

[Cite as *In re Woolum*, 2006-Ohio-4024.]

IN THE COURT OF CLAIMS OF OHIO

VICTIMS OF CRIME DIVISION

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IN RE: MICHAEL C. WOOLUM	:	Case No. V2006-20160
JOAN F. WOOLUM	:	<u>ORDER OF A THREE-</u>
Applicant	:	<u>COMMISSIONER PANEL</u>
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{¶ 1} The applicant filed a reparations application seeking reimbursement of expenses incurred with respect to the May 17, 2005 murder of Michael Woolum. On September 30, 2005, the Attorney General denied the applicant's claim pursuant to R.C. 2743.60(E) contending that the decedent had engaged in felonious conduct at the time of the criminally injurious conduct, due to a positive test for cocaine listed on the coroner's toxicology report. On October 28, 2005, the applicant filed a request for reconsideration. On January 25, 2006, the Attorney General determined that the previous decision warranted no modification. On February 24, 2006, the applicant filed a notice of appeal to the Attorney General's Final Decision. Hence, this matter came to be heard before this panel of three commissioners on May 18, 2006 at 11:00 A.M.

{¶ 2} Neither the applicant nor anyone on her behalf appeared at the hearing. An Assistant Attorney General attended the hearing and presented a brief statement for the panel's consideration. The Assistant Attorney General reiterated her position to deny the claim pursuant to R.C. 2743.60(E). The

Assistant Attorney General requested that the Attorney General's Final Decision to deny the claim be affirmed.

{¶ 3} From review of the file and with full and careful consideration given to all the information presented at the hearing, we find the January 25, 2006 decision of the Attorney General shall be affirmed.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT

1) The January 25, 2006 decision of the Attorney General is AFFIRMED;

2) This claim is DENIED and judgment is rendered for the state of Ohio;

3) Costs are assumed by the court of claims victims of crime fund.

GREGORY P. BARWELL
Commissioner

JAMES H. HEWITT III
Commissioner

RANDI OSTRY LE HOTY
Commissioner

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A copy of the foregoing was personally served upon the Attorney General and sent by regular mail to Ross County Prosecuting Attorney and to:

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