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# Orange County family settles lawsuit with California Highway Patrol over crash photos

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LOS ANGELES — The family of an Orange County teen killed in a 2006 car accident has settled a lawsuit filed against the California Highway Patrol over graphic crash photos that were leaked by the agency.

Family attorney Keith Bremer tells the Los Angeles Times (<http://lat.ms/yrymm5>) the settlement may finally allow the family some closure over the death of Nicole Catsouras.

The photos show Catsouras maimed and nearly decapitated in her father's mangled Porsche.

The pictures, taken by CHP investigators and never intended for public release, were leaked by two highway patrol dispatchers. Images of the gruesome scene began appearing on thousands of websites.

As part of the settlement, Bremer says the CHP agreed to cooperate with the family in fighting to remove the images that can still be found on the Internet.



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