


COMMISSION AGENDA:

11.18.14 #18a.

TO: The Honorable Chairman and Members of the  
Board of County Commissioners

FROM: James L. Bennett, County Attorney 

SUBJECT: Notice of New Lawsuit and Defense of the Same by the County Attorney  
in the Case of Corey Gourdine v. Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners  
Circuit Civil Case No. 14-006708-CI-13

DATE: November 18, 2014

RECOMMENDATION: THIS IS TO ADVISE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS THAT THE ABOVE-REFERENCED LAWSUIT WAS FILED AGAINST THE COUNTY AND THE COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE WILL DEFEND THE SAME.

DISCUSSION: Plaintiff, Corey Gourdine, alleges that on or about October 30, 2013, he was injured at or near the intersection of U.S. 19 and S.R. 580 due to negligently maintained traffic control devices. Mr. Gourdine was a pedestrian standing in the median when a motor vehicle accident occurred in the intersection. One of the motor vehicles allegedly struck his wife and then a traffic control device. The traffic control device was dislodged from its base and allegedly struck Mr. Gourdine causing physical and mental injuries.

The County Attorney's Office will defend and bring all counterclaims, cross-claims, or third party claims as necessary or appropriate in the judgment of the County Attorney.

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