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Notable Verdicts in The November 2006 Issue

Auto Negligence - IN (Hammond) - The son of Louis Farrakhan crashed into the plaintiff on the interstate and fled the scene – there was evidence of drug use - \$814,398 p. 10

Basketball Attack - MI (Detroit) - A fan at an NBA basketball game was struck by a player on the court - the player defended that he attacked in self-defense - Zero p. 12

Dodgeball Negligence - TX (Marshall) - During a recreational dodgeball game, the plaintiff was injured not by a ball, but rather a player who crossed the centerline - \$50,724 p. 17

Employment Retaliation - GA (Brunswick) - The plaintiff suffered retaliation after giving testimony against his employee in another lawsuit - \$2,306,814 p. 7

EMTALA - AL (Dothan) - A pregnant woman was turned away from the ER after a car wreck - \$2,000 p. 4

Pharmacy Negligence - FL (Fort Lauderdale) - A woman was given the wrong prescription, receiving a powerful anti-psychotic drug that resulted in brain damage - Zero p. 8

Premises Liability - FL (Tampa) - Walking at Busch Gardens, the plaintiff tripped on the sidewalk - Zero p. 8

Products Liability - CA (Los Angeles) - The plaintiff died after being repeatedly shocked with a TASER - Zero p. 6

Products Liability - OH (Dayton) - A toddler was asphyxiated when he became stuck in a trampoline - Zero p. 14

Security Guard Negligence - PA (Harrisburg) - While climbing stairs, a security guard dropped his walkie-talkie and it struck the plaintiff in the head - \$140,000 p. 15

Sexual Abuse - WA (Seattle) - As a boy thirty years ago, the plaintiff was abused by a Mormon priest - \$1,400,000 p. 18

Train Negligence - WY (Cheyenne) - The plaintiff was killed in a collision with a train at a private crossing - \$2,000,000 p. 19

Verdict of the Month

Sexual Harassment/Retaliation - The editor of The Source, a leading magazine covering hip-hop music, alleged she was sexually harassed and suffered retaliation when she complained

Osorio v. The Source et al, 1:05-10029

Plaintiff: Kenneth P. Thompson, *Thompson Wigdor & Gilly*, New York, NY

Defense: Mercedes Colvin, *Gordon & Rees*, New York, NY for the Source
Scott T. Baken, *Jackson Lewis*, White Plains, NY for individual defendants

Verdict: \$15,500,000 for plaintiff

Court: New York Southern - Manhattan

Judge: Jed S. Rakoff

Date: 10-23-06

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