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Georgia State Court

ESTHER MCGHIE v. KAREN YARBRAY

02C-03956-S4

DATE OF VERDICT/SETTLEMENT: April 1, 2003

TOPIC: MOTOR VEHICLE AUTO ACCIDENT - REAR-END - INTERSECTION - **LIABILITY ADMITTED**

SUMMARY:

Result: Verdict: \$226

ATTORNEY:

Plaintiff's: [Sonia M. Mahoney](#), Atlanta

Defendant's: [Pamela S. Webb](#), Atlanta

JUDGE: [Joseph C. Iannazzone](#)

STATE: Georgia

COUNTY: Gwinnett

ALLEGED INJURY: Soft tissue neck and back injuries requiring an emergency room visit and chiropractic treatment. **Plaintiff claimed \$1,221 in past medical specials.**

SUMMARY:

Plaintiff Information:

Age: 40

Sex: F

Occupation: Unemployed

Marital Status: Married

Jury Deliberations: 45 minutes

FACTS:

Plaintiff alleged that defendant was negligent in rear-ending her vehicle, that defendant was under the influence of alcohol at the time of the accident and that she suffered soft tissue neck and back injuries as a direct result of the collision. Further, plaintiff maintained that her injuries required emergency room and chiropractic treatment.

Defendant contended that plaintiff was driving erratically. Defendant maintained that the cars in front of plaintiff had started to proceed through the intersection and that plaintiff then stopped her vehicle suddenly three times without reason. Defendant asserted that on the third stop, she rear-ended plaintiff's vehicle. Further, defendant argued that plaintiff had not suffered any injuries as a result of the minimal impact collision.

After 45 minutes of deliberation, a Gwinnett County State Court jury returned a verdict for the plaintiff in the amount of \$226.