

Girl's parents to receive millions after fatal crash

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The parents of two young girls killed in 2006 when a concrete pumper truck rear-ended the family car on Highway 41 have reached a nearly \$9 million tentative settlement against the trucking company.

Sisters Korren Radke, 7 and Chloe Baker; 2, of Coarsegold died in the chain-reaction accident on June 9, 2006. The truck rear-ended the family car, one of several cars stopped for a disabled vehicle on Highway 41 near the Rocky Cutout area in Madera County.

Chloe's parents, Charles Baker and Amber Allen-Baker, will receive \$7.5 million, said Fresno attorney Warren R. Paboojian, who represented the couple in the wrongful death civil case in Fresno Superior Court.

Allen-Baker is Korren's mother's. Korren's father Craig Radke, will receive \$1.46 million. He was represented by Fresno attorney David Edwards.

Kathy Bello of Bakersfield, whose car was hit by the truck after it struck the Bakers' car, will receive \$75,000, Paboojian said. She was represented by Fresno attorney Todd Barsotti.

The Concrete pumper truck was owned by Brundage-Bone Concrete Pumping. The California Highway Patrol said the truck driver was driving at an unsafe speed and was unable to stop when he rounded the corner.

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