

Kittitas County  
Prosecutor

**Agenda Staff Report**

**AGENDA DATE:**

11/18/2013

**ACTION REQUESTED:**

Approve Kessler claim for damages

**BACKGROUND:**

The Kesslers were rear-ended by a Kittitas County corrections van. They received physical injury and their vehicle was totalled.

**INTERACTION:**

The Risk Pool, with approval from the Prosecuting Attorney's office, engaged an adjuster and arrived at a full settlement with the Kesslers for 9,493.25. The Risk Pool has paid the amount after having obtained a Release of Claim from them. This is a very advantageous settlement for the County. The Kesslers have not actually "filed a claim" with the Auditor, nor have they engaged an attorney. Either of these would have driven up the cost of settlement.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Approve the "claim" regarding the damages to the Kesslers and direct that a check be cut to the Risk Pool to reimburse it for what it has already paid on the County's behalf.

**HANDLING:**

None.

**LEAD STAFF:**

Neil Caulkins