

Jewell sues papers, settles CNN lawsuit

ATLANTA (AP)—Richard Jewell sued The Atlanta Journal-Constitution and the college where he once worked as a security guard on Tuesday, accusing them of libeling him in stories linking him to the Olympic bombing.

Jewell's lawsuit, which seeks unspecified damages, accuses the newspapers of portraying him as a man with "a bizarre employment history and an aberrant personality" who likely was guilty of placing the bomb.

Those stories quoted Piedmont College President Ray Cleere as describing Jewell as a "badge-wearing zealot" who "would write epic police reports for minor infractions," the lawsuit said.

Lin Wood, a lawyer for Jewell, called the lawsuit "the first step in what will be a long and hard-fought battle against a billion-dollar corporation that tried and convicted Richard Jewell for a crime he did not commit."

Journal-Constitution publisher Roger Kintzel defended his newspapers' coverage of the bombing as "fair, accurate and responsible."

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The newspapers will fight the lawsuit, he said, adding there has been no discussion of a settlement.

In December, the newspapers refused Jewell's demand to print a retraction to three stories about him while he was a suspect.

Meanwhile, Jewell and his mother settled a complaint against CNN for an undisclosed amount, according to a joint statement issued by CNN and Jewell's lawyers.

"CNN continues to believe that its coverage was a fair and accurate review of the events that unfolded following the Centennial Olympic Park explosion," the Atlanta-based network said in a statement.

Jewell, in an interview Tuesday at an Atlanta radio station, said he was "very satisfied" with the CNN settlement.

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ROGER KINTZEL
Journal-Constitution publisher

did to me and my mother and my attorneys," Jewell said. "I want them to get the story 100 percent before they put it out. I'm doing it so this won't happen to anybody else."

Last month, Jewell reached a settlement with NBC over comments anchorman Tom Brokaw made on the air about Jewell shortly after the bombing. The Wall Street Journal reported the settlement was worth \$500,000.

Jewell, 34, was working as a private security guard in Centennial Olympic Park when a pipe bomb exploded before daybreak on July 27, killing one person and injuring more than 100.

He initially was praised as a hero for spotting the bomb in the Olympic park and helping to move people out of the way before the blast.

Three days after the bombing, an extra edition of The Atlanta Journal identified Jewell as a suspect. Jewell came under intense media scrutiny for three months, until federal prosecutors cleared him in October.

The Journal report linking Jewell to the bombing was leaked by an FBI agent and confirmed by unidentified members of the Atlanta Police Department, the lawsuit said.

Nine reporters or editors of the newspapers and officials of Piedmont College in Demorest also are named as defendants in the lawsuit.

No one has been charged in the bombing.

Garbage man collects jackpot

NEW YORK (AP) — Even with his \$10 million jackpot, Sergio Martini is still doing a job some people wouldn't do for a million bucks.

"I'm not the kind of guy to stay home and do nothing," the 12-year New York City garbage man said Monday morning while working hatless in 15-degree wind chill during a shift that started at midnight.

"I feel more energetic now since winning," Martini said, tapping dripping coffee cups out of the bottom of a litter basket. "I only have to work one job now."

The 50-year-old father of four came forward to claim his \$10.3 million Powerball lottery jackpot Thursday. He will get about \$370,000 a year for 20 years.

Up until last week, Martini had worked double shifts for the city Sanitation Department and drove his brother's taxi to pay the bills. He quit the taxi job a day after winning the lottery.

But Martini insisted he will stay on the garbage beat for at least two-and-a-half more years to qualify for his pension. According to the city, he makes a base salary of about \$40,000 and a total of around \$70,000 with overtime.

In the meantime, he said, "I've got to find a hobby or something."

Martini's beat includes some of the most stylish neighborhoods of his native Manhattan but still is dangerous. There are rats, chemicals, toxins, needles — name the nastiness of New York City, and Martini's handled it. Four New York City sanitation workers have been killed on the job since 1992.

"If that were me," co-worker Joe Giammarino said, "you'd be doing that story in the Bahamas."

"Hawaii," said Martini's supervisor, Frederick Ortner.

Along Martini's route, Martinos



MATT HANEY/DN

Franziskos, manager of the Times Square Deli on 43rd Street, said: "The guy makes \$10 million and he still wants to work? That's beautiful."

Martini, who commutes more than 50 miles to work from suburban Brewster, said that before he won the lottery, bills had pushed him to the brink of bankruptcy. His 7-year-old Suzuki car just turned 201,000 miles, and he banged it up on a patch of ice driving to work a day after winning the jackpot.

"We were so poor, so many things to do, living day by day," he said.

Now he is planning to pay off his bills, buy three new cars from his 23-year-old car-saleswoman daughter, and set up trust funds for her and his three sons, 18-year-old twins and an 11-year-old.

There is one luxury Martini has in mind: "a real vacation." It would be his first in 25 years since he and wife Elena took their honeymoon in Italy.

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Gov. Nelson makes fifth Supreme Court appointment

OMAHA — Gov. Ben Nelson named Omaha attorney Michael McCormack to the remaining vacancy on the state Supreme Court Tuesday, ensuring Nelson's influence on the high court.

The governor has appointed five of the seven Supreme Court judges. On Monday, he appointed law school classmate Kenneth Stephan to fill the vacancy representing the Lincoln district.

McCormack, 57, is a senior partner at the firm of McCormack, Cooney, Hillman and Elder, opened by his father and his uncle in 1935. McCormack himself has been a practicing lawyer for 33 years.

He fills the spot left by Judge David Lanphier, who was expelled from the court by voters last November for controversial decisions on second-degree murder and term limits.

Simpson civil trial jury begins deliberations

SANTA MONICA, Calif. — O.J. Simpson's fate was placed in the hands of a jury Tuesday after a final theatrical flourish from an attorney who waved a wad of bills at the football great and accused him of cheapening the lives of the victims.

The panel deliberated two hours before quitting for the night. They must decide whether Simpson should be held responsible and made to pay millions for the June 12, 1994, knife slayings of Nicole Brown Simpson and Ronald Goldman. Simpson was acquitted of the crime of a year and a half ago.

Judge Hiroshi Fujisaki explained in his jury instructions that Simpson is not being subjected to double jeopardy: "Even though the defendant Simpson was acquitted in the criminal case, you can still find him liable."

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