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## Civil Jury Verdicts

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### School Bus Negligence - A motorcyclist suffered fatal injuries when a school bus turned in front of North Broadway in Lexington – his estate blamed her for that turn and then swerving into his path – the bus driver implicated the plaintiff's own comparative fault in speeding and driving recklessly

*Bradshaw v. Thomason, 19-3277*

Plaintiff: Kendra L. Rimbart and Megan E. Ziegman, *Law Office of Kendra Rimbart*, Louisville and Debra L. Doss, Lexington

Defense: Barbara A. Kriz, *Kriz Jenkins & Prewitt*, Lexington

Verdict: \$1,352,447 for plaintiff less 67% comparative fault

Court: **Fayette**

Judge: Lucy A. VanMeter

Date: 11-25-24

David Bradshaw, III, age 30, was driving his 2006 Suzuki motorcycle on North Broadway in Lexington on the afternoon 9-11-18. At the same time, India Thomason, was operating a school bus (a smaller short bus) for the Lexington-Fayette County Urban Government (LFCUG). She was transporting students to the Audrey Grevious Center.

Thomason approached North Broadway on New Circle Road. The intersection was controlled by a red light. Thomason made a right turn onto North Broadway. She did so as Bradshaw approached. There was



*Images of the motorcycle, the scene and the school bus*

evidence that Thomason made her right turn, she changed lanes in front of Bradshaw. Bradshaw couldn't stop in time and rear-ended the bus. He was thrown from his motorcycle and collided with a rock wall. His blunt force injuries (a collapsed lung and depressed skull fracture) were grave.

Paramedics at the scene were unsure he was unconscious and lifeless. Bradshaw was taken to a local hospital and a team worked over him for some ten minutes before he was pronounced dead. An ER doctor who treated him would later testify that had seen no evidence Bradshaw was unconscious.

Bradshaw was survived by two minor sons, David, IV, and Darrin. At

the time of his death, Bradshaw (a ninth grade drop out) had worked in construction most recently in 2016. He was not working when he died.

In this lawsuit the Bradshaw estate sued Thomason and alleged negligence by her in making a right turn from New Circle Road (the bus had a prominent sticker indicating the bus was not permitted to make a right turn from a red light) and also for changing lanes in front of Bradshaw. The estate's experts included Jessie Kirk, Accident Reconstruction, Lexington and John Frackleton, Motorcycle Safety. The plaintiff looked to testimony from an independent witness that Thomason had changed lanes suddenly, making