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In the case Little v. Workers' Compensation Appeal Board (B&L Ford/Chevrolet), the Court affirmed the denial of a fatal claim petition. The Court ruled that the decedent's heart attack was not caused by furthering the employer's business but in reaction to being terminated. The decedent had stopped working due to injuries and was terminated a few days later via letter. The decedent later died from a heart attack while re-reading the termination letter. The court ruled that the heart attack was a result of the termination letter and not the work injuries, therefore denying the fatal claim petition.