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LICKING COUNTY OFFICIALS SUED IN DEATH

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The survivors of a man who collapsed while a prisoner in the Licking County Jail and died 46 days later of a brain aneurysm are seeking \$8.5 million in damages from Sheriff Gerry Billy, the county commissioners and four unidentified sheriff's deputies.

Edgar, Sterling and Bentley Malcolm and Sterlene Cooper, all of Newark, filed suit in U.S. District Court this week. They said their brother, Kenneth Malcolm, died Nov. 11, 1985, because the jail staff did not provide proper treatment.

Kenneth Malcolm, 41, a self-employed painter, died in Grant Hospital, Columbus.

He had served all but three days of a 30-day sentence for a menacing conviction when he was found unconscious in his jail cell on Sept. 26. He was taken to Licking County Memorial Hospital and was transferred later to Grant Hospital. He remained in a coma until his death.

The suit does not specify the improper treatment or how it led to the death. *Keith Karr*, attorney for the plaintiffs, declined to comment on the suit.

The suit says any damages awarded will be used to support Kenneth Malcolm's five minor children.

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