



UPDATE:

USAir Crash In Charlotte, N.C. Settlement Reached

Chris Searcy and Chris Speed recently reached a settlement on behalf of Adisa Young, a surviving victim of the USAir crash in Charlotte, N.C. in July, 1994. Trial had been set for the first week in September in Federal District Court in West Palm Beach. After the second full day of mediation with representatives of the airline and its insurance carrier, a confidential settlement was reached. It is believed that the settlement amount is the second largest payment made by USAir concerning any single passenger.

As a result of the tragic crash of Flight 1016, Adisa suffered extensive second- and third-degree burns to almost a quarter of his body, necessitating extensive surgery and skin grafting. He suffered through many weeks of hospitalization and difficult and traumatic therapy afterwards.

As is common with many accident victims, Adisa experienced substantial post-traumatic stress disorder from the horror of this disaster. Some of the funds generated from the settlement will be used for extensive therapeutic care to help Adisa deal with the psychological impact that this event caused.

In a previous consolidated trial in federal court in South Carolina, a jury determined that USAir was responsible for the crash of Flight 1016. The trial scheduled in West Palm Beach was to have determined the extent to which Adisa was to be compensated. ■