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**INTERSECTION FATALITY SETTLED FOR \$1 MILLION**

Attorneys Daine Sharpe of Dadeville and Jeremy Knowles of Morris, Haynes & Hornsby in Alexander City have settled a wrongful death lawsuit for \$1 million against MHF Logistical Solutions of Jacksonville, Florida on behalf of the family of Dorothy Hodge.

The case arose from a collision at the intersection of Highway 280 and Lafayette Street in Dadeville. On October 8, 2008, a tractor trailer operated by Thomas Lee Stephens of Jacksonville, Florida ran the red light on 280 as Dorothy Hodge attempted to cross 280 along Lafayette Street. As a result of this collision, Dorothy Hodge lost her life at age 50.

“That is a very dangerous intersection.” Sharpe said. “I have handled numerous cases over the years at that intersection. Too many people have been injured or killed there. I was honored and privileged to help the Hodge family and it is our hope this settlement will encourage truckers traveling through Dadeville to pay better attention to the traffic lights.”

Attorneys for Stephens and MHF repeatedly denied liability, claiming Mrs. Hodge was the one who ran the traffic light and that she was at fault. However, Sharpe and Knowles uncovered the existence of video evidence that demonstrated that Hodge had the green light and Stephens had indeed run through his red light.

“The case really turned after examining the surveillance tapes,” Knowles said. “Once they saw that they were caught on video, it was impossible to deny responsibility.”

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