

Family gets \$29 million in truck death case

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A Shelby County jury has awarded \$29 million to the estate of a man killed in a 2002 head-on collision with a dump truck operated by a driver who was under the influence of methamphetamines.

Testimony this week showed that Danny Lee Hendrix was speeding when his dump truck crossed the center line and collided with Timothy Douglas Robbins Sr.'s pickup truck. Blood tests taken after the crash showed that Hendrix had methamphetamines in his system.

Birmingham plaintiff attorney David Marsh argued that speed, the dump truck's faulty brakes and Hendrix's inattention to the road and driving under the influence caused the June 14, 2002, wreck on Alabama 70.

Hendrix was driving for Hardway Hauling Inc. of Shelby County. Marsh represented Robbins' wife and children in their suit against Hendrix and the company.

Marsh said Robbins, 36, and his teen son were in the vehicle when the dump truck crossed the lane and ripped away the driver's section of Robbins' vehicle. The son survived.