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## Father sues over SUNY Geneseo student's death

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The father of a Geneseo college student who died from alcohol poisoning on March 1 has filed a \$2.5 million lawsuit against several people connected to the case.

Hagop A. Partamian filed the suit Sept. 30 in state Supreme Court in Queens, where he lives. Partamian's son, Arman Partamian, was a 19-year-old student at the State University College at Geneseo when he died.

Partamian, who lived in a dorm at SUNY Geneseo, was found dead in a bed at 4359 Lower Court St. in the town of Geneseo. The address is the headquarters of the Pigs, an outlawed off-campus fraternity. The blood-alcohol content in various parts of his body ranged from 0.39 to 0.55.

As part of an initiation process, Partamian and two other pledges were forced to play drinking games and consume excessive amounts of alcohol over several days, according to the suit.

Three men, who are among the defendants in the civil suit, were charged with criminally negligent homicide for allegedly encouraging Partamian to drink dangerous amounts of alcohol.

The felony charge against one of the defendants, Daniel Wech, 22, of Williamsville, Erie County, has been dismissed. He pleaded guilty last month to first-degree unlawfully dealing with a child, a misdemeanor. He was sentenced to three months of weekends in jail, a \$1,000 fine and a \$200 court surcharge.

Alex Stucki, 20, of Geneseo and Devin McClain, 21, of Mount Morris still face the felony charge.

In addition to Stucki, Wech and McClain, the defendants in the civil suit include: Henrik Suconick of Briarcliff Manor, Westchester County; Adam C. Brownstein of North Tonawanda, Niagara County; Mark G. Boise of Scottsville; Scott R. Kipphut of Conesus, Livingston County; and Scott N. Hilts, also of Conesus.

Kipphut and Hilts are the owners of the Lower Court Street property, according to the suit.

Only Suconick, Brownstein, Wech and Stucki were SUNY Geneseo students at the time of Partamian's death.

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