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## Woman awarded \$13 million after logging truck accident



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Rhonda (left) and Kecia Huckleby listen as attorney Steve Pajcic explains how a logging truck made a U-turn in front of the car Kecia was riding in. A Nassau County jury awarded nearly \$13 million to Huckleby's family.

\$5.2 million to cover medical expenses, remainder for pain and suffering

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Kecia Huckleby suffered serious brain injuries when the car slammed into the logging truck that morning in 2005. She's lost her short-term memory of that day, and much of what's happened since. But she understands what she's lost.

Huckleby was 17 then, hoping to marry the boy in the driver's seat as they traveled toward her home from Georgia. He's since moved on, married and a father. She also lost her senior year at Hilliard Junior-Senior High School.

also one of the caretakers juggling her need for 24-hour supervision.

On Tuesday a Nassau County jury assessed that loss in dollars and awarded Huckleby's family nearly \$13 million for medical bills, pain and suffering from the 2005 accident. They found the driver of the logging truck, Mark Masters, and the owner of the company, Georgia-based John T. Lee Inc., negligent in the accident.

"This verdict, I hope, will really make a difference in holding these companies responsible for dimly lit logging trucks," said Steve Pajcic, the Jacksonville at-



Kecia Huckleby listens as her mother explains how the accident and brain injuries have

## Couple sues on behalf of adopted kids

Parents claim local foster agency never told them of previous abuse

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Andrew Dolan and Suzanne Tyler just wanted a "forever family" when they adopted a son and daughter in 2009 through Family Support Services of North Florida.

Then the Vancouver, British Columbia, couple learned the boy and girl, now 6 and 8 respectively, had been in four foster homes and a failed adoption, suffering physical and sexual abuse the agency never disclosed to the Canadian parents.

As they deal with a boy **LAWSUIT** continues on A-7

they say punches his nanny and a girl who threatens to kill her adoptive mother, the couple has sued the Jacksonville agency.

Filed Tuesday, the lawsuit seeks money to care for the children, plus damages for pain and suffering. It says the agency failed to keep track of JD and WD, as they are named in the lawsuit, or advise the new parents of abuse.

"What FSS did to them and us as adoptive parents is inexcusable, it's horrible," Dolan said at a news conference. "We are

## Ending professors' tenure passes hurdle

Measure would apply to community colleges; touted on its flexibility

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TALLAHASSEE | Faculty at Florida's state colleges would no longer have the option to sign multi-year contracts, and new hires would be placed on one year probationary contracts, under a bill that

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would have more flexibility to build teaching staffs better suited to the needs of the workforce. For example, if there is a jump in the need for information technology workers, schools could alter their staffs to increase the number of information technology classes they offer.