

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF DESOTO COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

JACQUELINE BAILEY and
CHASITY CLARKSON HOLLINGSWORTH

PLAINTIFFS

VS.

CAUSE NO. CI18cv-39GCD

SHILO D. WOODWARD

DEFENDANT

ORDER GRANTING MOTION IN LIMINE

This cause is before the Court on the Defendant's *Motion in Limine on Behalf of Defendant to Exclude Statements, Testimony or Questioning Regarding Rules, or the Purpose Thereof, "Rules of the Road" or "Safety Rules."* [Doc. 62]. Having reviewed the motion, response, and any exhibits thereto, and having heard arguments of counsel regarding the same, the Court finds:

1. The Defendant has admitted his breach of the applicable standard(s) of care in this case and has admitted that his acts were the cause in fact of the subject accident. The Defendant disputes only (a) the extent of the injuries/damages sustained by the Plaintiff, if any at all, and (b) that the subject accident caused or contributed to the injuries and/or damages claimed by the Plaintiff.
2. In light of his admission of liability, any evidence regarding rules or regulations as they apply to the standard(s) of care or breach thereof by the Defendant would be a waste of this Court's and the jury's time and would only serve to confuse and/or inflame the jury. While the Court finds that such evidence would have no probative value in this case, *any* potential for probative value would be greatly outweighed by the potential for prejudice to the Defendant.
3. While the parties may introduce evidence as to the general nature of the accident and the location or force of impact to prove a causal relationship between the accident itself and the Plaintiff's injuries/damages, evidence that tends to only prove the Defendant's negligence or a causal relationship between the Defendant's negligent acts and the accident itself are irrelevant.

Accordingly,

IT IS ORDERED that any evidence that tends to only prove the Defendant's negligence or a causal relationship between the Defendant's negligent acts and the accident itself are irrelevant - including but not limited to rules/regulations as to the operation of a motor vehicle or the purposes thereof – are, hereby, excluded. Counsel is, hereby, instructed to refrain from referencing or soliciting the same at the trial of this action. Doing so will result in the imposition of sanctions.

SO ORDERED this the 2nd day of December, 2024.



HONORABLE GERALD W. CHATHAM, SR.
CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE