

# Verdicts & Settlements

## Criminal

### In 'he said-she said' case, jurors acquit on all sexual-assault charges

#### Defense verdict



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The defendant was charged with two counts of criminal sexual conduct, first degree, punishable by up to life in prison, and two counts of criminal sexual conduct, third degree, punishable by up to 15 years in prison.

The case stemmed from a "he-said, she-said" allegation. After waiting two years for trial to commence, and after a week of trial, a Washtenaw County jury found the defendant not guilty on all counts.

Defendant's counsel submitted the case information.

**Action:** Criminal

**Injuries alleged:** Criminal sexual conduct first degree (punishable by up to life in prison)

**Case name:** *People v. Smith*

**Court/case no.:** Washtenaw Circuit/24-0935-FC

**Judge:** Jinan M. Hamood

**Amount:** N/A

**Date:** Sept. 19, 2025

**Attorney for plaintiff:** Jacob Kennedy, Washtenaw County Prosecutor's Office

**Attorney for defendant:** John Freeman, Law Office of John Freeman, Bloomfield Hills

## Business and Corporate



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At the same time, a commercial delivery driver was delivering Amazon packages, headed along highway M-89. As the delivery driver proceeded along highway M-89, he missed his designated turn, and he then attempted to suddenly turn the delivery van around. However, the delivery driver was allegedly not paying attention to the roadway, and he failed to see the oncoming vehicle driven by plaintiffs. As a result, the delivery driver drove the van into the path of the plaintiffs' vehicle, causing a violent collision.

The plaintiff wife sustained the following injuries: injury to the cervical spine, medically described as a C5-6 traumatic disc herniation with cervical spondylosis, myelopathy, and radiculopathy; fracture/injury to the left ankle, medically described as (1) a transverse fracture through the distal aspect of the lateral malleolus consistent with a Weber type A fracture; (2) prominent overlying soft tissue edema; and (3) peroneal tendonitis; and injuries to the right hand/wrist and left hand. The plaintiff husband sustained a sternal fracture.

The delivery driver who caused the crash was working for an Amazon "delivery service partner" that had \$1 million in liability coverage. Plaintiff's counsel made a policy limits demand on behalf of both husband and wife. Plaintiffs' counsel also threatened to sue both the DSP and Amazon if the DSP's insurer did not tender the policy limits. The DSP's insurer, Reserv, tendered the \$1 million policy, and the case was resolved short of litigation.

Plaintiff's counsel submitted the case information.

**Action:** Motor vehicle negligence

**Injuries alleged:** Cervical spine, ankle, bilateral hands, and sternum

**Case name:** Withheld

**Court/case no.:** Withheld

**Judge:** Withheld (settled)

**Amount:** \$1 million

**Date:** Jan. 23, 2025

**Attorney for plaintiff:** Thomas G. Sinas, Sinas Dramis Law Firm, Grand Rapids

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