

Odin Lloyd's mother settles wrongful death lawsuit with Aaron Hernandez estate



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Ursula Ward.

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The mother of Odin Lloyd has settled her wrongful death lawsuit with the estate of former New England Patriots star Aaron Hernandez, records show.

Suffolk Superior Court Judge Merita A. Hopkins on Wednesday entered an order of dismissal of the suit on the grounds that the “action was reported settled.” The docket entry said a settlement agreement or stipulation “shall be filed in this court by” Nov. 6.

Terms weren't disclosed.

Douglas K. Sheff, a lawyer for Lloyd's mother, Ursula Ward, said he'd be available to comment Thursday afternoon. A lawyer for Hernandez's estate didn't immediately return a call seeking comment.

Hernandez was convicted in 2015 of first-degree murder in the 2013 killing of Lloyd, a 27-year-old Dorchester man who dated the sister of Hernandez's fiancée.

However, a judge later vacated Hernandez's conviction after he committed suicide in his prison cell in April 2017 because he hadn't exhausted his appeals at the time of his death. Bristol County prosecutors are trying to get the conviction reinstated. The matter is pending before the state Supreme Judicial Court.

Days before Hernandez's suicide, he was acquitted of charges that he killed Daniel de Abreu and Safiro Furtado in a drive-by shooting in Boston in 2012. Wrongful death lawsuits by the families of the Boston victims are still pending.

Separately, Hernandez's estate has [filed suit](#) against the NFL, alleging the league failed to protect Hernandez from the adverse effects of chronic traumatic encephalopathy, or CTE, a brain condition linked to repeated blows to the head and concussions. That matter is pending in federal court in Pennsylvania.

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