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Timely coverage of civil jury verdicts in South Carolina including court, presiding judge, parties, attorneys and results.

Premises Liability - The plaintiff stepped from her car at a gas station and tripped over a protruding piece of rebar – she fell flat on her face but her primary injury happened when her car keys (she was holding them) penetrated her hand when she fell – in this lawsuit she alleged the premises (by way of the eroded rebar) were hazardous

Walker v. Sprint Food Stores,
2023-CP-02-00784

Plaintiff: Marc Mambo, *The Mambo Law Firm*, Summerville

Defense: Kyle B. Waddell, *Fulcher Hagler*, Augusta, GA

Verdict: Defense verdict on liability
Court: **Aiken**

Judge: Courtney Clyburn-Pope
Date: 3-25-26

Tammy Walker stopped for gas on 7-23-21 at a Sprint Food Stores gas station in Beech Spring, SC. She pulled up to a pump and got out of her car. She was holding her car keys. A moment later Walker (she was wearing high heels) tripped and fell. She landed flat on her face. Her most significant injury was not the indignity of the fall (she suffered



The area of the parking lot near the pumps where Walker fell

scrapes and bruises), but rather when she fell, the keys penetrated her hand when she struck the pavement.

A shaken Walker wasn't sure why she why fell. She looked around and saw the source. Walker believed she had tripped over a protruding piece of rebar. The rebar had been placed some 10 years earlier to reinforce the concrete parking pad and had apparently eroded over time.

Walker walked into the store and alerted employees that she had fallen. She asked them where the nearest hospital was. Walker would later recall this was strange because she knew where it was. She was in shock from the fall. Walker drove to the nearby University Medical Center but the wait to be seen was some four hours. She elected to drive back to

her home in Winnboro, SC. Walker has since treated with a hand surgeon, Dr. Patterson Owings, Charleston, SC.

Walker filed this lawsuit against Sprint Food Stores and alleged negligence regarding the condition of the premises. She asserted that the exposed piece of rebar (the condition had developed over a long period of time) was hazardous and especially in a high trafficked area next to the gas pumps. The record does not indicate her medical bills.

Sprint Food Stores denied fault for the fall. It argued that the premises were regularly inspected and there was no history of prior falls. The defense also postured that the exposed rebar (whatever its status) was in plain view. Sprint Food Stores also noted that Walker wasn't actually

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