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County to Pay Medical Bill for Marysville Man Hurt in Chase

MANHATTAN, Kan. (AP)--Commissioners in Riley County have agreed to pay an outstanding hospital bill for a Marysville man who was badly injured while fleeing from police.

The Manhattan Mercury reports the commission decided to pay \$6,300 sought in a lawsuit by Stormont-Vail Healthcare in Topeka, rather than risk a trial.

Jason Fisher suffered severe internal injuries in February 2011 when he rolled a pickup truck while being chased by police. Fisher spent two days at Stormont-Vail, which put the cost of his care at nearly \$40,000. Riley County's liability was reduced to the Medicaid rate.

County officials had questioned the county's liability because Fisher was not in police custody when he was injured.

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