# STATE OF LOUISIANA COURT OF APPEAL, THIRD CIRCUIT

05-756 consolidated with 05-755

### EDDIE WHITEHEAD, ET AL.

### VERSUS

#### THE MUNICIPALITY OF FERRIDAY, ET AL.

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## APPEAL FROM THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, PARISH OF CONCORDIA, NOS. 36263 and 36348, HONORABLE LEO BOOTHE, DISTRICT JUDGE

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# MICHAEL G. SULLIVAN JUDGE

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Court composed of Marc T. Amy, Michael G. Sullivan, and Billy Howard Ezell, Judges.

## **REVERSED IN PART; AFFIRMED IN PART; AMENDED IN PART; AND RENDERED.**

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For the reasons discussed in the companion case in this consolidated matter, *Smith v. The Municipality of Ferriday*, 05-755 (La.App. 3 Cir. \_/\_/06), \_\_ So.2d \_\_\_, the trial court's assessment of fault is reversed and fault is assessed 100% to Defendants; the judgment is amended to provide that Defendants are solidarily liable to the Whiteheads; the general damage award of \$600,000.00 to Ms. Smith is affirmed; the award of future medical expenses in favor of Ms. Smith is reversed; the wrongful death damages in favor of Mr. Whitehead's children are amended to \$25,000.00 per child; the failure to make a separate award for funeral expenses is affirmed and the refusals to award survival damages and to admit polygraph examination results are affirmed. All costs are assessed to Defendants.

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