

Obituaries



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Vachel Howard

Family to receive \$2.85 million settlement

Staff report

According to a report from CNN, Los Angeles has agreed to pay \$2.85 million to the family of a 56-year-old grandfather who died in police custody, pending approval of the city council and mayor.

Court records indicate that Howard died in 2012 after a Los Angeles Police Department jail guard put him in a chokehold. The unarmed Howard was prone on the ground with five officers surrounding him, when one of those officers used the controversial restraining technique. The manner of death was deemed a "homicide," meaning he died "at the hands of another."

On June 4, 2012, Howard was arrested for drunk driving, after allegedly swerving through traffic. While being detained, Howard reportedly told officers he was a paranoid schizophrenic and had not been taking his medication. A background check also pulled up a previous encounter with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, where deputies noted that Howard was "mental, and there was possible [bipolar] schizophrenia," according to court documents CNN notes.

The report states that officers

tried to subdue him, but he began swinging his arms and throwing punches as he tried to break free. He was eventually brought to the ground by a group of officers with one officer reportedly repeatedly shocking him with a Taser.

Attorney V. James DeSimone, who represents several of Howard's children in their lawsuit against the police, noted that Howard was unarmed and contained in a locked jail in which officers do not carry guns that can be taken from them and used against them.

"He wasn't going anywhere," DeSimone said in an interview. "There was just no reason to choke

this man out. They treated him like someone whose life didn't matter."

One of Howard's daughters, Tushana, said the violent man described in court files and police reports is unrecognizable as the father she knew. She acknowledged he had struggled with drugs in the past but said she thought he'd been clean for years.

Tushana also said she was unaware of any history of psychiatric problems, or of any related medications he may have been taking.

"I loved my father how he was -- the good and bad," she said. Her father's formidable size, she said, was belied by his easy-going nature, noting that her grandmother called him her "gentle giant."

PAX - VILLA FUNERAL HOME - Broward

ANETTE S. CARTER, 72, Nurse Assistant, died September 28. Services were previously held.

EMILE COICOU, 86, died September 30. Service will be held 11 am Saturday, October 10 at Salem Community Church of God. - Lake Worth.

JOSEPH M. GUERRIER, 78, Landscaper, died September 25. Services were previously held.

ANDRE LAROCHELLE JR., 60, died September 30. Services were previously held.

PEDRO RAMOS JR., 52, Technician, died September 26. Services were previously held.

PAX - VILLA FUNERAL HOME - Orlando

THOMAS ALEXANDER ASH, 72, Construction Worker, died September 29. Services were previously held.

ROBERT FREDERICK BATTLE, 37, died October 3. Service will be held 6 pm Friday, October 9 at Pax Villa Funeral Home Chapel - Orlando.

JULIA BONNEFIN, 85, Retired Seamstress, died September 30. Service will be held 11 am Saturday, October 10 at Pax Villa Funeral Home Chapel - Orlando.

JAMES C. BOYD FUNERAL HOME

CEMANES RAPHAEL, 62. Services will be held 11 am Friday, October 9 at James C. Boyd Funeral Home.

DAVID ROBERTS JR., 61. Service will be held 5 pm Friday, October 9 at James C. Boyd Funeral Home.

HALL FERGUSON HEWITT MORTUARY

JERLEAN BARRON, died October 2. Service will be held 11 am Saturday, October 10 at St. Paul AME Church.



SHIRLEY ANN JACOBS, died September 21. Service will be held 11 am today at Church of The Open Door.

HADLEY DAVIS FUNERAL HOME - MLK

ALBERTA WILLIAMS ANDERSON, 68, Housewife, died September 25. Service will be held 1 pm Saturday, October 10 at Mt. Calvary MBC.

AYNJEANETTE POOLE ARRINGTON, 38, Food Server, died September 27. Service will be held 12 pm Saturday, October 10 at MLK Chapel.

DONNA ELIZABETH COPELAND, 58, Homemaker died September 26. Service will be held 11 am Saturday, October 10 at New Life of Carol City.

LARRY STANLEY JR., 27, Laborer died September 27. Services will be held 2 pm Saturday, October 10 at MLK Chapel.

WILLIAM OSCAR WALKER JR., 55, Laborer, died October 1. Service will be held 10 am Saturday, October 10 at MLK Chapel.

WRIGHT & YOUNG FUNERAL HOME

DR. EUGENE E. BROWN, 72, Teacher, died September 29. Service will be held 3 pm Saturday, October 10 in the Chapel.

LINTON LESLIE BRUMLEY, 81, died September 25. Viewing will be held 4 pm Friday, October 9 in the Chapel.

WILLIAM DELANCY, 84, died September 29. Service will be held 11 am Saturday, October 10 at St. Matthews Freewill Baptist Church.

LONIE FRANCES FULLER, 85, died October 1. Service will be held 2 pm Saturday, October 10 at Peace M. B. Church.

LARRY DARNELL HORNE, 61, Laborer, died September 25. Service will be held 2 pm Saturday, October 10 at Rock of Ages M.B. Church.

JAMES H. MARSHALL, 73, Bus Driver, died September 30. Service will be held 1 pm Saturday, October 10 at Peaceful Zion M.B. Church.

MARTHA LEE MARSHALL, 85, died October 2. Service will be held 11 am Saturday, October 10 at Union Grove M.B.

HADLEY DAVIS FUNERAL HOME - Miami Gardens

WILLIAM FELTON, 62, Plumber, died October 3. Funeral arrangements are incomplete.

MARY O' NEAL, 85, Retired Cook, died September 29. Services will be held 10 am Saturday, October 10 at Jordan Grove Baptist Church.

JAMES SIMON, 54, Shipping Manager, died September 29. Services will be held 12 pm Saturday, October 10 in the Chapel.

A. J. MANUEL FUNERAL HOME - Hollywood



DAVID A.K.A DANNY ROBINSON, 62, died September 29. Services will be held 11 am Saturday, October 10 at Ebenezer Baptist Church.

MANKER FUNERAL HOME

NEOMIA W. EDWARDS, 96, Domestic Worker, died October 3. Viewing will be held 6 pm today at Mt. Zion M.B. Church.

KAREN HAGINS, 59, Secretary, died October 2. Service will be held 11 am Saturday, October 10 at Manker Funeral Home Memorial Chapel.

ELIEENE PHILISTIN, 82, Business Owner, died September 25. Service will be held 1 pm Sunday, October 11 at Penile SDA Church.

BETTY REED, 52, Housekeeper, died October 3. Memorial will be held 2 pm Saturday, October 10 at Manker Funeral Home Memorial Chapel.

WILLIE WILLIAMS, 83, Sanitation Worker, died September 30. Services were previously held.

JAY FUNERAL HOME

JIMMIE LEE CLARK, 82, Laborer died October 4. Funeral arrangements are incomplete.

PATRICIA EBANKS, 53, died October 3. Funeral arrangements are incomplete.

GREGORY D. LEWIS, died October 3. Funeral arrangements are incomplete.

DELORIS POWELL, 60, House Parent, died September 27. Services will be held 11 am Saturday, October 10 at Church Of Christ Written In Heaven.

JOHN ROBINSON SR, 65, Laborer died September 29. Services will be held 11 am Saturday, October 10 at Church Of God In Prophecy.

FELICIA WILLIAMS, 43, Human Resources, died September 30. Services will be held 11 am Saturday, October 10 at Sweet Home Missionary Baptist Church.

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RANGE FUNERAL HOME

GLYNISE ANITA ARMBRISTER, 57, Pharmaceutical Tech, died September 25. Services were previously held.

LEONARD GRAY, 64, Carpenter, died September 16. Final Rites were held in Nassau, Bahamas.

MATTIE RUTH JACKSON, 80, Retired, died September 15. Services were previously held.

GEORGE MISSICK, 66, Custom Agent, died September 7. Final rites were held in Grand Bahamas.

HOWARD MOSS, 78, Photographer, died September 11. Funeral arrangements are incomplete.

DOROTHY F. PATTERSON, 101, Homemaker died September 11. Services were previously held.

ROY MIZELL & KURTZ FUNERAL HOME

HORACE BELL, 66, died October 3. Services will be held in Tallahassee.

ROOSEVELT BROWN, 83, died September 26. Services will be held 6 pm Wednesday, October 7 at Roy Mizell & Kurtz Worship Center.

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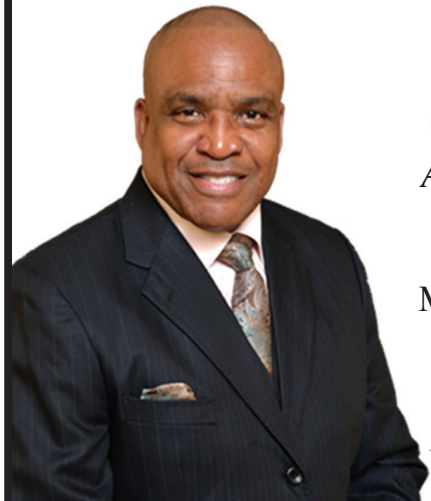
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