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Wife killer sued for $10 M

George Delury says he helped his wife commit suicide to end her suffering, but the woman's family says it was murder. Manhattan attorney Steven Mintz says the family of Myrna Lebov has filed a $10 million wrongful death suit, claiming Delury killed his wife because she had muscular dystrophy and he didn't want to care for her. Delury pleaded guilty to feeding his wife a lethal dose of prescription anti-depressants, then calling police and reporting his wife's death as an assisted suicide. Delury was convicted of second degree manslaughter and served four months in prison. But Mintz says Lebov's brother and sister always believed he offed the woman because he found caring for her was a burden. Gory new details of Lebov's death found in a book Delury wrote about assisted suicide have moved the woman's family to seek justice in the form of a $10 million civil suit. Mintz said, "It's not about the money. It's about telling the world that Myrna did not kill herself. And it's about making sure Delury doesn't profit from her murder." In his eery, just-published tome, Delury recalls how he used trash bags to suffocate his wife while she was unconscious from the deadly dose of drugs she had consumed. Delury never told police he tied the bags around Lebov's head until she stopped breathing. He reportedly says he didn't tell investigators that part because they didn't ask. Since his wife's death, Delury has become a spokesman for the "right to die movement." Mintz says Lebov's family wants to ensure that he doesn't make any money from bragging about killing his wife. Under New York's "Son of Sam" law, convicted criminals cannot profit from writing about their crimes. Delury has said all proceeds from the book would go to the Hemlock Society, a right to die group. Mintz admitted Delury doesn't have $10 million and says he doesn't expect Lebov's family to ever get the money. He added, "This is about justice."