

**BARBADOS.**

**[Unreported]**

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE**

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**CIVIL JURISDICTION**

**No. 814 of 1996**

**BETWEEN:**

**TREVOR BLACKMAN**

**PAUL LINTON**

**KELSTON ROLLINS**

**(Plaintiffs)**

**AND**

**SCOFIELD PILGRIM**

**(Defendant)**

**Before the Honourable Mr. Justice Carlisle S. Payne, Judge of the High Court.**

**2003: January 27**

**February 18**

**Sir Henry Forde, Q.C. , for the Defendant with Mr. Kevin Boyce**

**Mr. Chester Sue for the Plaintiffs.**

**DECISION**

[1] This is an application by the Defendant that the Plaintiffs' action be dismissed for want of prosecution. [1]

[2] The Plaintiffs, three police officers, suffered injuries on 23rd March 1993 in a collision between the police vehicle in which they were travelling and a motor car driven by the Defendant.

**CHRONOLOGY OF THE PROCEEDINGS**

[3] A writ was filed on the Plaintiffs' behalf on 17th May, 1996 claiming damages in negligence against the Defendant. A chronology of the subsequent pleadings is as follows:

[4] On 30th May, 1996 the Defendant acknowledged service, and on 31st May, 1996 filed his defence. He denied liability and pleaded further that the collision was caused wholly or in part by the negligence of the first Plaintiff who was driving the police vehicle.

[5] On 18th June, 1997 the Plaintiffs filed their reply. On 30th June, 1997 the Defendant filed his list of documents, and on the 7th July, 1997 the Plaintiffs filed a summons for directions.

[6] On 8th January, 1998 the Defendant died.

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