

Parties Announce \$144.5M Tentative Settlement in Sutherland Springs Mass Shooting Case

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/EINPresswire.com/ -- The Department of Justice and victims' counsel have reached a tentative agreement to settle all civil cases arising out of the Sutherland Springs Church mass shooting for \$144.5M. The agreement, if approved by the Attorney General, would end the Government's appeal of the ruling by a federal judge that the United States is responsible for stopping mass shootings by following existing laws related to the firearm background check system—Civil Action No. 5:18-cv-0555-XR; Holcombe, et al. v. United States of America; In the United States District Court for the Western District of Texas, San Antonio Division.



On November 5, 2017, a gunman killed 26 people, including an unborn child, and shot 22 others at a central Texas Church in Sutherland Springs, outside San Antonio. After two trials, a Texas federal court held that the Air Force bore some responsibility for this shooting because they failed to report the shooter's criminal convictions to the FBI, as required by law.

The settlement comes after previous DOJ settlements in the Parkland Shooting of \$127.5M and the Charleston Shooting of \$88M.

"The Sutherland Springs families are heroes. The country owes them a debt of gratitude. They have gone through so much pain and loss in the most horrific way. But despite that, these families fought for justice, endured and won two trials against the Federal Government, and made this country safer as a result. But the settlement is not final. Attorney General Garland's office still must approve it, and we urge his Justice Department to act quickly to bring some closure to these families. It's the least they deserve," said counsel for the families.

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