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Storm suit claims negligence

Woman's estate presses lawsuit against North Plainfield after last year's deadly winds

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The estate of a Middlesex Borough woman killed by a falling tree during a powerful storm last year has sued North Plainfield, alleging the borough was negligent in maintaining the tree.

Diana Ospina, 44, died July 3, 2025, after pulling over in front of 694 and 696 Greenbrook Road during a severe thunderstorm that brought wind gusts of 60 to 70 mph across Central Jersey. The lawsuit says strong winds uprooted a large tree that fell onto Ospina's vehicle. Emergency responders arrived quickly, but downed electrical

wires draped over the car complicated rescue efforts. Ospina was pronounced dead at the scene. According to the lawsuit, an autopsy determined Ospina died from "mechanical asphyxia." Ospina's husband, acting as executor of her estate, filed the lawsuit in Somerset County Superior Court.

In a response filed with the court, North Plainfield denied allegations that it was negligent. The July 3, 2025, storm turned deadly across the region, claiming three lives during the evening rush hour. In Plainfield, Rocco Sansone, 79, of

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Michael "Gags" Gagliano of Glen Gardner finished fourth at the 2026 World Series of Poker Main Event and won \$2.75 million. PROVIDED BY BETMGM

Luck of the draw

One card ended Hunterdon poker pro's shot at \$10M WSOP prize

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Sometimes it's just the luck of the draw. And on the second night of the 2026 World Series of Poker Main Event final table in Las Vegas on Aug. 4, the cards did not fall Michael "Gags" Gagliano's way.

The Glen Gardner resident and one of New Jersey's most accomplished poker professionals struggled to find playable hands throughout the night. Short-stacked for much of the session, Gagliano shifted from an aggressive strategy to one focused on survival. "Unfortunately, I had pretty bad card distribution," said Gagliano, a longtime BetMGM Poker ambassador and four-time WSOP bracelet winner. "I just

didn't have much of a chance to do too much. A lot of the spots I wanted to act on, I had the bottom 15% of the deck and just had to pull. I got in good at the end, but what can you do?" Eventually, Gagliano found the hand he had been waiting for. Holding a king and queen, he moved all-in with his remaining 9.5 million

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Somerville mayor wants library reopened

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SOMERVILLE – No mold has been found at the Somerville Public Library, but borough officials and the Somerset County Library System remain divided over whether the building should reopen in the short term. Mayor Brian Gallagher told the Borough Council on Aug. 3 that testing

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Family mourns death of man at Delaney Hall

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As the family of Edwin Jovanny Lopez Cornejo gathered in Highland Park on Tuesday, Aug. 4, to demand justice for the 39-year-old Plainfield man who died while in custody at Delaney Hall, reports emerged about other, unreported deaths of detainees shortly after their release from the troubled immigration facility. Standing outside the Reformed Church of Highland Park, Lopez Cornejo's mother, aunt, brother and

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