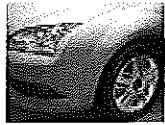


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# Settlement reached in 2006 death of UT fraternity pledge

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A settlement has been reached in the 2006 death of Tyler Cross, a University of Texas fraternity pledge who fell to his death from a dormitory balcony.

The parents of the 18-year-old from Marietta, Georgia, brought a wrongful death lawsuit against the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity.

The body of the UT freshman was found on November 17, 2006 on the sidewalk five stories below a balcony of University Towers on West Campus. He had just left a fraternity gathering.

Financial details of the settlement are confidential.

The lawsuit stated in the days before Cross' death he was subjected to hazing that included beatings, being forced to drink large amounts of alcohol, sleep deprivation and other acts of assault.

In 2008, four former UT Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity members were sentenced for their involvement in hazing pledges. The punishment involved limited jail time and probation.

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