

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF SPARTANBURG

Kala Brown,

Plaintiff,

vs.

Todd Kohlhepp,

Defendant.

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS  
SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

Case No.: 2016-CP-42-04265

**ORDER OF JUDGEMENT**

The parties appeared before the Court on July 11, 2018 on Plaintiff's Motion for a Default Judgement and Determination of Damages hearing. Present for the hearing were Plaintiff and her attorney, Alex Stalvey, Esq. The Defendant was present and advised the Court that he was not represented in the action and wished to proceed without an attorney.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY/PLAINTIFF'S MOTION FOR DEFAULT

Plaintiff filed this action on November 30, 2016 which was subsequently amended and properly served on the Defendant. In her Complaint, Plaintiff alleged causes of action against Defendant, including Assault, Battery, False Imprisonment, Intentional Infliction of Emotional Distress and Negligence. Defendant failed to answer the Complaint within thirty (30) days as required by the South Carolina Rules of Civil Procedure and therefore the Court grants Plaintiff's Motion for Default Judgement.

DAMAGES

In her pleadings, Plaintiff sought compensatory damages for past and future medical expenses, pain and suffering, mental anguish and loss of enjoyment of life. Plaintiff also requested punitive damages be awarded and included in the judgement against the Defendant. During the hearing on the determination of damages, the Court was presented with evidence of

Plaintiff's past medical expenses which were incurred as a result of the Defendant's actions as described in the pleadings. The Court heard testimony from one of Plaintiff's treating psychiatrists who testified to the costs of Plaintiff's future medical treatment. Plaintiff also testified that Defendant's actions had caused her pain, suffering, mental anguish and a loss of enjoyment of life. The Defendant did not question Plaintiff or the other witness and offered no testimony or other evidence at the hearing.

After careful consideration and review of the pleadings, arguments, applicable statutes, exhibits and testimony, the court has ruled that the Plaintiff has suffered \$1,579,690.00 (One Million Five Hundred Seventy Nine Thousand Six Hundred Ninety and no/100 dollars) in actual damages and awards \$4,739,070.00 (Four Million Seven Hundred Thirty Nine Thousand Seventy and no/100 dollars) in punitive damages, for a total award of \$6,318,760.00 (Six Million Three Hundred Eighteen Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty and no/100 dollars).

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DEGREED that the Plaintiff be awarded a total of \$6,318,760.00 (Six Million Three Hundred Eighteen Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty and no/100 dollars).

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

\_\_\_\_\_, 2018  
Spartanburg, South Carolina

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The Honorable R. Keith Kelly



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It is so Ordered.

s/ R. Keith Kelly - 2165