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Verdict Reached In First Katrina Insurance Trial

Jury Sides With La. Couple Over Denied Insurance Claim

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NEW ORLEANS -- A jury Wednesday sided with a south Louisiana couple in the first federal trial in Louisiana against State Farm Insurance Companies over Hurricane Katrina damage.

An attorney for plaintiffs Michael and Judy Kodrin and a State Farm spokesman estimated the award would be about \$350,000. But U.S. District Judge Carl Barbier said he'd have to calculate the award and did not immediately issue a finding.

Judy Kodrin said they're just happy the case is over, and that the jury was fair and just.

State Farm spokesman Phil Supple said the company is weighing its options, including a possible appeal.

The eight-member jury was asked to decide whether wind or floodwater was responsible for demolishing the Kodrin's home in Port Sulphur. The couple claimed winds destroyed their house hours before water topped a nearby river levee and flooded their Plaquemines Parish neighborhood in August 2005.

State Farm, however, said its homeowner policies cover damage from wind but not rising water, denied the couple's claim, concluding storm surge destroyed the house.

It took the jury, which got the case at about 11 a.m. after a two-day trial, more than four hours to reach a verdict.

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