

# Chrysler Safety Defect Cases Foreclosed by Bankruptcy (samples)

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### Lack of Brake-Shift Interlock (BSI) Defect

An industry standard since 1990 or earlier, BSI prevents the INADVERTANT and unintentional movement of an automatic transmission from "Park" to non-park. Chrysler management refused to install BSI in its cars, trucks and minivans on the basis that the US Government did not require. All Chrysler vehicles dating from model years 1990 through 2000, involving **15 million units**, continue to pose the threat of injury/death to owners and bystanders because Chrysler has refused to retrofit the defective vehicles or notify the owners of the lack of BSI.

#### BSI Defect Cases:

\* McIntosh v Chrysler LLC, 4 deaths, 2007, Connecticut \*  
\* Boyd/Wilson v Chrysler LLC, 4 deaths, 2007, Connecticut \*  
Callara v Chrysler LLC, severe injury, 2008, New York  
Shew v. Chrysler LLC, severe brain damage, 2007, Illinois

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### Jeep Grand Cherokee Fuel System Defect

Fuel tank mounted to the rear of axle causes tank rupture and explosion during real world collisions. No other SUV continues to utilize this defective fuel tank system design/location EXCEPT Chrysler Jeep SUVs. Jeep vehicles dating from model years 1993 through 2004, involving approximately **3 million units**, continue to pose threat of fire death to owners. Chrysler identified a safety fix "Fuel Tank blocker" in 2003 but refused to issue a safety recall notice.

#### Jeep Grand Cherokee Fuel System Defect Cases:

\*\* Kline v Chrysler LLC, 1 fire death, wife and mother of 2, 2007, New Jersey \*\*

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# Third Child Pulled From Submerged Van Dies

No Survivors Left From Accident That Killed Mother And 3 Children In Connecticut

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(AP) The third child pulled from a family's minivan along with the driver after it rolled into a park pond died at a hospital Thursday, leaving no survivors of what authorities say was a terrible accident.

Six-year-old Jayden Wilson, the driver's nephew, had been in critical condition Thursday morning at Yale-New Haven Hospital. He died just before 2 p.m., hospital spokesman Mark D'Antonio said.

Jayden's aunt Michelle McIntosh, 39, of Bridgeport, had stopped the minivan Wednesday morning to talk with friends in another car about where to set up their holiday picnic at Beardsley Park, police said.

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Bunnells Pond, July 4, 2007, at Beardsley Park in Bridgeport, Conn., where a van rolled into the water, killing a mother and three children. (AP Photo/Douglas Healey)

After she stepped out, the van began to roll. McIntosh chased it and was dragged for a short distance, losing her shoes as she climbed in and tried to stop the vehicle, police said. It rolled 60 or 70 yards down a

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steep hill and into a pond, where it was submerged in 15 to 20 feet of water for up to 25 minutes.

McIntosh died along with her 2-year-old son, David McIntosh, and 3-year-old Julia Boyd.

"All of the evidence we have at this point definitely points to it as an unfortunate, horrible accident," Bridgeport police Capt. Lynn Kerwin said.

The Bridgeport police scuba team pulled the victims out and rescuers tried to revive them before they were taken to hospitals.

"I'm numb," McIntosh's husband, David, told The Associated Press earlier Thursday. "It's like I'm still waiting for them to come back."

Mechanics were evaluating the van Thursday to determine whether it was in gear, whether the emergency brake was activated and other factors, police said.

Fire Battalion Chief Ismael Pomaes said people nearby tried unsuccessfully to stop the van, and that fire personnel were not able to reach those trapped inside.

"It's horrible," Pomaes said. "We've had children die before. That's probably one of the toughest things for any rescue person to deal with."

Blanch Arpie, a neighbor, called the McIntoshes a close-knit family.

"It's breaking my heart," Arpie said. It's just horrible."

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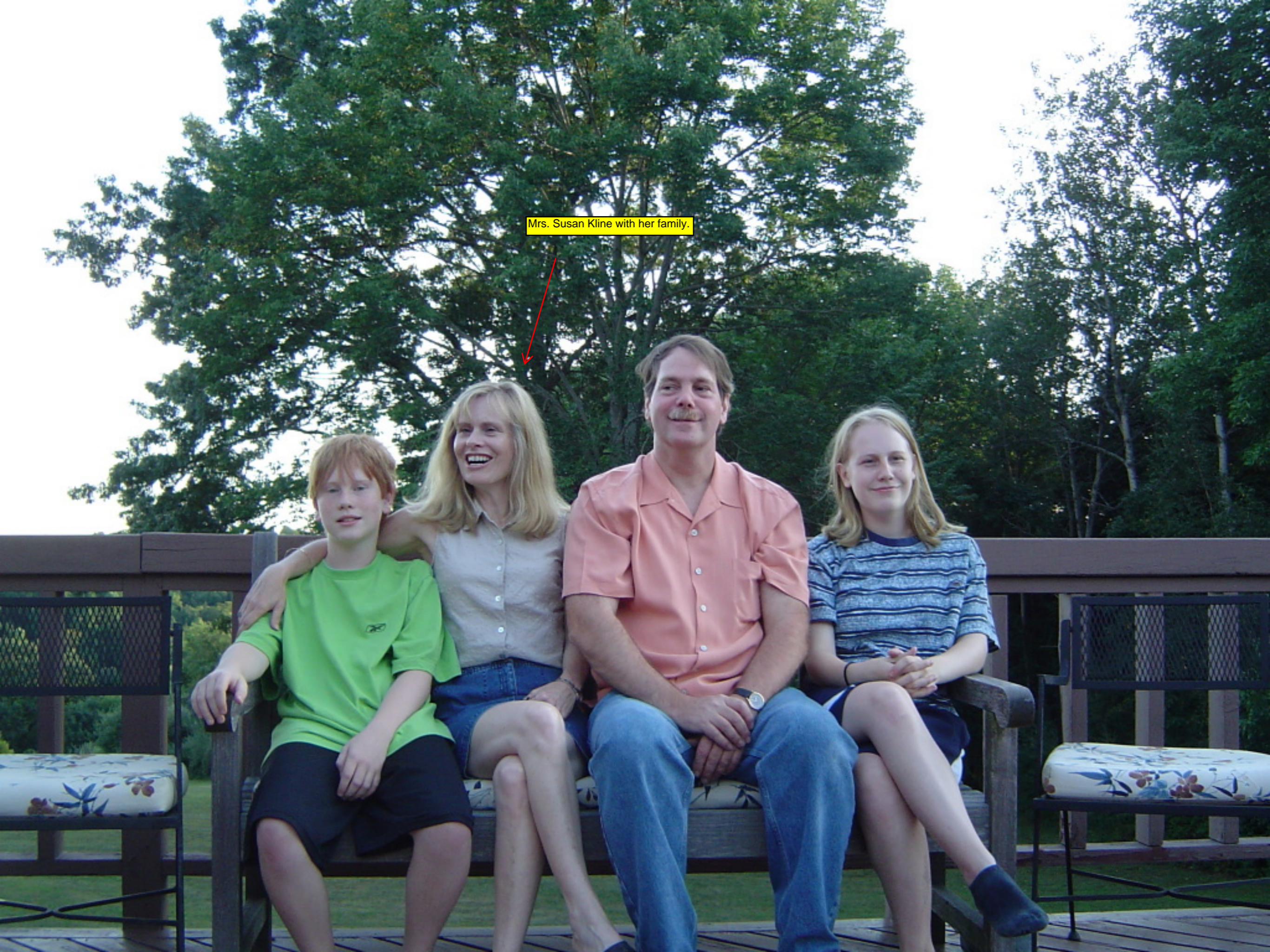
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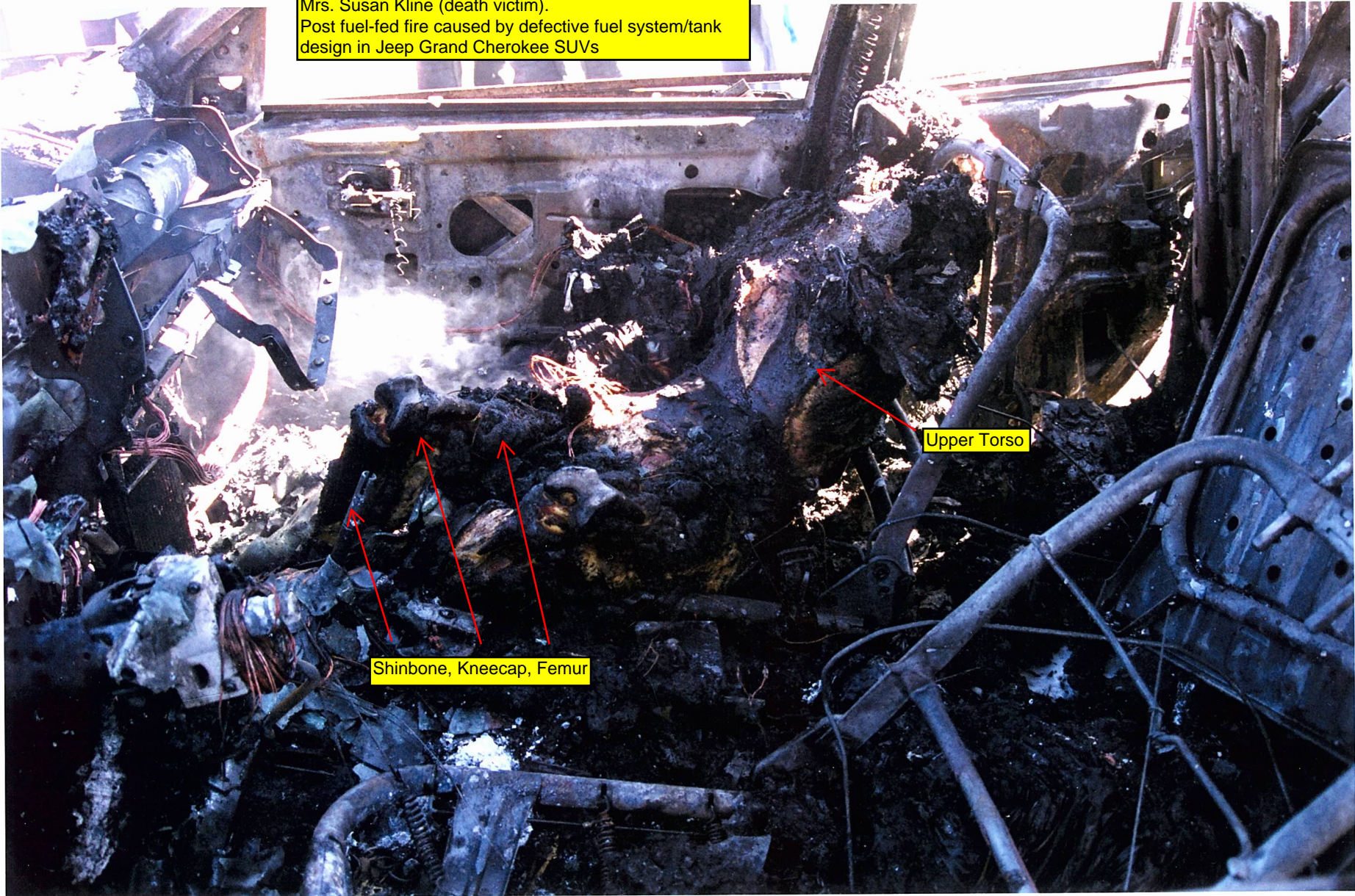


Mrs. Susan Kline with her family.





Mrs. Susan Kline (death victim).  
Post fuel-fed fire caused by defective fuel system/tank  
design in Jeep Grand Cherokee SUVs



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