

WAITER, A FLY!

The Facts

In Windsor, Ontario, Waddah Mustapha and his wife, Lynn, found quite a surprise in their bottled water one day. Their unopened bottle of Culligan water contained a dead fly. Neither individual drank the water and the bottle remained unopened, but the couple was so traumatized by the possibility of consuming the fly that their lives changed dramatically. Following the fly incident, Waddah experienced nightmares and lost sleep. He became argumentative and edgy, and no longer had a sense of humor. As a result, Waddah Mustapha filed a lawsuit against the Culligan Bottled Water Company for trauma suffered when finding a fly in the company's bottled water.

You Be the Judge

Should Waddah and Lynn Mustapha be financially compensated for the trauma suffered when finding a fly in their bottled water?

The Outcome

The court awarded Waddah Mustapha \$340,000 for his pain and suffering. Mustapha subsequently had psychiatric therapy for the severe depression he experienced after observing the fly in his bottle of water. Following therapy, he was once again able to take a brief shower (as long as his face did not become wet). This was something he had been unable to do since his traumatic experience seeing the fly in his water. He also has once again begun drinking coffee, but is still unable to drink water by itself.

Let's Talk About It

- Do you drink bottled water? Have you ever found a foreign object floating in your water? Have you ever found insects in your food? What did you do?
- Would you have been permanently traumatized by discovering a fly in your bottled water?
- What is your favorite beverage?
- Did you ever sell lemonade as a child? Did you have a lemonade stand?

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