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### Jury Awards Disabled Woman \$9 Million After Sexual Assault

ST. JOSEPH, Mo. (AP) - A jury awarded a \$9 million judgment to a disabled northwest Missouri woman who was sexually assaulted by the husband of her social services caseworker, leading to the birth of a child.

A Buchanan County jury recommended the award Thursday in a civil case filed by relatives of the 35-year-old woman, who is mentally impaired, and gave birth in 2013.

The family originally sued Progressive Community Services and some employees, including the woman's caregiver, Alberta Hughes. All the defendants except Hughes were dismissed from the case.

Prosecutors say Hughes left the woman alone with her husband, Tony Hughes, who assaulted her.

The St. Joseph News-Press reports Tony Hughes is serving a seven-year sentence for sexual assault.

Alberta Hughes' attorney says he likely will appeal the verdict.

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