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Georgia State Court

KATINA BUTLER v. JAMES PARRISH

01A87221

DATE OF VERDICT/SETTLEMENT: June 19, 2003

TOPIC: MOTOR VEHICLE AUTO ACCIDENT - REAR-END - SOFT TISSUE INJURY

SUMMARY:

Result: Verdict: \$25,000 less prior payments totaling \$14,295, for a net verdict of \$10,705

EXPERT WITNESSES:

Plaintiff's: [Patrick Sallarulo](#), D.C. - Chiropractor - Chamblee, GA

ATTORNEY:

Plaintiff's: Peter J. Ross Esq., Atlanta

Defendant's: [Richard Lee Ormand](#), Atlanta; [Pamela S. Webb](#) for UIM Carrier State Farm, Atlanta

JUDGE: [Mathew Robins](#)

STATE: Georgia

COUNTY: DeKalb

ALLEGED INJURY: Soft tissue back injuries requiring extensive chiropractic treatment. Plaintiff claimed \$14,000 in medical expenses.

SUMMARY:

Plaintiff Information:

Age: 21

Sex: F

Occupation: Travel agent

Marital Status: Single

Insurance Carrier: GEICO; State Farm (UM)

Jury Deliberations: 1.5 hours

FACTS:

A young black female who sustained soft tissue back injuries in a motor vehicle accident was awarded a verdict of \$25,000 after less than 2 hours of deliberation.

Plaintiff Katina Butler was operating her vehicle and was stopped in traffic as a stalled vehicle was being pushed across the lanes of traffic ahead of her. Defendant motorist, James Parrish, who was traveling behind the plaintiff, struck the rear of plaintiff's vehicle.

Plaintiff alleged that defendant was following too closely.

Defendant denied there was a stalled vehicle being pushed across the street and contended that plaintiff stopped in the lane of traffic for no apparent reason. Defendant maintained his narrative of events throughout trial.