



DATE: April 27, 2026
TO: City Council
FROM: City Attorney's Office
SUBJECT: *Donald Dunn, et al. v. City, et al.*,
Case No. 2026CV30177

This memorandum is to apprise you of the facts alleged in the above-referenced case as you consider the claims made against the involved employee.

NATURE OF THE CASE

Plaintiffs, Donald Dunn and the Estate of Rodney Dunn, filed an action in El Paso County District Court against the City of Colorado Springs and Tanner Rickman. Plaintiffs assert two negligence claims.

The Complaint alleges Plaintiffs were traveling westbound in their motor vehicle and stopped on West Cimarron Street near the northbound on-ramp to I-25 on January 25, 2023. It claims Mr. Rickman, while operating a City-owned 2018 Ford F-150, moved from a stopped position and collided with Plaintiffs' vehicle from behind, causing injuries. The Complaint notes that Rodney Dunn passed away after the collision and for reasons unrelated to the accident.

Plaintiffs seek compensatory damages, punitive damages, declaratory relief, and an attorney's fees award.

RECOMMENDATION

The Civil Action Investigation Committee met on April 9, 2026, and recommended City Council acknowledge representation for Mr. Rickman as required by the Colorado Governmental Immunity Act. Mr. Rickman was acting in the course and scope of his employment, and in good faith during the incident. As usual, City Council should reserve the right to decline payment of any award of punitive damages.