

Wichita Eagle: State Supreme Court Reverses Award Against KSN in BTK Case

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The Kansas Supreme Court today reversed a jury verdict awarded on behalf of a Wichita man who was incorrectly identified by a TV station as a suspect in the BTK murder investigation.

A Sedgwick County jury originally awarded Roger G. Valadez \$800,000 in October 2006 for mental suffering, shame and humiliation, and \$300,000 for injury to reputation. His widow, Melanie Valadez, was substituted as plaintiff in the case after Roger Valadez died.

Sedgwick County District Judge Paul Clark ruled that the award for injury to Valadez's reputation ended upon his death because the journal entry of judgment had not been filed before he died. The Supreme Court affirmed that ruling today.

Read more: <http://www.kansas.com/2010/04/30/1293193/state-supreme-court-reverses-award.html#ixzz1IZSKnYui>