

Judge orders Pierce County killer to pay \$20 million to victim's father

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The father of a murdered developmentally disabled South Hill teenager won a \$20 million award against the girl's killer Friday.

Cecil Daily sued Tyler Savage for wrongful death last year in Pierce County Superior Court.

Savage, now 20, killed Daily's 16-year-old daughter, Kimberly, in 2010 and left her naked body in a blackberry bramble. A jury convicted him of aggravated first-degree murder in December, and he is serving a sentence of life without parole.

Savage, acting as his own attorney, fought the wrongful death suit from prison for some time but did not take part by telephone at a recent hearing, and Judge Jerry Costello ordered a default judgment against him, court records show.

Costello determined Friday that Cecil Daily deserved \$20 million to compensate him for the loss of his daughter.

"Mr. Daily brought this case on behalf of his daughter to ensure Savage was fully held accountable for his actions after showing no emotion or remorse at the criminal trial," said Ashton Dennis, Cecil Daily's attorney.

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