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Nebraska settles with family of inmate killed by cellmate

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Nebraska has agreed to pay \$479,000 to the family of a “talkative” Scottsbluff man who was strangled to death in 2017 by a fellow inmate who didn’t want a cellmate.

The lawsuit filed by Terry Berry Jr.’s family against prison officials they argued were responsible for the 22-year-old’s death because they put him in the same cell as Patrick Schroeder who was dismissed last week after both sides agreed to the settlement.

Berry was nearing parole when he was placed with Schroeder, from Pawnee City, who was serving a life sentence for killing 75-year-old Kenneth Albers in Pawnee County in 2006.

Schroeder later pleaded guilty to killing Berry and was sentenced to death.

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