
IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR POLK COUNTY

**NIKKI L. HAMILTON and CRAIG W.
HAMILTON,**

Plaintiff,

v.

GARY W. SMITH,

Defendant.

CASE NO. LACL159010**ORDER FOLLOWING JURY TRIAL
AND VERDICT**

Jury trial commenced in this case on April 27, 2026. Plaintiffs appeared in person with counsel, Eric Schade. Defendant appeared in person with counsel, William Larson. The entirety of the trial, with the exception of jury selection, was reported. Several videotapes of perpetuated testimony were played for the jury and retained for record purposes (along with transcripts) on a flash/thumb drive as Court Exhibit 50.

The jury was instructed and began deliberations on April 30, 2026. The parties waived the right to be present in open court at the time the jury's verdict was received by the Court.

At approximately 3:35 p.m. on April 30, 2026, the jury foreman informed the court attendant that the jury had reached a verdict. The Court contacted counsel and no party made any objection to the Court's acceptance of the verdict. The Court therefore accepts the jury's verdict. The Court has now discharged the jury.

In its verdict, the jury found that Defendant Gary Smith was not at fault for the accident that occurred on August 26, 2022.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the jury verdict is accepted by the Court. Accordingly, judgment is entered in favor of Defendant Gary Smith. Costs are taxed to the Plaintiffs.

IT IS SO ORDERED.



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So Ordered

Nicholas Bailey, District Court Judge,
Fifth Judicial District of Iowa

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