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\$65.1 MILLION VERDICT IN BOY'S ELECTROCUTION DEATH AGAINST ELLER MEDIA CORP.

**MIAMI, FL (June 24, 2005)**--The law firm of Colson Hicks Eidson today announced that a Miami jury awarded on behalf of their client, Jorge Cabrera, Sr., \$4.1 million in compensatory damages and \$61 million in punitive damages against Eller Media Corporation for the electrocution death of 12-year old Jorgie Luis Cabrera. **The jury found that the boy's death was caused by shoddy electrical work that led to his electrocution.**

Jorgie Cabrera died on October 1998 when he made contact with a bus shelter that was electrified due to the shoddy work conducted by Eller Media.

Ervin A. Gonzalez and Bob Martínez, partners at the law firm of Colson Hick Eidson, represented Jorgie Cabrera's father and argued that Eller Media, owned by Clear Channel Communications, was responsible for the death of his son.

During the nine-week trial, Gonzalez and Martínez showed the jury evidence of shoddy electrical work done by an unlicensed Eller Media electrician. The evidence included a lack of bonding and fuses, an improperly installed transformer and grounding rounds, and faulty wiring.

"They created a death trap and they knew it," said Gonzalez. "Eller media knew they were hiring unlicensed electricians and failed to supervise their work. Had they done so, they would have seen the improperly installed materials and the missing fuses that were the difference between life and death for Jorgie."

"The jury's verdict will send a strong message to Eller and others that they will be held accountable for reckless misconduct that jeopardizes the public," said Martínez, former United States Attorney for the Southern District of Florida.

Five years ago a Miami-Dade jury acquitted Eller Media Corporation of manslaughter charges. During the civil trial, the employees and officers of Eller Media were called to testify, and from the testimony, the jury found the company was negligent and reckless.

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