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On October 18, 2012 Nick Baker left work at the end of the day and headed home to his parents house. His 22nd birthday was on October 15 and he wanted to see the “Pumpkin Inferno” at Upper Canada Village to celebrate with his parents.

But instead of Nick making it home that day, Suzanne and Danny Baker saw an OPP officer walk up to their door with the message that every parent dreads. Nick was involved in an accident where he had swerved into the line of an oncoming pickup truck on County Road 2, near Cornwall. He didn't survive the crash.

The accident occurred one year, one month and two days after another accident that took Sue's brother, Leo Paul Regnier, who was killed on September 16, 2011 when Simon Banke lost control of his right hand drive Nissan and plowed over a sidewalk and through a group of people waiting for a bus in Ottawa. Both Leo Paul and his wife, Sherrienne Regnier were killed as a result of the accident leaving behind their 3 young girls.

Nick Baker was driving a 2006 Saturn at the time of the accident. The cause of the accident remained a mystery until General Motors sent Nick, not his parents, a notice that his car was subject to a dangerous defect. It arrived at their home on March 31, 2014.

The letter states that “There is a risk, under certain conditions, that your ignition switch may move out of the ‘run’ position, resulting in a partial loss of electrical power and turning off the engine. The risk increases if your key ring is carrying more weight (such as more keys or the key fob) or your vehicle experiences rough road conditions or other jarring or impact related conditions. If the ignition switch is not in the run position, the air bags may not deploy if the vehicle is involved in a crash, increasing the risk of injury or fatality.”

The airbag did not deploy. Nick's injuries were severe.

Notice was provided to General Motors of the Bakers intention to sue for wrongful death and punitive damages given that GM knew of the defects for at least the past 10 years and did nothing about it.

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