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The Tiger King Remains Behind Bars

Judges Deny Joe Exotic's Appeal

Even more than a year after the release of "Tiger King: Murder, Mayhem and Madness," Joseph Maldonado-Passage, aka "Joe Exotic," continues to make headlines.

Following the fame that came with having his story at the center of a wildly popular Netflix series, he saw fit to appeal his 22-year prison sentence for plotting to murder big cat rescue activist Carole Baskin, killing tigers, selling tiger cubs and falsifying wildlife records on a few different grounds.

In July, the 10th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals rejected his arguments. The crux for the challenge, as reported by his legal team, was that Baskin was allowed to attend the whole trial, despite her role as a witness against him. As a general rule, witnesses are not permitted to attend proceedings in their entirety, as other witness testimonies might affect the objectivity of their own testimony.

Baskin was also present at the trial as a victim, since she was the target of the alleged murder-for-hire scheme. Victims are allowed to attend court proceedings so long as the judge decides their testimony (if they are also a witness) will not be affected by their attendance throughout the process.

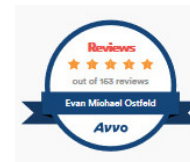
Joe's counsel asserted that Baskin was not a victim of any sort, since the murder-for-hire plot was not actually successful. The U.S. Circuit Court disagreed and ruled that she still suffered emotional and financial harm.

In addition to this, since Maldonado-Passage allegedly conspired to have Baskin murdered on two different occasions, the judge at his 2019 trial had incorrectly considered them as two separate plots, rather than two attempts at the same murder. The Court therefore ordered the trial judge to simply resentence him.

So, even after all of this legal maneuvering, "The Tiger King" remains behind bars. Of course, had former President Trump issued him a pardon like Joe and his supporters had surmised, he'd be a free man now. In fact, they were so confident, a limousine and a hair/wardrobe team were waiting to whisk him far away from his Texas residence at "Club Fed." Plus, just think of how good the newest Netflix series about him would be!

As an aside, I wonder if Carole Baskin actually murdered her husband Don Lewis like has been alleged by his former lawyer Joe Fritz. In fact, there is a new documentary called "Joe Exotic: Tigers, Lies and Cover-Up" — available on Discovery+. I can't wait to watch!

FREEWILL



One of my favourite Rush songs that I often think about while practicing law is "Freewill" from their 1980 "Permanent Waves" album. What does that have to do with my firm? First off, we primarily handle workers' compensation and personal injury claims. The "P.I." that we handle are auto accidents, slip-and-falls, cancer cases from the use of Zantac, Johnson & Johnson Baby Powder/Shower to Shower, Roundup, and Philips' CPAP, Bi-PAP, and ASV sleep apnea machines, in addition to accepting 3M earplugs, hernia mesh and Essure lawsuits. Second, my steadfast philosophy has always been to educate the public about their rights. Unfortunately, many people are afraid to consult with a lawyer. These lyrics are therefore relevant. "You can choose a ready guide in some celestial voice. If you choose not to decide, you still have made a choice. You can choose from phantom fears, and kindness that can kill. I will choose a path that's clear, I will choose Freewill."



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Certain "old-school" people believe that suing an individual or corporation for negligence is somehow immoral or inherently wrong, regardless of the extent of the harm caused. They trust that "a celestial voice" will simply look after them. Others "choose not to decide" and are afraid ("phantom fears") to act. Feeling powerless, no legal opinion is ever sought. In fact, many insurance companies help limit the value of personal injury claims through "kindness." Reaching out sympathetically to an injured party may "kill" the chance of that person hiring a lawyer, which saves them money!

My legal team strives to help victims understand all sides of an injury case — "the good, the bad and the ugly," like the 1967 Clint Eastwood movie of the same name. The consultation is provided at no cost. It addresses problems twofold; helping the public overcome a general reluctance to talk with an attorney and easing their hesitancy about going against a large corporation alone in order to seek damages. Although I am a solo practitioner, we can partner up with larger law firms throughout the U.S. if extra muscle is needed. That being said, I'll always be a point of contact along the way; in essence, you get two attorneys for the price of one!



As an aside, we'll listen to any legal issue that you may have. If we can't help, The Referral King™ may provide other attorneys who might. In closing, I hope that you exercise your "freewill" and "choose a path that's clear" and "choose" me as your attorney4life.

Remember, we are here to help!

Godspeed,

-King E

Recall on Philips Sleep Apnea and Respiration Devices

Recently, the FDA labeled certain Philips CPAP, BiPAP Sleep machines and ventilators for recall. Some of these defective devices include the System One Q series, Dreamstation, Dorma, REMstar, OmniLab and Trilogy. Unfortunately, they have been linked to various cancers and respiratory problems, including COPD.



Apparently, the deadening Polyurethane foam, which has long been known to be hazardous, inside the machines has a tendency to decompose and emit cancer-causing gases. In fact, the chemicals benzene, formaldehyde, Methylene chlorine and/or other volatile organic compounds are inhaled during use. Furthermore, there is a link to leukemia and other cancers including brain, bladder, blood, breast, kidney, liver, lung, lymphatic, nasal, Non-Hodgkin’s lymphoma, prostate, rectal, spleen, stomach, testicular and that of the thyroid.

If you own and or know a loved one who utilizes one of these Philips CPAP, BiPAP, and/or ASV sleep apnea machines for at least six months, discuss alternative solutions with a physician immediately to discontinue their use.

Our law firm is accepting cases if you’ve been diagnosed with cancer and or suffered respiratory problems including asthma, hyper/hypo thyroid disease, kidney/liver disease/damage, lung disease and/or pulmonary edema and fibrosis, after using the recalled sleep apnea and or respiration devices. Contact us today for more information. We offer a confidential, no-cost case evaluation. Let us handle the legalese while you can focus on your health!

Corn Mazes Date Back to Ancient Greece? A Historical Look at This Wacky Fall Tradition

Exploring a corn maze is a great way to get outside and enjoy the fall season with friends and family — but who came up with the idea of wandering around a corn field for fun? As it turns out, outdoor mazes are an ancient tradition, and the American corn maze of the ‘90s sprouted from the mazes of 17th-century European gardens. Don’t believe it? Here’s a quick tour of corn maze history.

The Minotaur and the Maze

Have you heard of Theseus and the Minotaur? This ancient Greek legend tells the story of the hero Theseus, who ventured into an elaborate maze to kill the half-man, half-bull imprisoned there. The monstrous Minotaur was known to eat heroes, and the labyrinth was known to trap them, but Theseus managed to slay the Minotaur and find his way home with the help of a string that he unspooled as he walked.

This story isn’t the first recorded example of a maze or labyrinth — according to the World History encyclopedia, “[L]abyrinths and labyrinthine symbols have been dated to the Neolithic Age in regions as diverse as modern-day Turkey, Ireland, Greece, and India, among others” — but it’s perhaps the most famous ancient tale. If you’ve ever navigated a Halloween corn maze staffed by ghouls and ghosts, you can see the parallels!

Garden Art to Get Lost In

Mazes formed from bushes began popping up European gardens in the 17th century. They were a popular artistic feature of upper-class gardens in England, more for looking at than solving. One famous



example is the half-mile-long Hampton Maze, which was planted in 1690 and still stands today.

The Corn Maze: An American Invention

Garden mazes eventually hopped the pond to America but didn’t become interactive puzzles until Don Frantz, Creative Director of the American Maze Company, came on the scene. In 1993, Frantz created the “first ever cornfield maze for private and public entertainment” to attract college kids in Pennsylvania. Today, every small-town corn maze is a descendant of his “Amazing Maize Maze.” To learn more about that wacky history, visit AmericanMaze.com.

TAKE A *BREAK*

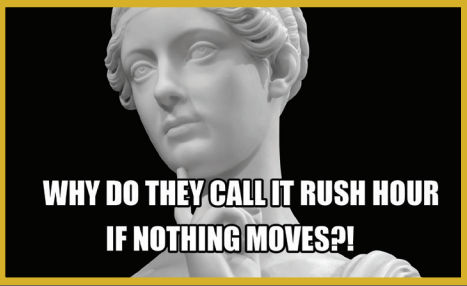


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This one’s for the candy corn lovers! This “pizza” is far from traditional, but once you try it, you might find yourself making it every October!

Ingredients

- 1 roll Pillsbury Sugar Cookie Dough
- 1/2 cup creamy peanut butter
- 1 cup candy corn
- 1/2 cup chocolate chips
- 1/4 cup vanilla frosting (store-bought or homemade)

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 350 F.
2. Grease a round, 12-inch pan and line with cookie dough, ensuring the dough covers all but the outer 1/2 inch.
3. Bake for 16–20 minutes until golden brown. Cool completely.
4. Spread the peanut butter over the cooled cookie dough, then sprinkle on the candy corn and chocolate chips.
5. In a small bowl, microwave the frosting for 15 seconds or until liquified.
6. Drizzle the frosting over the “pizza,” slice, and serve!

THE DEADLIEST SURGERY IN HISTORY *PERFORMED BY THE ‘FASTEST KNIFE IN THE WEST END’*

If you had to get surgery in the early 1800s, it could be a death sentence. Before the invention of anesthesia, patients needing amputations and other operations were awake and lucid the entire time! Plus, these procedures looked more like something from a horror movie. It was during this era that Dr. Robert Liston, who was ironically considered one of the best surgeons of his day, performed the deadliest of all time.

Before getting into the particulars, you should know a little bit about Dr. Liston. He was a professional and a product of his time and worked with dirty saws and knives while wearing a bloody apron in the operating room — are you kidding me?

His reputation was known for being the “Fastest knife in the West End” by medical historian Dr. Richard Gordon since his surgeries were performed in record time. That was actually very helpful back in the day since anesthesiologists did not yet exist!

Only 1 in 10 of his patients died on the operating table, which sounds bad until you learn that a nearby hospital reported 1 in 4 people dying from similar procedures.

And get this. People back then actually found amputations to be morbidly entertaining so who wouldn’t want to watch him live and in colour? Just think if they had pay-per-view.

So, on the fateful day, Dr. Liston, ever the showman, cut through his patient’s broken, infected leg with warp speed — so quick that he didn’t even realize he’d also sliced off two of his assistant’s fingers in the process. Unfortunately, both later died of gangrene. As an aside, it sounds like a good workers’ compensation case that I’d gladly handle!

When “the doc” went for one of his knives, he whipped it about a little too closely to one spectator, ripping through his coat. While he didn’t actually break the man’s skin, this gentleman believed that he’d been stabbed. He allegedly was “scared to death” and died right there in the operating room.

So, instead of saving one life, Dr. Liston actually killed three! Talk about malpractice. It’s the only known surgery to have resulted in a 300% mortality rate. As a result, he could have added another moniker as a “Mass Murderer” — so watch out, Freddy Krueger. You got competition.

