

# The Mississippi Jury Verdict Reporter

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## Civil Jury Verdicts

Timely coverage of civil jury verdicts in Mississippi including court, division, presiding judge, parties, case number, attorneys and results. Notable results from the southern region, including Memphis and New Orleans, are also covered.

**Truck Negligence - A trucker ran a red light in Yazoo City and crashed into the plaintiff (an elderly woman), the collision leaving her with a scalp laceration (it took six staples to close) as well as a rotator cuff tear and mild TBI – the jury made her a general award of \$125,000 which was less than her past and future medical bills**

*Young v. Kincaid Trucking, 22-6*

Plaintiff: LaToya T. Jeter, *Brown Bass & Jeter*, Jackson and Joe N. Tatum, *Tatum & Wade*, Jackson

Defense: C. Maison Heidelberg and Ginny Y. Deliman, *Heidelberg Patterson Welch Wright*, Ridgeland

Verdict: \$125,000 for plaintiff

Court: **Yazoo**

Judge: Janine M. Lewis-Blackmon

Date: 3-23-23

Larry Ickom was operating a fully-loaded logging truck in Yazoo City on 7-15-02 for Kincaid Trucking. As he proceeded at the intersection of Hwy 49 and Broadway, he followed another truck through a red light intersection. The light had turned red and Ickom just failed to appreciate it.

A moment later and in a hard hit, Ickom struck a Ford Explorer driven by Essie Young, age 76. Young's vehicle was broadsided on the driver's side. Young was briefly unconscious and was pinned between the door and the center console.

Young has since treated for several injuries. Most acutely she had a laceration to her scalp and a bruised cornea. The laceration took six staples at the ER to close it. She has

also since complained of post-concussive symptoms that were linked to a mild traumatic brain injury.

Young also reported a rotator cuff tear. It was surgically repaired. Her medical bills were \$54,203 and her future medicals (as discussed by Dr. Howard Katz, Physical Medicine and quantified by George Carter, Economist), were approximately \$94,000.

In this lawsuit Young blamed Ickom for the crash. Liability was admitted by the defense. Young sought damages in a single general category. Her husband (Leon) presented a derivative consortium claim. The defense of the case diminished the claimed injury.

This case was tried for two days in Yazoo City. The jury answered that Young was injured and made her a general award of damages in the sum of \$125,000. The consortium claim was rejected. A consistent judgment was entered by the court.

Young has since moved for post-trial relief. She has argued the verdict was less than even her proven past and future medical bills. She further suggested the jury had failed to follow the law and that the court should order a new trial or grant additur. The motion is pending.

### **Case Documents:**

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