

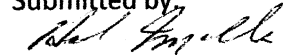
January 5, 2011 one of our employees was involved in a traffic accident on the Sterling Highway. Another driver lost control of her vehicle, crossed the road and ran into our vehicle. She was not wearing a seatbelt, was thrown from her vehicle, and consequently died on scene. The State Troopers confiscated our vehicle and trailer and have kept it in their impound yard in Soldotna since that time.

It has been 13 months since that accident with no police report or indication that we will be able to get our equipment back any time soon, nor are we able to make a settlement with the insurance company. If we were a smaller business than we are, we would be out of business by not having access to our equipment to continue to operate. Renting equipment to replace what is in impound until the case is settled would be a financial burden we would have to incur until the troopers complete their paperwork.

We would like to see this process improved with a timelier turnaround for the parties involved so that life and business can continue. It is just as hard on the deceased family to have to go through this again a year or more later with an insurance claim as it is for the injured parties.

If this is due to the legal system then it needs to change. If it is the political system this needs to change. We need decisions made right away when everything is fresh in people's minds, not six months or one to two years after and the file has sat on someone's desk.

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