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## Driver, employer settle with pedestrian's family

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The family of a Springfield woman who died after being hit by a van while crossing a street has reached a settlement with the driver of the van and his employer.

Under the terms of the agreement the settlement amount was not disclosed, Eugene attorney Art Johnson said. Johnson represented the family of Tamara Glenn, 45, who died in the November 2012 accident.

Glenn was crossing 18th Avenue at its intersection with Chambers Street when she was hit by a van driven by Michael Devon Alston of Eugene. Alston was turning right onto Chambers Street and reportedly did not see Glenn, who was in the crosswalk and was crossing with the walk signal.

Johnson said Glenn was dragged for some distance before onlookers waved Alston to a stop. Glenn was still conscious when paramedics arrived and took her to Sacred Heart Medical Center at RiverBend, but she died about three hours later.

Alston later was issued a citation for careless driving that caused the death of a vulnerable user of the public roadway, a Class A traffic violation.

Although a formal lawsuit was not filed, a wrongful death claim was made on behalf of Glenn's parents and her four children. The claim was made against Alston and Alston's employer, Onsen Inc.



The matter was settled after going to mediation with a retired Oregon Circuit Court judge, Johnson said. The proceeds of the settlement will be used for the support and education of Glenn's children.