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\$140,923 Payment To Kopechne Family

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Senator Edward M. Kennedy's auto insurance paid \$140,923 to Mary Jo Kopechne's parents after she died as a result of a 1969 crash in the senator's car at Chappaquiddick, the Boston Globe reported yesterday.

In a copyright story, the Globe quoted Joseph Flanagan, the Kopechne family's lawyer, as saying, "That was the total they received either directly or indirectly from the senator."

The Globe also reported that Miss Kopechne's parents are frustrated and angered by what they call "blanks in the story" of their daughter's death.

Gwen Kopechne was quot-

ed as saying, "It would be nice if somebody spoke up."

Flanagan said he released the insurance figure to end speculation about the amount of the settlement that was paid by the General Accident Group of Philadelphia. Some published reports have placed the payment as high as \$500,000.

He said the Massachusetts Democrat made no payment out of his own pocket to the Kopechnes.

The figure was based on an actuarial estimate of Miss Kopechne's lifetime earning potential and did not include any allowance for pain and suffering Miss Kopechne might have undergone before her death.

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