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Lawsuit by California widow blames Twitter for husband's murder at the hands of ISIS

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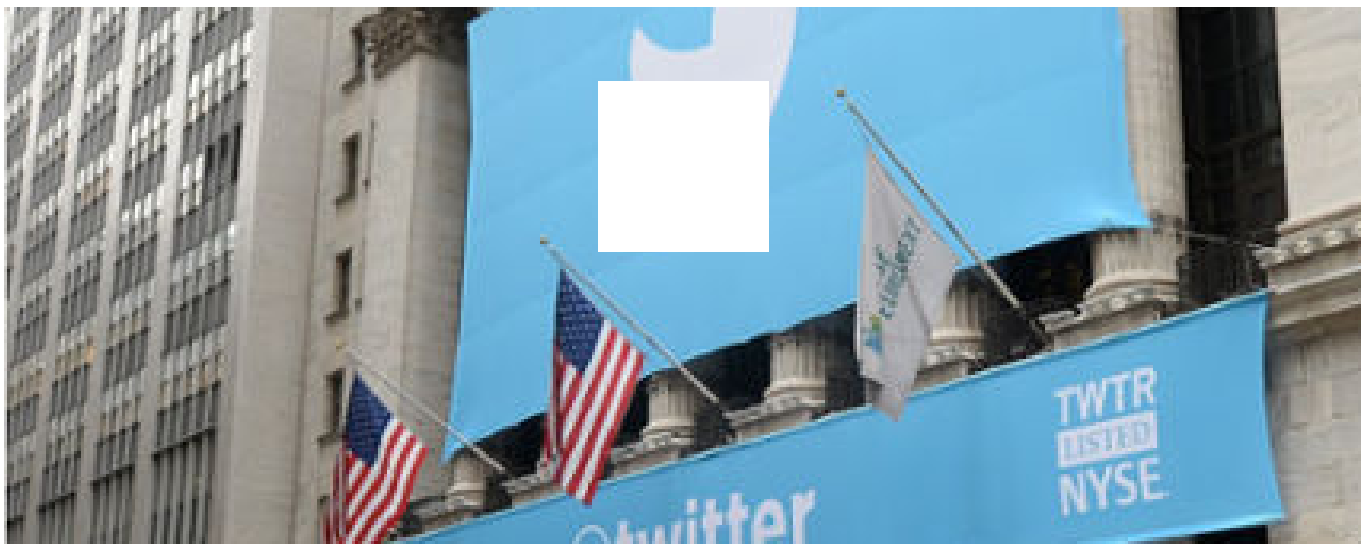
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Twitter Sued By Family Of Man Killed By ISIS

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A California widow's lawsuit sent a terse message to Twitter: The social media company's aid to ISIS terrorists helped kill her husband.

Plaintiff Tara Fields, whose spouse was murdered last Nov. 9 by a terrorist shooter in Jordan, charges in her 17-page filing that Twitter shoulders the blame for the growth of the Islamic fundamentalist group.



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“For years, Twitter has knowingly permitted the terrorist group ISIS to use its social network as a tool for spreading extremist propaganda, raising funds and attracting new recruits,” the federal lawsuit filed Wednesday charged.

“Without Twitter, the explosive growth of ISIS over the last few years into the most-feared terrorist group in the world would not be possible.”



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The family of Carl Fields, one of two American soldiers killed in a terrorist attack in Jordan, is suing Twitter for aiding and abetting ISIS through social media.

The widow's husband Carl Fields, 46, was killed in a Nov. 9 attack in Amman, Jordan, at a police training facility. ISIS claimed responsibility for the shooting that left two Americans dead.

The killer was a former Jordanian police officer.

“The murder of her husband Carl by an ISIS operative has caused her severe mental anguish, extreme emotional pain and suffering, and the loss of her husband's society, companionship, comfort, advice and counsel,” the lawsuit charged.

According to the lawsuit, Twitter — during the time of ISIS' explosive growth — refused “to take any meaningful action to stop” the group's use of its service.

“Throughout this period, both the U.S. government and the public at large have urged Twitter to stop providing its services to terrorists,” the lawsuit alleged.



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The lawsuit alleges that Twitter "has knowingly permitted the terrorist group ISIS to use its social network as a tool for spreading extremist propaganda, raising funds and attracting new recruits."

Twitter, in a statement, insisted the company was not culpable and said it was actively working to prevent use of its service for evil.

"While we believe the lawsuit is without merit, we are deeply saddened to hear of this family's terrible loss," the statement read.

"We have teams around the world actively investigating reports of rule violations ... partnering with organizations countering extremist content online and working with law enforcement entities when appropriate."

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Twitter offered condolences to the family of Fields in a statement, but insisted the social media company is not culpable for the murder.

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