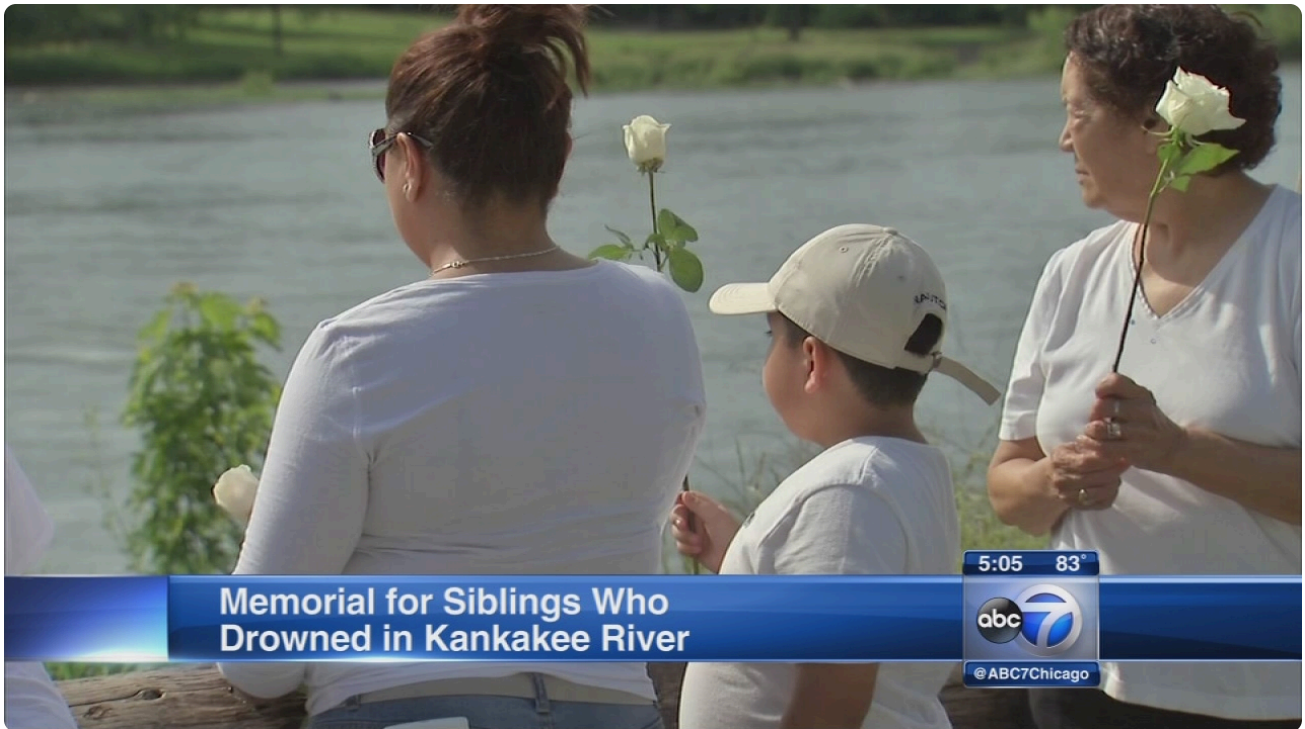


Lawsuit filed after siblings drowned in Kankakee River



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Family and friends gathered at the site where a brother and sister drowned over the holiday weekend.
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WILMINGTON, Ill. (WLS) -- The Joliet family whose two young children drowned after being pulled underwater at the Wilmington Dam on the Kankakee River filed a wrongful death lawsuit against The City of Wilmington.

Eder Arroyo, 12, was pulled underwater into the Kankakee River at the Wilmington Dam over Memorial Day weekend. His 13-year-old sister Abigail Arroyo went in to try and save him but was swept underwater by the dam's undercurrent. Abigail died at a Joliet hospital, Eder's body was found days later. The family has now filed a lawsuit.



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"She acted like a mother to him. She was so close to him, they were like glue. She gave her life to save his. She didn't hesitate for a second, she just went in after him," said Jerry Arroyo, the children's father.

Eder could swim, but his sister Abby, could not.

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