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Family awarded \$2.83 million in suit

AUSTIN — Members of a family injured in a 1996 auto wreck were awarded \$2 million in exemplary damages Friday by a Travis County civil court. The collision happened Nov. 4, 1996, in the 1100 block of West Mary Street when Brent Hamilton, driving a pickup, broadsided a pickup driven by Arresteo Barrera, said plaintiffs' lawyer Marc Rosenthal.

At least four members of Barrera's family were injured, including an 8-year-old girl who has not completely recovered, Rosenthal said. Hamilton, who had a blood-alcohol content above the legal limit for Texas drivers at the time, 0.10 percent, was convicted of intoxication assault, Rosenthal said. The Barreras also were awarded \$832,077 in actual damages.