

Subsidiary Of AVM Dismissed From Court

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A subsidiary of AVM Corp. of Jamestown has been dismissed from court action involving 11 claims arising out of deaths and injuries as the result of a Dec. 29, 1975, explosion in the TWA baggage area at New York City's LaGuardia Airport, a company spokesman announced.

He noted the action was taken in the case of American Locker Co. Inc. of Jones and Gifford Avenue by a judge in the consolidated trial in U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York.

The jury found in favor of the other two defendants, Port Authority of New York and New Jersey and Trans World Airlines Inc. The judge dismissed the case against American Locker on grounds there was no basis to hold it liable on evidence presented by the plaintiffs.

The AVM spokesman said the plaintiffs have 30 days from date of entry of judgment to appeal the decision. He said an additional 17 cases involving deaths and injuries from the same explosion are pending in state courts. It was emphasized that while AVM cannot know how these cases will proceed it is expected they will be influenced by the judgment in favor of the defendants in the federal court cases.

It was noted that since counsel for AVM cannot predict the final outcome of the federal or state court cases, the company does not know whether the litigation will have a material effect on the company's consolidated financial statements.