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PRESS RELEASE

Little League Player hit by Foul Ball gets \$1.7 million Jury Verdict against Sewickley Borough and Athletic Associations

Pittsburgh, Jan 31, 2018: Late yesterday, a jury in Allegheny County, Court of Common Pleas awarded 14-year-old Zachary Hoffman \$1.7 million in damages against Sewickley Borough, and the Avonworth and Quaker Valley Athletic Associations.

Hoffman, then age 11, was hit by a foul ball while in the dugout during a game played at Chadwick Field in Sewickley, PA. Hoffman was badly injured and medical testimony was presented that there would be long-term consequences from the injury, as well as pain and suffering.

Alan Perer of SPK, attorneys for Hoffman, said that the defendants were responsible for the injury because the dugout was not properly protected by a fence to prevent foul balls from entering that area. There was evidence that such fences are required by Little League safety regulations and are customary at Little League baseball fields.