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TYPE OF CASE: Third-party auto

COURT/CASE #: Macomb County Circuit Court/2024-0046670-NI

DATE OF DISPOSITION: November 17, 2025

NAME OF JUDGE(S): Matthew Sabaugh

VERDICT/DISPOSITION: Motion for Summary Disposition granted

KEYS TO THE CASE:

Defendant in this case suffered a sudden, unexpected fatal heart attack while behind the wheel. Since he had no history of heart problems, exercised regularly, and had annual physicals, his tragic heart attack was unexpected and unforeseen. Plaintiff and independent witnesses confirmed that Defendant's vehicle drifted across the centerline "as if no one was behind the wheel," and no one saw him inside the vehicle (suggesting that he had fallen over inside the vehicle). The death certificate and autopsy confirmed that Defendant died of a heart attack, and not from any injuries from the accident. Therefore, there was no negligence due to his sudden medical emergency. The case was dismissed.

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