



Morrison v. O’Rielly Auto Parts
One Million Dollar Jury Verdict, 2008

Mr. Morrison was a twenty-one year old when he was struck from behind by an O’Rielly Auto Parts delivery vehicle in Independence, Missouri. The impact of this rear end collision seemed to be relatively minor, with Mr. Morrison able to continue home without visiting the hospital.

Unfortunately, later that evening Mr. Morrison was found dead in his room. No one could understand what had occurred, but because there was some prescription medication in his room, the medical examiner ruled the case a suicide.

Mr. Morrison’s mother, Jennifer Morrison, knew that her son was not suicidal and refused to accept the finding of the Medical Examiner. In her search for an attorney willing to take on the case, she hired one of The Accurso Law Firm’s good friends and a referring attorney Bill Macintosh. Mr. Macintosh brought the case to Lou Accurso and together they began the long fight for the truth.

An independent coroner at the University of Kansas was hired to conduct another autopsy of Mr. Morrison’s body. What she found was a blood clot near Mr. Morrison’s brain stem that was consistent with a whiplash injury that the previous medical examiner failed to dig hard enough to find.

The case was tried in Jackson County and the defendant continued to rely on the first medical examiner’s report for their defense. Once the jury heard that Mr. Morrison didn’t have enough drugs or alcohol in his system “to get a mouse drunk” the jury began to realize how such a horrible mistake must have impacted Ms. Morrison. It did not take the jury long to reach a one million dollar verdict on behalf of Ms. Morrison and to forever correct the mistakes of judgment by the previous medical examiner.