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“Jury find against Federal Express”

Truck involved in fatal crash by Patricia Walsh

A Broward County jury Wednesday awarded \$6.8 million to the family of a New York Woman killed last year in a three-vehicle accident on Interstate 95 involving a Federal Express tractor-trailer rig.

The jury deliberated two hours before issuing the judgment against Federal Express of Delaware, truck driver Eugene Bode and Fleetmark Inc., the Tennessee company that had rented the truck to Federal Express.

Carmela Pascale, 26 of Harrison, N.Y. was killed Aug. 12, 1992, in the crash on I-95 just north of Broward Boulevard.

The jury determined that Bode tried to change lanes and struck a car driven by Saul Greenberg. Greenberg's car then collided with a van carrying Pascale, her two children and her in-laws, causing the van to overturn.

Carmela Pascale was dead on arrival at Broward General Medical Center. Charles Pascale, 2, and 6-month old Christopher Pascale were treated and release.

Carmela Pascale's father-in law. Dominick Pascale, was driving the van, and her mother-in-law, Ruth Pascale, was a passenger. Carmela and her children were in town to visit her parents, who live in Vero Beach.

Fort Lauderdale attorney Sheldon Schlesinger said the verdict after the two-day trial before Judge James Reasbeck was based on evidence at the scene and testimony from a sheriff's deputy who witnessed the accident.

“I-95 is a dangerous highway,” Schlesinger said. “But hopefully, these tractor-trailers will be a little more careful if verdicts like this call their attention to what the courts will do.