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Pike woman wins \$4 million verdict

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A Pike jury awarded a woman more than \$4 million Friday for injuries she sustained in a 2002 car wreck, a verdict one attorney said may be the first of its kind in Kentucky.

Candria Scott was driving on U.S. 119 in October 2002 when Timothy

Morgan crossed the four-lane and hit her in a truck he was test driving from Moore Pontiac, Buick, GMC at South Williamson, said one of Scott's attorneys, Gary C. Johnson. Scott also was represented by Chris Harris and Rhonda Blackburn.

Scott's femur was broken and both her knees fractured. Johnson said the femur injury put Scott in a wheelchair.

Johnson thinks it is the only case in Kentucky history where a dealership has been found negligent.

"To my knowledge nobody's ever gone after a dealership for letting someone test drive a car," Johnson said.

The \$4 million verdict is split between Moore and Morgan, who

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was 22 at the time of the wreck. Johnson said Scott probably will only get the \$2 million from Moore.

But he blames the dealership for not having a salesperson in the truck with Morgan despite the roads

being wet.

Moore's attorneys didn't want to comment on the case.

"They said it was all the boy's fault," Johnson said. "They were saying 'We didn't have anything to do with that wreck. We didn't cause it.'

"They're out here using the public roads to conduct their business and they ought to have some responsi-

bility if an innocent person gets hurt by it."

Johnson said the jury deliberated for nearly 10 hours to reach an "extremely fair" verdict.

"It was probably one of the finest juries I've ever seen in my career," Johnson said. "I've never seen anyone work harder than they did to do what was right."