

KS council approves millions for wrongful conviction

(KAIR)--An \$11.25 million settlement is approved for Jefferson County's Floyd Bledsoe, whose conviction for child murder was overturned after spending 16-years in prison.

WIBW-TV reports the Kansas State Finance Council, on Wednesday, approved the settlement on a vote of 7 to 1. Governor Laura Kelly and state legislators comprise the council.

In May, the Jefferson County Commission approved the first-round of funds toward Bledsoe's \$7.5 million dollar settlement with the County. And, according to the TV station, he had previously been awarded a separate \$1-million settlement.

Bledsoe spent nearly 16-years behind bars for the 1999 rape and murder of 14-year-old Camille Arfmann, but was released from prison in 2015 after his brother, Tom, confessed in a suicide note that he committed the crimes. Additionally, DNA evidence linked his father and brother to the Oskaloosa child.

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