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Jury awards \$751,000 judgment to woman

A Mobile County Circuit Court jury awarded a Mobile woman \$751,000 in a bad faith lawsuit against an insurance company.

In its verdict on Thursday, the jury awarded the judgment to Barbara Caroline Thomas and against Principal Mutual Financial Group. Judge Douglas Johnstone presided over the trial.

The lawsuit alleged that on March 20, 1987, in a beneficiary policy, the company agreed to pay Ms. Thomas certain benefits for the death of her dependent child, who died on March 10 after a prolonged illness.

Ms. Thomas said in the lawsuit that she "made a claim to defendants for payment of benefits, but said claim was denied."

She alleged breach of contract in the lawsuit, because the company refused to pay the benefits.
