

Young Pedestrian Hit by Car in Manatee Succumbs to Fatal Injuries

Father of 20-year old victim retains Ellis, Ged & Bodden, P.A.

The law firm of Ellis, Ged and Bodden, P.A., is offering both counsel and comfort to the father of a 20-year old victim of a careless driver. Christopher Vandall of Manatee was walking home from his girlfriend's house last month when he was struck by a car that had veered off the road. The driver, 56-year old Kim R. Daly, told Florida State Troopers that she never even saw the young man. Vandall was airlifted to Bayfront Medical Center in St. Petersburg, where he lay for nine days, surrounded by his family and friends, before succumbing to his injuries.

Christopher's father, Harold Vandall, is still trying to come to grips with the tragedy. "It is heartbreaking when a parent outlives a child, under any circumstance," attorney C. Glen Ged, a founding partner in the Boca Raton-based firm, says, "In a case like this, where a young man dies as the result of a thoughtless accident, justice might offer some consolation."

For more than fourteen years, Mr. Ged and the dedicated team of personal injury lawyers he leads have been busy earning the trust of a diverse family of clients while earning a reputation as one of the region's most compassionate and dedicated law firms. "At Ellis, Ged and Bodden, our mission is simple," he says, "We want to make a positive impact on people's lives."

Several years ago a study of fatal crashes involving pedestrians in Florida revealed that the oldest and youngest pedestrians in Florida were at the greatest risk of being fatally injured. While seniors 65 to 74 years of age had the highest fatality crash rates per 1.61 million kilometers walked, younger pedestrians were significantly more likely to suffer a fatality per 100,000 population. "Evidence suggests," the report concluded, "that the crash involvement of these groups will continue to grow."

Christopher Vandall's death tragically supports that conclusion. Troopers who responded to the scene of the accident that took his life cited Ms. Daly for careless driving and for not having proof of insurance. Additional charges may be filed pursuant to an ongoing investigation.

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