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Trial Attorney Willie Gary and Team Win \$8.5 Million Verdict for 22-Year-Old Who Suffered Multiple Catastrophic Injuries Due to Ford Motor Company's Negligence

(Gadsden, AL) - Prominent trial attorney Willie Gary and his law partners Lorenzo Williams, Donald Watson and Sekou Gary of the Florida-based law firm of Gary, Williams, Finney, Lewis, Watson & Sperando, P.L., along with co-counsels Joel Rosen of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and Jason Knowles of Gadsden, Alabama were awarded an \$8.5 million judgment on behalf of their client, 22-year-old Latoya Duckett. Duckett was a rear seat passenger in a Ford vehicle, which suddenly swerved to the left of the roadway, lost control and flipped over several times. The SUV ultimately landed upside down in the middle of oncoming traffic.

During the accident Duckett was ejected from the vehicle. As a result, she sustained significant brain damage, broken bones, a collapsed lung, fractured skull, paralysis to her left arm and hand, and was forced to have her right leg amputated.

Attorney Willie Gary and his team contended that Ford Motor Company negligently designed, manufactured, produced and distributed the Mercury Mountaineer, which caused the occurrence. During the month-long trial, Gary and team argued that the Mercury Mountaineer involved in the incident was defective and dangerous, as it did not possess sufficient stability to prevent it from rolling over onto its side and roof. Ford Motor Company knew of this defect but refused to make the necessary corrections.

"Ford Motor Company took a calculated risk by manufacturing defective vehicles," commented Willie Gary. "As a result of their negligence, my client suffered loss of her right leg. There is no amount of money that will ever be able to replace her leg or her quality of life. We hope that this verdict will send a message to Ford and that it will force them to stop putting the lives of innocent people in jeopardy," stated Gary.

Attorney Willie Gary is no stranger to seeking justice. Gary and his legal team are known for taking on some of the nation's most powerful corporate giants, including the funeral industry. In 1995, a jury awarded Gary and his legal team a record-breaking, half-billion dollars against one of the world's largest funeral chains, The Loewen Group. In addition, Gary is noted for winning a \$240 million jury verdict in Orange County against the Walt Disney Corporation for clients who alleged that Disney stole their idea for a sports theme park. In 2001, a jury awarded Gary a \$139.6 million verdict for the Maris Distributing Company against Anheuser Busch.

PHOTO CAPTION: Latoya Duckett and her legal team celebrate the \$8.5 million victory. (Left to Right): Attorney Jason Knowles, Attorney Joel Rosen, Latoya Duckett, Attorney Willie Gary, Attorney Lorenzo Williams and Attorney Donald Watson

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