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## Civil Jury Verdicts

Timely coverage of civil jury verdicts in Louisiana including court, division, presiding judge, parties, case number, attorneys and results.

**Dog Attack - A janitor working at the Courthouse Annex in Natchitoches opened the door to an office (it was the local 4-H extension office) to empty the garbage, he was frightened by a dog a 4-H employee had brought to work - as the plaintiff turned to flee the charging dog, he twisted his knee and fell, rupturing his patellar tendon in the process**

*Metoyer v. LSU 4-H Center, 91677*

Plaintiff: Edwin Dunahoe and Jared Dunahoe, *Dunahoe Law*

*Firm, Natchitoches*  
Defense: David A.

Johnson, *Assistant Attorney General, Alexandria*

Verdict: \$1,247,527 for plaintiff

Parish: Natchitoches

Judge: Lala  
Sylvester

Date: 8-10-22

Nolan Metoyer was employed as a janitor for Natchitoches Parish. His job included cleaning the Courthouse and its annex. The LSU AG 4-H Center (it is subdivision of the state of Louisiana) had an office in the annex. Metoyer went to take out the trash in the office on 5-10-19.

The offices were closed that day because of weather in the area. However a 4-H

employee (Dera) had come to work. She brought her pitbull dog with her. This was a violation of 4-H policy which only permitted service animals.

As Metoyer opened the door to the 4-H office, the dog charged at Metoyer. He wisely fled. As Metoyer did so, he twisted his knee and fell. In the process of that fall, he ruptured his patellar tendon. It was surgically repaired.

In this lawsuit Metoyer sued LSU AG and alleged negligence by the

NOLAN METOYER

NUMBER: 91677-B

VERSUS

TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

STATE OF LOUISIANA, THROUGH  
LSU BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

NATCHITOCHES PARISH, LOUISIANA

### JURY VERDICT FORM

1. Do you find that Nolan Metoyer has proven by a preponderance of the evidence that the Defendant, State of Louisiana, through the Board of Supervisors of the Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College (LSUAG4-H Center), was at fault and that their fault was a substantial factor to the injuries to Nolan Metoyer?

YES  NO

If your answer to Question Number 1 is "Yes" proceed to Question Number 2.

If your answer to Question Number 1 is "No", please sign the form and return to Court.

2. In terms of dollars, please state what sum of money, if any, would reasonably and fairly compensate Nolan Metoyer for the injuries which he received:

a. Past physical pain, suffering, and anguish	\$ 150,000.00
b. Future physical pain, suffering, and anguish	\$ 300,000.00
c. Past mental pain, suffering, and anguish	\$ 250,000.00
d. Future mental pain, suffering, and anguish	\$ 200,000.00
e. Medical expenses	\$ 40,000.00
f. Loss of wages	\$ 7,527.24
g. Loss of ability to engage in normal activities and endeavors	\$ 300,000.00

When you have finished, the Jury Foreperson should date and sign below. This Verdict rendered this

10th day of August, 2022.

Demarcus Williams  
JURY FOREPERSON

FILED IN OPEN COURT  
DATE 8-10-22  
(9th) 11/2/2022

August 10, 2022  
DATE

The Verdict Form