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LIMA, Oct 11, 2011 (The Lima News - McClatchy-Tribune Information Services via COMTEX) -- The second wife of a doctor convicted of killing his first wife has been awarded a judgment against a bail bondsman who stole \$100,000 from her.

Esther Wangler was awarded a default judgment for \$56,000 after bondsman Darryl Ables, Advantage Bail Bonds or Buckeye Bail Bonds failed to answer the lawsuit or offer up a defense.

Judge Jeffrey Reed also ordered the defendants pay interest on the money and attorney fees, which will be determined at a later hearing.

Ables was sentenced a year ago to four years probation and ordered to pay \$110,000 in restitution to Esther Wangler. The crime happened in September 2009 when Esther Wangler gave Ables, of Buckeye Bail Bonds, \$100,000 to pay the \$1 million bail to get her husband, Mark Wangler, out of jail while he awaited trial. Esther Wangler later came up with the \$1 million on her own to free her husband but Ables never returned the money she gave him.

Ables, of Indianapolis, Ind., was charged with securing writings by deception, aggravated theft and aggravated theft by deception. He pleaded guilty to aggravated theft by deception, and the other two charges were dropped as part of the plea deal.

At sentencing, Ables' attorney said he had paid Esther Wangler \$60,000 and agreed to pay \$50,000 more, which included \$10,000 on top of the amount he originally took.

Mark Wangler, 56, was convicted earlier this year of aggravated murder in the 2006 carbon monoxide poisoning death of his first wife, Kathy Wangler. He was sentenced to life in prison with the chance for parole after 25 years.

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