



Briefs

\$220,000 Award Upheld

RICHMOND (AP) — A jury correctly found that a 21-year-old man was held against his will by a drug treatment facility, the 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals has ruled.

The court upheld the jury's award of \$220,000 to Fred Collins Monday, saying "the evidence was sufficient . . . to conclude that the plaintiff had been falsely imprisoned."

Collins said he entered the drug treatment program operated by Straight Inc. in Florida when he went there to visit his brother in June 1982.

He said it was Straight's requirement that siblings undergo an inter-

view before they can visit a person already enrolled in the program.

During the course of the 6½-hour interview, Collins said, he was intimidated by Straight staff members who had decided that he, too, should join the program and was prevented from leaving the room.

He said he was refused a request to see his parents and was told he would not be able to see his brother until he had also agreed to enter the program.

Collins said he was told he could leave the program voluntarily after 14 days.