

## MAKING THE CASE

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### Selected Settlements Involving Elderly Plaintiffs Over 90

**\$1,200,000**

**Settlement (LaSalle County)**

Defendant failed to yield to plaintiffs' vehicle, causing a crash. Passenger F-90 sustained injuries that resulted in death a month later. Her husband M-93 suffered minor injuries, but refused nourishment after wife's death. They had been married 72 years.

**\$1,000,000**

**Settlement (Cook County)**

Defendant installed a new boiler in Mary's home, but negligently wired the thermostat, which led to constant heating. Two days later, a well-being check found Mary (90) deceased on the couch. Firefighters measured the home's temperature at 150 degrees.

**\$317,500**

**Settlement (Stark County)**

F-92, a resident of defendant assisted living facility, fell and was entrapped between her nightstand and her bed, and succumbed to compressional asphyxia.

**\$712,500**

**Settlement (Knox County)**

F-95 nursing home resident fell and sustained a femoral fracture. Defendant's personnel did not promptly call an ambulance even though it was obvious she had been seriously injured, leading to her death.

*Your Turn*

### Guess The Correct Settlement Amount

(USDC NDIL) John (95), a resident of an assisted living facility, developed a UTI which caused dementia-like symptoms. He refused to be taken to the hospital, so a staff member called 911. When police arrived, John allegedly threatened them with a knife, so an officer fired five bean bag rounds at him, striking his abdomen. At the hospital, John was told his injuries were fatal and he refused surgery. He died the next day.

**1** **\$850,000**

**2** **\$900,000**

**3** **\$1,100,000**

**4** **\$1,725,000**

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