

SUPREME COURT OF VIRGINIA



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Granted Appeal Summary

Case

GLADYS LOPEZ, PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ESTATE OF LIZETH LOPEZ
v. INTERCEPT YOUTH SERVICES, INC.
(Record Number 191545)

From

Circuit Court of Prince William County; A. Horan, Judge.

Counsel

Nicholas J.N. Stamatis (Price Benowitz, LLP) for appellant.

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Assignments of Error

1. Plaintiffs presented a prima facie case for negligence, arguing that the Worker's Compensation Act does not provide exclusive remedy in these cases as Decedents' murders did not arise out of their employment. The trial court erroneously conflated the proximity of Decedents and Ronald Dorsey as a result of Decedents' employment rather than appropriately analyzing the two under a causal framework.
2. Assuming that the trial court did not erroneously conflate the proximity of employment with causation, it erroneously found that Ronald Dorsey either did not present a danger common to the neighborhood, or that Ronald Dorsey's attacks of Decedents were not personally motivated.