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Pharmacy Negligence - The plaintiff died of a drug interaction – in this lawsuit her estate blamed her death on the prescribing pharmacy for failing to warn her of the danger when she filled the prescription

Riddick v. Giant Pharmacy, 77146

Plaintiff: Thomas W. Mitchell, *The Mitchell Firm*, Washington, D.C.

Defense: Michael W. Robinson and Kishka Ford McClain, Tysons Corner and Craig A. Thompson and James E. Gray, Baltimore, MD, all of *Venable, LLP*

Verdict: Defense verdict on liability

Court: **Loudoun Circuit Court**

Judge: Burke F. McCahill

Date: 4-25-14

Lori Riddick, age 39 and a school teacher earning \$55,000 a year, saw her doctor on 1-3-12. It was a pre-operative visit, Riddick being scheduled for a tubal ligation later that month. She had a yeast infection and her doctor (Michelle Roberts-Borden) prescribed her an antibiotic, Diflucan.

Roberts-Borden also prescribed Riddick an opiate (Percocet) for pain after the surgery. It was not the doctor's intention for Riddick to take the two drugs together as they are contraindicated. Rather Roberts-Borden expected Riddick take the antibiotic immediately and then use the pain medication after the surgery.

That's not what happened. Riddick filled both prescriptions on 1-11-12 at a Giant Pharmacy. Being opiate-naive, she took both drugs. She was found dead on 1-14-12, her

death being linked to the interaction between the two drugs. Her husband (Leon) survived her.

In this lawsuit prosecuted by Riddick's estate against Big Giant, negligence was alleged by the pharmacist (Ruchi Kumar) in filling a prescription for two drugs that were contraindicated without warning Riddick or her doctor. Moreover there was no alert in the Giant Pharmacy system to warn issuing pharmacists. Experts for the plaintiff were Brian Isetts, Pharmacist, Red Wing, MN, Edgar Gonzalez, Pharmacology, Mechanicsville, Dr. Kris Sperry, Pathology, Atlanta, GA, Richard McGarry, Toxicology, Roanoke and Richard Lurito, Economist, McLean.

Giant Pharmacy denied fault for Riddick's death. Its identified experts included pharmacologists Jill Morgan and Rutherford Rose.

This case was tried for a week in Leesburg. The jury's verdict was for Giant Pharmacy and the estate took nothing. A consistent judgment was entered for the defense.

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