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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.

Medical Malpractice - The plaintiff, age 40 and an advanced practice nurse, alleged error by a variety of medical providers in failing to appreciate, diagnose and promptly treat a stroke, the purported error leading to a more complex and devastating injury

Greer v. Fewlass et al, 20-174

Plaintiff: A. Bryan Smith, Bobby L. Dallas and Heber S. Simmons, III, *Simmons Dallas*, Ridgeland

Defense: C. Maison Heidelberg, Tresa B. Patterson and Ginny Y.

Deliman, *Heidelberg Patterson Welch Wright*, Ridgeland for Fewlass

R.E. Parker, Jr., Penny Lawson and Clifford C. Whitney, *Parker Lawson*,

Vicksburg for River Regional Hospital

Verdict: Defense verdict on liability

Court: **Hinds**

Judge: Winston Kidd

Date: 8-8-23

Jennifer Greer, age 40 and an advance practice nurse, awoke on the morning of 3-20-18 with dizziness, a headache and nausea. Her family was off to work and school that morning and her symptoms became worse. She called a family member to take her to the ER at Merit Health River Region Hospital in Vicksburg.

Greer arrived at the River Region ER at 8:34 that morning and was seen by a nurse, Yi-jie Pan. Nearly 20 minutes later she was first evaluated by an ER physician, Dr. Danius Fewlass. He administered fluids and ordered testing.

There was proof that over the next two hours Greer's condition deteriorated. She now had facial

numbness and droop and her vertigo was much worse. Greer was evaluated at 11:09 and 11:21 that morning by Pan. After the second check of vitals and based on Greer's condition, Pan notified Fewlass.

Fewlass saw her a second time at 11:30 a.m. He ordered a STAT MRI. It was read a few minutes later by radiology as not indicating a hemorrhage. Because the hospital in Vicksburg did not have neurology expertise, Fewlass ordered a transfer for Greer to Mississippi Baptist Medical Center (MBMC) in Jackson. Greer left Vicksburg at 2:30 p.m. and arrived an hour later in Jackson.

A CT angiogram was conducted at MBMC. It showed an occluded right vertebral stroke. However it was read as not being an acute event by a radiologist, Dr. Shahin Korangy. The team at MBMC, including a neurologist, Dr. Angela Chandler, relied on Korangy's radiology read the next day. The primary thrust was that Greer was not in the midst of an acute stroke event.

The working diagnosis at MBMC was Guillain-Barre Syndrome. A course of care commenced at MBMC that was consistent with that diagnosis. Over the next 12 days Greer languished as her condition waxed and waned. However she did not improve.

A second neurologist at MBMC, Dr. Bridget Jones, evaluated Greer on the 12th day, 4-2-18. Jones questioned the earlier diagnosis and reviewed the earlier CT angiogram. Jones ordered additional testing and it was



A photograph depicting damage to Johnson's vehicle

both plaintiffs that the defendant was "guilty" of so-called "proximate negligence." Truss took a general award of \$8,000. The verdict for Farley was \$2,000. At the time of this report (several weeks following the trial), no final judgment had been entered.

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Outrage - Sexual Assault - A father faced charges that he had sexually assaulted his teenage daughter – after the criminal charges were dismissed he sued his daughter alleging the claims were false – she counterclaimed that he had sexually assaulted her – by the time the case was tried, the only remaining claim was the girl's counterclaim (she is organized as the plaintiff in this case) against her father

Dowdy v. Dowdy, 21-43

Plaintiff: John B. Howell, III, *Jackson Tullos & Rogers*, Hattiesburg (Kierra)

Defense: Al Shiyou, *Shiyou Law Firm*, Hattiesburg (Steven)

Verdict: Defense verdict on liability

Court: **Lamar**

Judge: Prentiss G. Harrell

Date: 8-2-23

Steven Dowdy and his wife had a daughter, Kierra. The wife (name not in the court record) died in a train versus car accident. Dowdy later married (he's since divorced) Lenise Grayson.

In 2015 Kierra (she was 15) alleged Steven had sexually assaulted her on several occasions. Moving forward to 2019, Steven was indicted in Lamar County on criminal charges related to Kierra's allegations. The criminal case fell apart in November of 2020 when the prosecutor dismissed the case as "nolle prosequi." At all times Steven believed the charges were false.

Thereafter in April of 2021, Steven sued his daughter and alleged defamation and malicious prosecution. He also sued Lenise (now his ex-wife) and alleged she had worked in concert with Kierra to manufacture the claims of sexual abuse.

Kierra filed her own counterclaim and continued to insist the allegations were true. Her case was interesting as