

## Disabled Adult: Supervision Faulted, Jury Awards Large Verdict.

A thirty-six year-old brain-injury victim lived at home for ten years following his motor vehicle accident before his wife admitted him to an assisted-living facility.

His wife reportedly informed facility staff responsible for his care plan that he had a history of ingesting non-food items. He once put five packages of crackers in his mouth and swallowed them whole with the wrappers still on.

At the facility he reportedly swallowed large pieces of plastic sheets, paper towels, unopened ketchup packets and a candy wrapper. He vomited twice but no physician was notified and he died that evening.

The coroner ruled the death accidental. Nevertheless a jury in the Superior Court, Maricopa County, Arizona awarded the widow \$11,000,000 based failure to train staff and negligent supervision. **Scherer v. Liberty Manor**, 2009 WL 94397 (Sup. Ct. Mari-