



Serious Personal Injury-Medical Malpractice-Products Liability-Insurance Coverage and Bad Faith

For Immediate Release

For additional information, contact:
Lee D. Gunn IV
lgunn@gunnlawgroup.com
GUNN LAW GROUP, P.A.
777 S. Harbour Island Blvd. Suite 950
Tampa, FL 33602
(813)229-1000
www.GunnLawGroup.com

**\$3 MILLION VERDICT RETURNED IN DEATH
OF HOLIDAY RESIDENT**

Tampa, FL. (January, 2005) – A Pasco County jury returned a verdict on Thursday for \$3 million in the wrongful death of Mark Seyer, a 35 year old graphic sign artist who was electrocuted when he contacted an electrified guide wire installed and maintained by the Withlacoochee River Electric Cooperative, Inc.

Mr. Seyer, who worked for Allied Graphics, was repairing a sign for the Seven Oaks subdivision located in Wesley Chapel. Upon completion of the repair, Mr. Seyer brushed against an uninsulated guy wire that supported a utility pole. The wire should not have been electrified and had too much slack according to the lawsuit.

After two days of testimony before Judge W. Lowell Bray in the Pasco County Circuit Court in New Port Richey, a 3-man/3-woman jury deliberated two hours before returning the damages verdict. Withlacoochee River Electric Cooperative had admitted that their negligence resulted in Mark Seyer's death, and the remaining issue before the jury was the parents' damages for mental pain and suffering for the loss of their son.

Ralph M. Guito, III, Esq., of the Gunn Law Group, P.A., in Tampa and Karen E. Guito, Esq., tried the case on behalf of the mother of Mark Seyer. Victor Martinez, Esq., and Glen Wadell, Esq., of the law firm of Cohen, Jayson & Foster, tried the case on behalf of the father of Mark Seyer.

About Gunn Law Group, PA: Gunn Law Group is a Tampa-based plaintiff's law firm whose practice is focused on representing clients who have been harmed due to no fault of their own. The specialty firm concentrates its legal practice on only the most serious medical malpractice, personal injury and product liability cases. Lee D. Gunn IV, the Managing Partner, is a seasoned trial attorney with over 22 years of experience. He is Board Certified in Civil Trial by The Florida Bar and the National Board of Trial Advocates; "AV" rated by *Martindale-Hubbell* and has been named among the Leading American Attorneys by his peers.