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Products Liability - The plaintiff, a young mother, lost her leg below the knee when she was dragged by her Ford minivan after it slipped out of gear - in this lawsuit, she blamed the incident on a defective illusory park position on the gearshift

Maggard v. Ford Motor Co., 3:05-369 Plaintiff: Nader Baydoun and Stephen C. Knight, Baydoun & Knight, Nashville Defense: J. Randolph Bibb, Jr. and Sarah C. McBride, Waller Lansden Dortch & Davis. Nashville

Verdict: \$12,400,003 for plaintiff

Federal: **Nashville**Judge: Aleta A. Trauger

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On the evening of 5-24-04, Dawn Maggard was at her home in West Nashville on Continental Drive. She was preparing to run some errands and go to the grocery. Having loaded her daughter into a 1999 Ford Windstar minivan, Maggard started to back up in her driveway. Realizing she'd forgotten something, she moved the gearshift to park and exited the vehicle.

A moment after alighting from the minivan, she noticed it began to move in reverse – moving quickly, to protect her

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