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A New Orleans man with a history of kidney problems died in **Orleans Parish Prison** last year because the Sheriff's Office deprived him of dialysis treatment and medication, according to a lawsuit filed Thursday.

The lawsuit, filed in Civil District Court, claims that John Anthony Williams died a painful **death** behind bars after going several days without proper medical care.

"They didn't give him the dialysis that he needed and, based on that neglect, he died," said attorney Stephen Rue, who sued on behalf of Williams' parents and 11-year-old son. "It's a substantial case."

The Sheriff's Office denied the allegations. Spokeswoman Mary Baldwin Kennedy said Williams was housed in the prison's medical area and was under a doctor's care.

Williams, 32, was arrested on Sept. 28, 1993, for an alleged probation violation, the lawsuit says. After telling his jailers of his kidney condition and his need for dialysis every two days, he was treated on Sept. 30 but was denied treatment up until his **death** on Oct. 3, the suit says.

During his jail stay, Williams called his family to bring his medication. When a friend delivered the medicine, a deputy refused to accept it, the suit says. The name of the deputy has not been determined, Rue said.

Because of improper medical care, Williams suffered severe seizures and endured considerable pain, the suit says. Williams eventually died of a heart attack because of his condition, his family said.

Williams' sister, Patricia, said the circumstances surrounding her brother's **death** were horrifying.

"We weren't even told that he died until two days later," she said. "It was terrible. Very, very upsetting."

Rue said that when he asked the Sheriff's Office for Williams' medical records after his **death**, he was told he would have to sue to get them.

The lawsuit is filed against the Sheriff's Office and its insurer, Criminal Sheriff Charles Foti and the deputy who denied Williams his medication.

Kennedy said Williams did receive medication during his stay in jail and was seen by doctors at the prison and at Charity Hospital.

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