County of Montgomery for punitive damages, together with interest, reasonable attorney's fees and costs of suit and other remedies allowed at law. Plaintiff hereby demands a jury trial.

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