

"This never should have happened": Lawyer regarding Matthew Mangine Jr.'s death

CINCINNATI (WKRC) - In an exclusive interview, the lawyer who filed the lawsuit on behalf of Matthew Mangine Jr.'s family talked to Local 12 Investigates about why [Mangine's death is more than a tragedy](#).



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Kevin Murphy of Murphy Landen Jones filed that lawsuit on behalf of the Mangine family.

"It could have been very, very, different," Murphy said.

For the last five months, Mangine's family has been grieving the death of the 16-year-old. He collapsed on St. Henry's practice field during the soccer team's first practice following the KHSAA's COVID-19 guidelines.

[A lawsuit filed in November said Matt "needlessly died" on June 16.](#)

"The standard of care is to have an AED and to have one available so it can be applied within three minutes," Murphy said. "No AED was found or brought out and by the time EMS came, it was too late."

Murphy said he did his own investigation and talked to experts from around the country.

"It became very clear to me, according to the literature and according to my investigation, this never should have happened," Murphy said.

Murphy said the Mangines hope the lawsuit will change behavior.

"Because the Mangines do not want any other parents having to suffer needlessly," Murphy said. "If this lawsuit helps saves one life, the Mangines will feel that Matt did not die in vain."

Depositions will happen next, and if a resolution can't be reached, the suit will go to a jury trial.



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Local 12 Investigates will continue to follow this lawsuit.