

McNabola Law Group Takes on Negligence/Wrongful Death Case On Behalf of Family of Tragically Killed Firefighter

Chicago-based law firm is representing the family of John Patrick Van Petten who asphyxiated from chokehold at a 2021 New Year's Eve Party

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, UNITED STATES, October 17, 2022 /EINPresswire.com/ -- The [McNabola Law Group](#) ("MLG") is representing the family of John Patrick Van Petten in a negligence and wrongful death case. Retained by the son of the deceased, John Patrick Van Petten, II, as Independent Administrator of his father's estate, MLG alleges a fatal incident occurred at the home of the defendant, Niranjana Sundaram, on January 1, 2021, resulting in the death of a 49-year-old father of four during a New Year's celebration.

John Patrick Van Petten was an 18-year veteran of the Village of Forest Park Fire Department, a respected first-responder, and union representative for Local 2753. During a party at the defendant's Kane County home, he and the host were wrestling on the kitchen floor, at approximately 2 a.m., when Mr. Sundaram placed an arm around Mr. Van Petten's neck, putting him in a chokehold that cut off all oxygen. Even after Mr. Van Petten's body became limp, Mr. Sundaram failed to release him.



“The Defendant, an experienced wrestler, intentionally put the decedent in a dangerous chokehold that he knew or should have known could cause severe injury and, possibly, death,” points out Mark E. McNabola, partner of the McNabola Law Group. “As a result, John Van Petten, a revered firefighter who protected numerous lives in his community, lost his own life. His four children have lost their father and all of the guidance, support, love, and affection he would have provided well into the future.”

The cause of action has been brought pursuant to the Illinois Wrongful Death Act (750 ILCS 180/0.01 et seq.) For further information, the case number is 2022 LA 000376.

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