# Conn. jury issues $8M verdict against ex-doctor

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HARTFORD, Conn. (AP) — A Connecticut jury has issued an $8 million verdict against a former family practice doctor found liable in a 2009 murder-suicide in Vernon.

The Waterbury Superior Court jury returned the verdict Monday against former Tolland doctor Carl Koplin, after finding last month that he was liable for the deaths of James Morrin and his wife, Alice Morrin. James Morrin's family filed the lawsuit.

Vernon police said James Morrin killed his wife and himself in their home June 29, 2009, after learning she was having an affair and more than two months after she filed for divorce.

Koplin was James Morrin's doctor. James Morrin's family, represented by attorney Josh Koskoff, sued Koplin for malpractice, saying Koplin failed to diagnose Morrin's mental health problems and failed to refer him to a psychiatrist. Koplin denied the allegations.

Koplin's lawyer, James Rosenblum, didn't immediately return a message Wednesday. He had asked Judge Kari Dooley last month to set aside the liability verdict, saying the judge improperly allowed testimony that harmed the defense. But Dooley rejected the request.

Koplin currently is serving an unrelated four-year federal prison sentence for child pornography. Federal prosecutors said Koplin also was a Boy Scout leader who amassed one of the largest child pornography collections ever found in Connecticut — an 800-gigabyte collection of sexually explicit images and videos of boys.

After pleading guilty in the child pornography case, Koplin surrendered his state medical license in November 2012.

James Morrin, who was 45 when he killed his wife and himself, was a highway planner for the state Department of Transportation. Alice Morrin, who was 43, worked for WTIC-TV and The Hartford Courant. Their two daughters, ages 9 and 15 at the time, were in the house during the killings but weren't physically harmed.