

## \$14.1M verdict reached in wrongful death case – Propane gas leaked into family's home, causing explosion

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This case was a matter of the wrongful death of a mother, father and two young children due to leaking propane gas that caused an explosion in their rental home on a hog farm.

Plaintiff's counsel said multiple experts presented cause and origin and scientific testimony, while the defendants claimed causation could not be established.

A Van Buren County jury deliberated for less than five hours, agreeing with the plaintiff and awarding loss of society and companionship damages awards to each of the survivors of the four estates for a total of \$14.1 million.

**Type of action:** Wrongful death

**Type of injuries:** Death of father, mother, and two children

**Name of case:** Lotz v. Signature Farms, et al.

**Court/case no./date:** Van Buren County Circuit Court; #04-52-204-NO; Feb. 3, 2006

**Name of judge:** William C. Buhl

**Verdict amount:** \$14.1 million

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