

# Lawsuit named St. Mary's Hospital

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## Child died after tonsilectomy

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St. Mary's Hospital of Blue Springs apparently has settled out of court with the parents of a 7-year-old girl who died shortly after a tonsilectomy at the hospital earlier this year.

Randall and Rosie Cross, who resided in Lee's Summit at the time, say their daughter, Katherine, was otherwise healthy May 18 when she entered the hospital for what they say was a routine tonsilectomy.

The Crosses, both of whom are medical professionals, filed suit against St. Mary's late last month. The suit was resolved within 10 days, and a Jackson County judge sealed the file.

But in a series of interviews that

began a few days after her daughter's death, Mrs. Cross made it clear that she suspected human error on the part of workers who treated her daughter at St. Mary's.

"I was there the whole time, and I know what I saw," said Mrs. Cross, a registered nurse. "I saw what was going on, and I just don't know why everything was so messed up."

Blue Springs paramedics were called to the hospital about 1:30 a.m. May 19 to transfer Katherine to a hospital in Kansas City.

The paramedics later said the girl appeared to be experiencing complications from surgery, including what the paramedics described as "seizures and respiratory arrest."

Katherine was transferred to

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