



Bill Cosby Found Liable for 1972 Drugging and Rape

Description

A California jury has ordered Bill Cosby to pay \$59.25 million to a woman he drugged and raped in 1972. This substantial amount comes after a session on Monday where jurors determined punitive damages for Donna Motsinger, the plaintiff.

After deliberating for about two hours, the jury decided to award \$40 million in punitive damages. This is in addition to the \$19.25 million Motsinger received earlier in the day. Motsinger expressed her feelings in a statement, saying, "This verdict is not just about me – it's about finally being heard and holding Mr. Cosby accountable." She hopes this verdict will empower other survivors to seek justice.

Despite the ruling, the likelihood of Motsinger receiving the full payment soon is uncertain, as Cosby has announced plans to appeal. Financially, Cosby is reportedly struggling, raising doubts about his ability to pay if the appeal is unsuccessful.

Earlier in the proceedings, the jury found Cosby liable for drugging and raping Motsinger, awarding her \$17.5 million for mental trauma and \$1.75 million for potential future suffering. Cosby, who did not testify during the trial, faces additional punitive damages related to claims of malice or fraud. These deliberations are set to continue soon at the Santa Monica Courthouse.

Cosby, now 88 years old, has faced numerous allegations of sexual assault over the years. He was previously convicted in 2018 for a separate assault and served prison time, which was later overturned by a higher court. Motsinger's case is part of a larger pattern of accusations against him, reflecting a significant shift in how such cases are addressed today.

Vocabulary List:

1. **punitive** //ˈpjʊ:nətɪv// (adjective): intended to punish a person or group
2. **plaintiff** //ˈpleɪntɪf// (noun): a person who brings a case to court
3. **appeal** //əˈpi:l// (verb): to ask a higher court to change decision
4. **liable** //ˈlaɪəbəl// (adjective): legally responsible for harm or wrongdoing
5. **damages** //ˈdæmɪdʒɪz// (noun): money given to a person for loss or harm
6. **empower** //ɛmˈpaʊər// (verb): to give someone more power or confidence

Comprehension Questions



Multiple Choice

1. How much was Bill Cosby ordered to pay to Donna Motsinger?
 - Option: \$40 million
 - Option: \$59.25 million
 - Option: \$1.75 million
 - Option: \$19.25 million

2. In what year did the alleged drugging and rape of Donna Motsinger occur?
 - Option: 1972
 - Option: 1982
 - Option: 1992
 - Option: 2002

3. How much did the jury award Motsinger for punitive damages?
 - Option: \$1.75 million
 - Option: \$19.25 million
 - Option: \$40 million
 - Option: \$59.25 million

4. What age is Bill Cosby as mentioned in the content?
 - Option: 78
 - Option: 88
 - Option: 90
 - Option: 92

5. What court is handling the additional deliberations related to Cosby's case?
 - Option: Los Angeles Courthouse
 - Option: Santa Monica Courthouse
 - Option: San Francisco Courthouse
 - Option: San Diego Courthouse

6. What amount did the jury award Motsinger for mental trauma?
 - Option: \$17.5 million
 - Option: \$19.25 million
 - Option: \$40 million
 - Option: \$1.75 million



True-False

7. Bill Cosby was found not liable for drugging and raping Donna Motsinger.
8. Donna Motsinger hopes her verdict will empower other survivors to seek justice.
9. Cosby has stated he will accept the jury's decision without appeal.
10. Motsinger received punitive damages on the same day as the jury's decision.
11. Bill Cosby is currently 88 years old.
12. Cosby's previous conviction for a separate assault was upheld by a higher court.

Gap-Fill

13. The jury took about _____ hours to deliberate before reaching a decision.
14. Cosby faces additional punitive damages related to claims of _____ or fraud.
15. Motsinger received _____ million for her earlier damages.
16. The alleged incident involving Motsinger took place in _____ year.
17. Bill Cosby announced plans to _____ the jury's ruling.
18. Cosby did not _____ during the trial.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. \$59.25 million 2. 1972 3. \$40 million 4. 88 5. Santa Monica Courthouse 6. \$17.5 million

True-False: 7. False 8. True 9. False 10. True 11. True 12. False

Gap-Fill: 13. two 14. malice 15. 19.25 16. 1972 17. appeal 18. testify

Vocabulary quizzes



Multiple Choice (Select the Correct answer for each question.)

1. What type of damages are intended as a punishment?
Option: Compensatory
Option: Punitive
Option: Nominal
Option: Statutory
2. In a court case, who is the person that brings the case against another?
Option: Defendant
Option: Judge
Option: Plaintiff
Option: Bailiff
3. What is the process of seeking a higher court's review of a case called?
Option: Verdict
Option: Appeal
Option: Reversing
Option: Hearing
4. If a party is found to be responsible for damages, they are said to be what?
Option: Exempt
Option: Negligent
Option: Liable
Option: Survivor
5. What term refers to monetary compensation awarded in a lawsuit?
Option: Costs
Option: Damages
Option: Charges
Option: Fees
6. What is the term used for giving someone the authority to do something?
Option: Restrict
Option: Empower
Option: Disempower
Option: Endow
7. What term refers to the state of not being under the influence of drugs or alcohol?
Option: Drunkenness
Option: Intoxication
Option: Sobriety



Option: Addiction

8. What is the term for recorded video material?

Option: Clips

Option: Film

Option: Footage

Option: Scenes

9. What term describes individuals or groups with a high level of wealth?

Option: Indigent

Option: Affluent

Option: Destitute

Option: Impoverished

10. What term describes the violation of a law or a right?

Option: Protected

Option: Infringed

Option: Uphold

Option: Restored

Gap-Fill (Fill in the blanks with the correct word from the vocabulary list.)

11. If someone's ability to drive is affected by alcohol, they are considered legally _____.

12. After the incident, his driving privileges were _____ for six months.

13. The television network reported a significant increase in _____ during the primetime slot.

14. The event will be available for live _____ on several channels.

15. The show received a high _____ from critics and audiences alike.

16. Understanding the target _____ is essential for effective marketing.

17. The advertisement generated over a million _____ within the first week.

18. The annual charity event will be _____ live to millions of viewers.

19. The authorities have _____ the details of the incident to the public.



20. The firefighter's _____ act in rescuing people from the blaze was commendable.

Matching Sentences (Match each definition to the correct word from the vocabulary list.)

21. The program included an intensive training schedule to prepare participants for the competition.
22. The new regulations are designed to protect the privacy of individuals online.
23. The film served as a heartfelt tribute to the late actor's legacy and achievements.
24. The sudden cancellation of the show surprised both fans and critics alike.
25. The hospital celebrated the arrival of the newest newborn into the community.
26. The company's announcement about the merger was met with enthusiasm by shareholders.
27. The incident at the school prompted a thorough investigation by the authorities.
28. The painting is considered iconic and has influenced many artists throughout the years.
29. The documentary provided an in-depth look at climate change and its effects on the planet.
30. The journalist shared exclusive footage of the protests that had taken place the previous week.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. Punitive 2. Plaintiff 3. Appeal 4. Liable 5. Damages 6. Empower 7. Sobriety 8. Footage 9. Affluent 10. Infringed

Gap-Fill: 11. impaired 12. suspended 13. viewership 14. telecast 15. rating 16. demographics 17. impressions 18. broadcast 19. confirmed 20. courageous

Matching sentence: 1. intensive 2. privacy 3. tribute 4. cancellation 5. newborn 6. announcement 7. incident 8. iconic 9. documentary 10. footage

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