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G.M. Is Told to Pay As Result of Death

HOLLYWOOD, Fla., May 18 (AP) –

A jury ordered the General Motors Corporation today to pay \$ 33 million to the family of a 13-year-old boy who burned to death in 1991 because of a gasoline tank fire.

Jurors agreed with accusations by the boy's parents, Robert and Constance McGee, the lack of a protective shield over the gas tank had turned their 1983 Oldsmobile Cutlass Cruiser into a potential bomb with the explosiveness of dynamite.

The McGees were awarded \$60 million in damages for the death of the McGees' son, Shane. No punitive damages were awarded.