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RE: Human Interest Findings Concerning *In re Mirapex Products Liability Litigation*

Memorandum

Below is a synopsis of the relevant news stories concerning participants in the *In re Fosamax Products Liability Litigation* (MDL 1789):

1. A June 22, 2015 article by the Associated Press and displayed on www.indystar.com (part of the USA Today network) describes a suit by a former Indianapolis firefighter who developed a compulsive gambling habit following a Mirapex prescription.
 - a. The victim is seeking 42 million dollar in damages and claims that she lost more than \$2 million from gambling.
 - b. Source: <http://www.indystar.com/story/news/2015/06/22/ex-firefighter-sues-drug-tied-compulsive-gambling/29132557/>

2. A July 2005 Associated Press article on *Foxnews.com* briefly described the story of a Joe Neglia, a victim of Mirapex.
 - a. Neglia, a retired government intelligence worker who lost thousands of dollars to slot machines after he began taking Mirapex. Once he read about the link between the drug and gambling, he stopped and immediately lost the urge to gamble.

b. Source: <http://www.foxnews.com/story/2005/07/12/parkinson-drug-tied-to-gambling-addiction.html>

3. A January 2006 article by Jane Mundy on *LawyersandSettlements.com* describes in detail how one woman's life and her family's business was ruined because of the compulsive gambling addiction she developed after taking Mirapex.

- a. The article describes how, after taking Mirapex, she developed compulsions for gambling and sex and how she eventually began lying and stealing company money to continue funding her addiction. She claims to have spent all \$200,000 of her husband's investment. She also claims to have stolen \$60,000 from the family business.
- b. Although she is no longer taking Mirapex, because of her gambling, she lost her job, all of her savings and alienated her family. Her father no longer speaks to her and she has developed suicidal thoughts as a result of the damage that her compulsions have brought on her life.
- c. Source:
https://www.lawyersandsettlements.com/articles/mirapex/mirapex_addiction-00047.html